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ALL Year 7 Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Modern Foreign Languages

The Modern Languages Department is excited to inform you that we have made the progressive decision to change the MFL path that you may have been expecting your child to follow.

In recent years all pupils have started their Dormston career with French only and German has been picked up in Year 8. For the majority of our pupils, this has been a very confusing time and we have seen a lot of "Frerman" (French & German) in classwork and assessments. In light of this, we feel that a change is essential for pupils to develop a much less diluted knowledge of the modern language curriculum.

We have therefore made the bold decision that pupils will learn one language in Key stage 3. This will enable them to deepen their knowledge and understanding and thus have more chance of excelling and gaining higher levels.

That said, we have very skilled and experienced linguists in the Modern Languages Department at Dormston and we do not want to limit the languages we offer. With this in mind, as from this year, pupils will be taught as follows: X-POP will study French and Y-POP will study German.

We trust that you are as happy with this decision as we are and that you are confident that this decision has been made by an experienced team with your child's best interests at heart.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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