

# 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 hasn't learnt a language.

# 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 also the one you are likely to 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 and French are challenging at different stages.
- By the end of Year 9 there is no difference in the challenges of the two languages.

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

- Almost all Sheldon language teachers teach French AND German.
- 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. It may not currently be your highest level.
- 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?

- There is an option for you to continue with both French and German next year, if there are sufficient numbers to run a group. Be aware that this year we didn't have enough pupils for this. So you **MUST** think about which one of the two languages you would do in case you can't do both.
- Doing 2 MFLs is a challenge as you will have fewer lessons of each one, so think very carefully.
- If you continue to GCSE and decide you want to do 2 languages at that point, this is still possible if you are doing well with the first.
- For students who have shown a positive attitude in languages. Spanish is taught from beginners in Year 10 and 11.

# How do I let you know?

- Your parents will receive a letter via email.
- The letter has a link to this presentation
- It also has a link to the online form you need to complete
- **Do this by 9<sup>th</sup> May. If it is not complete by 9<sup>th</sup> May, 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.
- You will continue with BOTH languages until Turnaround Week.

# 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!**