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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about a research visit that The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) will conduct within the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department on Monday 25th September 2023. As an MFL Department, we are very excited for the opportunity to take part within this national project and to play a role in shaping language learning for current and future generations so that every student develops the vital language skills to be international leaders in our increasingly interconnected global society.

The project aims to explore how languages are taught within a range of schools across England, from primary schools to colleges, in order to gather information about how best to support every student with their MFL education, particularly following Covid-19. The school is participating in this project voluntarily and this is completely different from an inspection and no formal judgements given for the faculty or the school as a result of the visit.

As part of the research visit, Ofsted inform us that 'your child may be observed' in their MFL lesson and may be asked to 'participate in a 30–45 minute group discussion about languages with their peers.' Participation in this research project is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish your child to take part in the research visit, Ofsted ask you to inform Mr Brand 'at least 24 hours before the visit.' Alternatively, you can email curriculumunit@ofsted.gov.uk to contact Ofsted directly and 'opt out' of this research visit.

If you are happy for your child to take part in this research project, and if they are selected to do so, all information will be completely anonymised throughout the research project.

Yours faithfully

Miss I. Eddy
Head of MFL

