



18th May 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Important Decision regarding Language Choice

At St Clement's High School, we are committed to providing a curriculum that allows our students to develop deep expertise in their chosen subjects. Following their experience studying both French and Spanish this year, it is now time for Year 7 students to select which single language they will focus on throughout Key Stage 3.

All students will continue their linguistic studies through Years 8 and 9 before making their final GCSE selections for Years 10 and 11. Because curriculum time is limited, we believe it is highly advantageous for students to concentrate on one language now. This allows them to build a stronger foundation and greater confidence well in advance of their GCSE courses.

While many schools assign a language at random upon admission, we prefer to use a **preferences system** to give our students a voice in their learning journey.

Please note the following regarding the selection process:

- **Curriculum Planning:** We use student preferences to inform our upcoming timetable and resource allocation.
- **Timetabling Constraints:** Building a school timetable is a complex task. While we strive to honour all requests, **we cannot guarantee** that every student will be assigned their first-choice preference.

Earlier today, Year 7 students attended a special assembly to learn about this transition and the benefits of each language. We ask that you take some time this week to discuss this choice with your child.

Action Required: Please submit your language preference via the link below by this **Friday 22nd May**:

<https://forms.gle/9wnsavLDX5KstAny5>

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make informed decisions about their academic future.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Drake
Head of French



Mrs Anton
Head of Spanish