



# The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 7 Language Choice

I am sure that you are aware that your Year 7 student has had a taster period of French and German since they started at Henry Cort in September. It is now time for them to decide which language they would like to study further.

On Tuesday 9 December, your young person will receive a form via Edulink to select their preferred language, French or German and they should make their selection by **Friday 12 December**.

Over the next week, I would be grateful if you could discuss their language preference with them. Before making their selection they should consider:

- The language they have enjoyed the most,
- The language they feel they have performed best in,
- Any factors that would influence their choice, such as familial connections or a particular interest in a country where their chosen language is spoken.

Students will be asked to state any particular reasons for studying a particular language when they complete the language preference form. At the same time, I would encourage students not to make a choice based on the preferences of their friendship group or a particular teacher, as circumstances can change.

It will not always be possible for students to make a swap to another language after the groups have been allocated. It is also important to note that students will study their chosen language until at least the end of year 9. If they choose to take a languages GCSE, they will continue to study this same language.

We will review the preferences with the assessment data and in class observations in order to place students into new language groups. Due to timetable capacity, it might not be possible to offer every child their first choice although this is our aim.

Students will commence their new language after the Christmas holiday. You will be informed of the language allocation during week commencing 15th December. Timetables will be updated ready for the beginning of January.

In the meantime, please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Wilks  
Head of Languages

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