

May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 7 LANGUAGE PREFERENCE

At Greenbank High School languages are an incredibly important part of our curriculum and we are very proud to have a high proportion of pupils entered for a GCSE in a modern foreign language. With the aim of supporting pupils' progress in a language even further, pupils in year 7 will now opt for their language preference so that they will spend all of their year 8 language learning on one language. This has many benefits in the acquisition of the language but principally contributes to pupils being even better prepared for their study at GCSE level.

We are giving students the chance to express a preference about which of the two languages they will continue to study in Year 8 (French or Spanish). Once we have this information, we will advise and guide students before allocating the languages. We are also keen to support pupils who would like to pursue a second language by asking parents to register their interest for an after school language class in their other language. If and when the class will be offered will depend on the number of pupils interested and will be an opportunity to study a further GCSE.

To assist us in this process, we request that you complete the reply slip below and return it to their form tutor by Monday 13th May. If we do not receive a response from you, your child will be allocated a language.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact either of us at school.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Robinson
Deputy Headteacher



Ms J Aughton
Director of Learning for Languages

Reply Slip – Year 7 Language Preference

Student Name _____ Form _____

My child would prefer to study the following language in Year 8:

French _____ Spanish _____ No preference _____

My child would be keen to pursue the study of a second language to GCSE standard at an after school class _____

Signed _____ Parent / Carer

Name (please print) _____

Please return to year 7 form tutors by Monday 13th May 2019