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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 7 MFL curriculum

I am writing to you about plans for your son/daughter's foreign languages studies at Midhurst Rother College. As a team, we thrive to promote our passion for languages and widen our students' horizon and we would like to give your child the opportunity to study a second language, either German or Spanish, alongside French in Year 8.

Students will spend two periods a fortnight on French as well as three on a new second language, starting in September. Students will have a good understanding in both languages, allowing them to make an informed choice regarding their GCSE courses, which will run from Year 10 to Year 11. Please be aware that students in sets 1 and 2 in maths are expected to pursue at least one foreign language to GCSE and beyond.

Due to staffing and timetabling requirements, there will be one Spanish and one German class in each year half, so the places are limited in each subject. So which language would suit your child best?

Your child should choose German if they enjoy maths and physics. It is a straightforward language that follows rules, and a lot of vocabulary is similar to English. German will also be useful if he/she is thinking of a career in engineering or finance. In addition, our German students always achieve great results at GCSE and A Level!

Your child should opt for Spanish if he/she is interested in a career in tourism as it is widely spoken around the world. However, contrary to what people think, it is not an easy language to study as the tenses and grammar quickly get quite complicated. On the other hand, spellings and pronunciation are easier to pick up.

Our aim in the languages department at Midhurst Rother College is to provide enjoyable and rigorous courses, suited to students' abilities, designed to help them progress and succeed. I would be grateful if you could click on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/iuzKVmnTJ4> and fill in the Microsoft Form by Monday 5 June. We will do our best to accommodate our students' first choice, but please email me directly [cecile.charpentier@mrc-academy.org](mailto:cecile.charpentier@mrc-academy.org) should there be any important reasons why your child should study a specific language next year.

Yours sincerely

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