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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you regarding the MFL (Modern Foreign Language) curriculum that your child will study in Year 8 during the academic year 2022/2023.

During the week commencing 27th June, students in Year 7 completed a Pupil Voice activity in which they were asked to express their opinions on Spanish and French (the two languages that they have studied in Year 7). Results from this Pupil Voice activity indicate that a majority of students would wish to continue with their Spanish studies, as opposed to French, in Year 8.

These results mean that all Year 8 students at The Dean Academy will study Spanish in their MFL lessons for the entirety of the academic year 2022/2023. We understand that whilst Spanish received an overwhelming majority of the support, there will be some students for whom French is the preferred language or students that may wish to continue with both; therefore, all students will have the opportunity to take part in an optional, afterschool French club in which they can continue with their French studies. If students decide to continue with their French study through this, or other means, they will also still be able to take the French GCSE: we will continue to offer both Spanish and French at GCSE Level.

In addition to the extracurricular French club, there will also be different opportunities for students to explore other languages, such as by celebrating the European Day of Languages in September 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child with their language learning journey and our MFL team is extremely excited to continue to develop your child's love of languages in the future years.

We wish you a happy and healthy summer.

Yours faithfully,

Miss I. Eddy
Head of MFL



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