



June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last year, your son/daughter has been studying French and German at Wood Green. A small number of students have been studying just one foreign language.

The languages department is preparing for the forthcoming academic year and in particular the groupings of language students from Year 8 into 9.

Students in **Year 9** will study their main language (the one they started in Year 7) for two lessons a week. They will also have the opportunity of studying their second language (the language they began in Year 8) for one lesson a week. This extra language lesson undertaken by your son/daughter will be **Wednesday period 5, 1.50-2.50pm**. Buses will be available for those students who normally take the school bus home.

The study of a European language, and particularly a second one, represents a tremendous opportunity for your son/daughter. The next few years will see extremely important developments in this country's relations with other European nations and the ability to understand and interact in a foreign language will be very useful personally, but also a possible future requirement for career success.

We would like to point out that those students who wish to take the opportunity to study two languages will benefit from keeping their options open until making their final language choice in Year 10. They may of course also take both languages at GCSE.

We must also stress that by opting to study both languages in Year 9, students are making a commitment for the whole academic year and will be required to attend all of the Wednesday Period 5 lessons. This is not a language club but part of the main school curriculum.

Please fill in the attached slip and return to your main languages teacher by **Friday June 12th**. Please contact me at school if you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Cochran
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Student's name

Tutor Group

Main language teacher in Y 8.....

I acknowledge receipt of the information and understand that my son/daughter will continue to study his/her first language in Y9. (Please tick the box below)

My son /daughter will be taking part in the Wednesday Period 5 language lessons

My son/daughter will not be taking part in the Wednesday Period 5 language lessons

SignedParent/Carer

Please hand in to your main language teacher by **Friday 12th June**