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Dear Parents

I am writing to clarify the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) timetable for Year 7 students from September 2020.

All Year 7 students will do French and German for a total of seven lessons a fortnight. They will also have one lesson of Mandarin Chinese. In this lesson, they will learn some basic Chinese and look at Chinese culture. Mrs Gan, who teaches Mandarin, will also be running a number of lunchtime clubs in Chinese. Students who are identified as strong at Chinese will have the option to join the Mandarin Excellence Programme. This will be an intensive programme of study, including a trip to China in Year 9 that leads to GCSE and hopefully A-level. Students who take up the MEP may have the option to drop either French or German at the start of Year 8.

By the start of Year 9 all students will pick at least one MFL (French, German or Chinese) to take a GCSE. There is NOT the option to drop languages altogether, all students must study at least one language to GCSE.

Kind regards

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