



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

13 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that the week of lessons has gone well as Year 9 work on completing their Standard 3 Assessments. The purpose of this week's curriculum letter is to finalise the options process and to gauge pupils' interest in a possible change to the Modern Foreign Language option.

We have been very grateful for the thought and care that pupils have put into their choices and are in the process of putting together a timetable for the beginning of their GCSE courses. I have spoken particularly to Ms Smerald and the Modern Foreign Languages Department as we plan for our curriculum in Year 10 and we are thinking of making a slight change to the option pupils were given earlier this year.

Pupils would still be able to choose either French or German but could now, from that block, choose instead Latin or a new Level 2 Travel and Tourism BTEC Course. This letter is, in the first instance, asking them, together with their parents and carers to think about, if this were a choice, which subject they would choose from this block:

French German Latin Travel and Tourism BTEC
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Based on pupils' progress in Key Stage 3, the MFL department might also be in touch to discuss whether or not the Level 2 Travel and Tourism BTEC Course may be more beneficial to them than a language GCSE. This is a work-related, vocational qualification to prepare for employment in the travel industry but focuses primarily on practical skills required for many other jobs, such as customer service, conduct and confidence at work, handling money and logistics and planning.

The BTEC option will be taught as a single class that runs parallel to and at the same time as languages (or Latin) classes and will be instead of a language GCSE for the entirety of Key Stage 4.

Would you please confirm your first thoughts as to which of the four options above your child might choose via School Gateway and put Year 9 Option Choice in the strap line. Please also confirm your child's full name and tutor group in the email. Please confirm your child's option choice should by Wednesday, 20th May.

Please note that we have not yet confirmed this block.

Yours sincerely

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