

Poole Grammar School

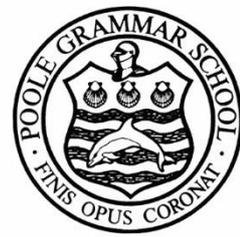
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Dear Parents/Carers

Second Modern Foreign Language in Year 7 2020-21

At Poole Grammar, we aim to provide our students with the opportunity to follow two modern foreign languages to at least GCSE level. Traditionally, all students studied French in Year 7, then added either German or Spanish in Year 8 and 9, with either (or both) available as GCSE options. Following a subject review two years ago, we introduced the second modern foreign language in Year 7. This is to give students an additional year of learning in their chosen second language, given that many will want to choose it at GCSE level. This change has proved very successful. We have received some very positive feedback on the changes from pupils, parents and members of staff. As a result, we will be offering a similar curriculum to boys starting Year 7 in September 2020.

Therefore, I am writing to you to ask for your son's preference of second language. All modern foreign languages are examined in the same way, with a balance of speaking, listening, reading and writing elements. Various factors may affect the choice – previous experience of the language or family connections may be significant. What I would say is that we have staff who are specialists in both languages up to and including A level, and we currently have students studying Spanish or German (as well as French) in the Sixth Form. Outcomes in German and Spanish are similar, and we expect both to get even better with an earlier start in Year 7.

The Modern Languages Department has a long history of offering extra-curricular visits abroad to students at the school. We currently offer residential visits to both France and Germany. In the medium-term, we hope to introduce opportunities to visit Spain, as we have done in the past. We would invite you to choose either German or Spanish as your son's second modern foreign language. You can also indicate that you have no particular preference, and would be equally happy with either language.

Could you please complete the reply slip below, and post it to Mrs L Prytherch, School Office by Thursday 30th April 2020. If you would like further information about the language choice please contact Mr Hook, Head of Modern Foreign Languages hookn@poolegrammar.com. **Please bear in mind that any replies received after the deadline will be allocated a language that suits our timetabling needs therefore your son may not get the language he has requested.**

Yours faithfully

A J Baker
Headteacher

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Choice of Second Modern Foreign Language – 2020-21

Name of Student

Our choice of language for Years 7-9 is (please circle one option)

German

Spanish

No Preference

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date

