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Dear Student

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Our single gender teaching trial has been successful. Both boys' and girls' classes have made progress and behaviour has improved. However, the trial must now end because our new government has announced that it will be looking to have as many students as possible achieve the English Baccalaureate (EBac) standard at GCSE. **To you, this means that to get into higher education, such as university, you will need to have a GCSE languages qualification.**

We understand that not all of you will know for sure what it is you'd like to do after College, but it does make sense to keep all your options open and to get the best qualifications you can.

For these reasons, the Languages department has decided to make some important changes. All students in Set 1 Girls and Set 1 Boys will make a choice of Modern Foreign Language GCSE subject to study and will then follow a course designed to help you achieve a GCSE by the end of Year 9. You will be able to continue with other languages in Years 10 and 11 if you want. So, for example, if you choose the French GCSE course now, you will be able to do German and/or Spanish from Year 10.

In order for us to arrange classes we need to know which language you would like to study. **You should discuss this carefully with your class teacher and parents.** We have also sent a letter out to your home so that everyone is fully informed about what's going on. **When you have made your decision and have begun the course you will not be able to change your mind.**

Please put a tick in the box to show your preferred language choice and return this to your languages teacher by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jackson  
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NAME:

FORM:

FRENCH

GERMAN

