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Dear Parents/Guardians

From September 2016, students in Year 8 will continue with their current Foreign Language on a more generous timetable of five periods a week. They will be taught a Second Foreign Language as a foundation course in Year 9, alongside their First Language.

After Year 9 they will study their First Language for their MfL GCSE. We aim to guarantee our students solid preparation to face the challenge of the new GCSEs introduced in September 2016. The new course will allow a more comprehensive practice of the core skills and plenty of chances to explore both culture and language.

Students with an outstanding talent for languages have the possibility of taking two languages up to Year 11. The foundation course in their Second Language offers enough core knowledge for a gifted linguist to start a GCSE course.

We strongly believe that this change will increase the quality of your son's MfL learning experience at Bishop Wordsworth's School and we thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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