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Dear Parents / Carers

Bilingual Students and GCSE Language Opportunities

At Midhurst Rother College, we are proud to be a diverse community. We want to actively **celebrate the range of languages spoken by our students** and raise awareness of the importance of language learning in today's world.

To help us do this, we are currently creating a **comprehensive register of our multilingual students**. We are looking to identify MRC students who **have home language(s) other than English** or who **speak another language fluently**. We are planning cultural events designed to celebrate our MRC linguists and create new connections amongst them.

Beyond celebrating bilingual students' language skills and cultural knowledge, we want to explore opportunities for these students to **sit an additional GCSE qualification in their home or fluent language**.

Taking this extra qualification offers several benefits:

- **Early Accreditation:** Students can secure an extra GCSE grade before their main Year 11 exams take priority.
- **Organised Support:** The school will coordinate the necessary logistics, including bringing in external examiners to conduct the required speaking assessments.
- **Future Advantage:** A modern language GCSE stands out on College, University and Employment applications.

We strongly advise entering students for these exams during **Year 10**, as this ensures the assessments are completed before the heavy workload and pressure of the main GCSE exam period begins in Year 11.

Next Steps

If your child speaks another language fluently or uses another language at home, please complete our brief form [here](#).

If you wish to further discuss the opportunity of sitting an additional Language GCSE, please contact Mrs Lunskey at fiona.lunskey@mrc-academy.org

Thank you for your continued support of languages at MRC.

Yours sincerely

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