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Dear Parents / Carers and CLiL students

Welcome to a new school year. I hope the students are all refreshed, ready for lots of hard work and great progress over the course of Year 8 at Midhurst Rother College. I am writing to you about the CLiL project at Midhurst Rother College and our plans for 2021-2022. Firstly, we would like to congratulate the students on their positive approach and efforts throughout Year 7. As you know, we could not provide the full CLiL experience we had planned due to COVID-19, bubbles, lockdowns, and travel bans! However, we have lots of plans for Year 8 CLiL and we hope the class will enjoy the learning through French and improving confidence and fluency, especially where speaking the language is concerned. Remember language acquisition is a two-way process; this year we would like to talk to students even more in French during CLiL lessons and we would like to hear students replying more often in French too.

Here is the CLiL programme for your Year 8:

- Tutor time with Ms. Charpentier
- Core Year 8 French language course with Ms. Charpentier
- French culture course with Ms. Charpentier
- French enrichment with Mrs. Lunskey and Mrs. Good. (Weds p6)
- Geography through French with Mrs. Long
- Science through French with Dr. Dean
- Maths through French with Dr. Brown
- Further links to use French in activities with a partner class abroad, Winchester College, Reading University MFL dept and careers talks around using languages at work.
- Hopefully a trip to France as soon as we can realistically and safely do this!

Staff have been planning to work on topics in different subjects, to broaden students' cultural understanding and use French as we teach and learn, to broaden vocabulary and build fluency. For example, as well as covering the core Year 8 French course, we will be playing croquet, baking, crafting, reading comics, listening to music and corresponding with a French speaking class abroad. Learning through a foreign language is challenging at times and it would be easier or quicker "to just explain in English". But as we start a new school year, we remind ourselves of why we do CLiL. Accelerated learning benefits progress across the curriculum and open many doors for the students in the future.

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Currently, we plan to enter the CLiL students for GCSE French in 2023 or 2024, i.e., summer of Year 9 or Year 10. This plan will be reviewed next summer when we can assess progress over Year 8. At this time, we will also consult with parents and students about bridging courses beyond GCSE and/or a second foreign language. We look forward to a fantastic year together working on CLiL. Please email me or my colleagues as we go along, should you have questions about the programme of study through French.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Lunskey'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'F'.

Fiona Lunskey  
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