

# Sheldon School and Languages in Year 9.



You will soon be choosing  
the language you are  
going to study in Year 9.



# Why do I need a language?

- It will show people that you can think and learn in a particular way.
- At GCSE it is useful to have a range of types of subject.
- It can help you get that apprenticeship, job or college place instead of someone else who doesn't have these in-demand skills.

# What happens in Year 9?

- You will have 6 lessons a fortnight.
- You will focus your time on ONE language
- Your Year 9 language is the one you will carry on with in Years 10 and 11, if you choose to continue with MFL.

# I like Language A but my best friend wants to do Language B?

- In Year 9, classes will be re-set and you do not know who will be in your class.
- You should choose the language that you feel more comfortable with.
- You might have different friends next year anyway.

I'm finding Language A easier. I'll choose that one.

- Different things in German, French and Spanish are challenging at different stages.
- By the end of Year 9 there is no difference in the challenges of the languages.

I don't get on with my teacher in Language A. I'm going to choose Language B.

- Sheldon language teachers teach a mix of languages.
- Your teacher for Language A this year may be your teacher for Language B next year.

# So how should I choose?

- Think about the language you find easier to learn – the more you have learnt = the most progress.
- Which one do you feel you are likely to do best in?
- Think about what is best for YOU in the long run.
- Don't choose because of friends or teachers.
- Talk about it at home and with your languages teachers.
- Think about which language you have support in at home (an older sibling/a parent)
- If you don't mind which, that's fine, we can choose for you.



# What if I like both languages?

- Great, let us make the choice for you. Everybody will do ONE not both languages.

# How do I let you know?

- Your parents will receive a letter via email.
- This presentation is on the website
- Your parents will receive a link to a form to complete (also on the school website)
- **Do this by 26<sup>th</sup> April. If it is not complete by 26<sup>th</sup> April, we will choose the language you will study in Year 9!**

# What happens once I have chosen?

- As long as staffing and timetabling will allow, you will be given your first choice.
- MFL staff will re-set the year group based on numbers and ability in agreement with the Head Of Year.
- You will continue with BOTH languages until you get your new year 9 timetables.

# Who do I ask for help?

- Your languages teachers know you well, speak to them
- Talk to your tutor
- You will have talked about your subject likes and dislikes with your family, ask them to go through the decision with you.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**BONNE CHANCE!**

**VIEL GLÜCK!**

**¡Buena suerte!**