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Dear Year 9 Parent / Carer,

In planning for the GCSE subjects that your child will take, we start with English, Mathematics, Science; one Humanities subject and one Foreign Language as the minimum requirement for most students. These are sometimes referred to as English Baccalaureate subjects and there is a government expectation that most students will take all of these subjects. The language that this school provides as part of its core GCSE offer is French. In addition we offer a range of other GCSE Option Subjects that we hope will cater for student needs and that will engage them as well as prepare them for the next stage in their education.

We have, over the past few weeks and months, looked at the subjects that we would offer as GCSE options to your child. As part of this preparation we have canvassed the students and met with teachers to look at which subjects will be popular and /or at least viable as subjects to run over the next two years for the Year 9 group. As part of the exercise, GCSE German was put into the initial Options offer in order that we could gauge interest.

This is an exercise that we run each year and the subjects we offer as GCSE Options can therefore vary from one year to the next. As ever, certain subjects were very popular, meaning that the only decision we had to make would be whether to run one class or two for that particular option. This means that we are able to offer most of the courses that we have traditionally.

However, in the case of German, our indications are that the number of students wanting to do this course are too small for it to be viable. Due to this, the school intends at this time to run only French as a GCSE for the current Year 9 group. We understand that although the number of those wanting to sign up for German was small, this will no doubt be a disappointment to them.

Should you have any questions about this, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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