

5th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## Design Technology & Modern Foreign Language Options for Year 9 2022/23

During Year 7 and 8 the students have had the opportunity to study all the subjects we offer in the Technology and Modern Foreign Language faculties. In Year 9 the depth of these studies increases. To ensure students have sufficient curriculum time to benefit fully from the Year 9 courses, we are asking them to choose the following: **one Modern Foreign Language and one Design Technology area**.

A summary of the option decisions to be made are below:

Decision to be made NOW in Year 8	Decision to be made next year
for study in Year 9 2022/2023	for study in Year 10 2023/24 & Year 11 2024/25
French OR German	Continue with the language chosen to GCSE level.
	OR
	• Choose a different option subject for GCSE (i.e. drop the language).
	OR
	• If you are considering taking two languages at GCSE level, speak to Ms Copperthwaite.
Food OR Product Design OR Textiles	Continue with the Technology subject to GCSE level.
	OR
	Choose a different option subject for GCSE (i.e.drop Technology)
	OR
	If you are considering taking two DT options at GCSE level, speak to Mr Bolger

<sup>\*</sup>We do ask students for a reserve choice of Technology subject due to constraints on staffing and resources. Nevertheless, we do accommodate the first choice most of the time.

To provide students with more information about these options, we will have a dedicated assembly on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. In the majority of cases, the students will be very clear on which Language and Technology they prefer from their experience of studying these subjects. Where the decision is not straightforward, please speak to the Year Team and/or the relevant Heads of Department

Please go to the school website and go to the <u>Year 8 Options</u> page and follow the link to make the options choice by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022, please use the student's school email details to access the options form.

Yours sincerely

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