



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

Design Technology & Modern Foreign Language Options for Year 9 2026/27

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 for study in Year 9 2026/2027	Decision to be made next year for study in Year 10 2027/28 & Year 11 2028/29
French OR German	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue with the language chosen to GCSE level. ORChoose a different option subject for GCSE (i.e. drop the language).
Food OR Design & Technology OR Textiles OR 3D Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue with the Technology subject to GCSE level. ORChoose a different option subject for GCSE (i.e. drop Technology) ORIf you are considering taking two DT options at GCSE level, speak to Mrs Armstrong

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, they will receive an assembly on Monday 16th March. 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 click [here](#) and make the options choice by **Monday 23rd March 2026**, please use the student's school email details to access the options form. The link will be available to complete after the assembly on Monday. If your child does not currently study a language, please tick this option on the Microsoft form.

Yours sincerely

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