



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

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Dear Parents and Carers

Modern Foreign Languages - Second Language Allocation

As you will be aware, your child is currently studying French and we hope that they have enjoyed their studies and are becoming increasingly confident with the language. In Year 8, students begin a second language: Spanish or German. They will continue their study of French and this second language until the end of Year 9, when they can choose to study one or both of their languages to GCSE.

We are writing to inform you of the allocation process. We will be allocating the second language by form group, with four forms studying German and four studying Spanish. We will let students know which language has been allocated to their form group at the end of the summer term, once staffing is confirmed for September. Students who would like to spend time over the summer break learning some of the basics, through online sites like Linguascope, will then be able to do so.

We recognise that some of our students speak a second language at home, or have other connections to a particular language, and that they may have wished to study it on that basis. Please be assured that our bi-lingual students thrive with the challenge of a new language. Indeed, we encourage students with a natural linguistic ability to explore other languages and cultures.

Should any students wish to sit formal qualifications in a language other than those studied at Parmiter's, we are able to facilitate this in the majority of cases, at the appropriate time. Our school Examinations Officer, Mrs Hicks, can be contacted to discuss this further.

Your sincerely

Ms J O'Donnell
Head of Languages

Nemo sibi nascitur:

Our values of community, aspiration and opportunity enable every individual to grow and flourish