

# ASHLYNS SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Language Option

At Ashlyns, we believe that it is important for our students to experience two languages during their first year with us and therefore all students are given the opportunity to study both French and Spanish in Year 7. We hope that your child has enjoyed their language lessons and we look forward to seeing their linguistic skills develop over the next few years. Depending on the number of students who choose to study both languages, the option to study both might not be available.

In Year 8, students are given the choice of either specialising in a single language (French **or** Spanish) or they can choose to continue studying both, subject to numbers. They will all have 5 hours of language lessons a cycle, so if they choose to study both languages, this time will be equally shared between the two. Students who choose to study both languages in Year 8 will be given the same choice at the end of Year 8, as they prepare to enter Year 9, again dependent on numbers.

The deadline for students to submit the decision for their preferred Year 8 option is Monday 3 June. Your child will be able to access an online form later this week (via Google Classroom) to complete at home, either independently or with support from parents/carers. Please note that, whilst students are stating their preferred choice, which will be taken into account, input is also required from teaching staff and final decisions will ultimately depend on staffing availability and class sizes.

Yours sincerely

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