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Dear Parent

As you know, your daughter has studied French throughout her first year in School. When she enters Year 9 in September 2019, she will continue with French and have the option of taking up either German or Spanish. This can provide an excellent opportunity for her to develop her linguistic skills, her awareness of European culture and her self-esteem and confidence, through speaking, reading and writing another modern foreign language.

It is our wish that as many pupils as possible study the language of their choice and, to that end, I am writing to ask you to indicate which language you would prefer your daughter to take in Year 9. Due to staffing and timetabling constraints we cannot guarantee that the first choice of every girl in the year group will be accommodated; choices will be allocated on the basis of rank order of pupils' performance in French in the Year 8 examinations. Therefore, the higher the pupil is in this rank order, the greater her chances are of studying her preferred second language. For a small number of pupils, who have found the challenge of studying French particularly difficult, additional time will be provided in Year 9 allowing students to consolidate this language instead of taking German or Spanish. Those pupils will be contacted following the Year 8 summer examinations.

I would be grateful if you would complete, detach and return the reply slip below, indicating either a preference for German, a preference for Spanish or no preference. If your daughter has a strong desire to do a particular language she should indicate this clearly, otherwise we would ask that she selects the "no preference" option.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I wish your daughter well for all her academic studies during the remainder of Year 8 and for her work in a new modern foreign language next year.

Yours sincerely

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Dr CA Larmour
Vice Principal

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Return this slip to your **Form Teacher**, no later than **Friday 31st May 2019**.

Pupil's name: _____ Form Class: _____

Please tick preferred option:

☐ German ☐ Spanish ☐ No preference