



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Language Pathways for Year 8

Dear Parent/Carer

As your child moves into Year 8, they are placed into groups where they will study either one or two languages. This decision is based on a range of factors including performance and enthusiasm in class as well as results in tests and assessments throughout Year 7. Most importantly, pupils will be placed onto the pathway that best reflects their language learning needs and where they will be strongly supported through Years 8 and 9 and on into GCSE.

French, German and Spanish are all highly regarded subjects at GCSE and are all very attractive qualifications to employers and universities. The default position is that each child has no strong preference for a particular language in Year 8. If you have a particular reason to request a specific language for your child, please contact our Modern Languages Administrative Assistant at [mfladmin@staidans.co.uk](mailto:mfladmin@staidans.co.uk) (Please note that emails will not receive individual replies.) Requests should be made no later than **Friday 10th July 2021**.

Pupils on the single language pathway will take a single language over 3 hours per week providing a solid base for GCSE. They will continue with this language as a GCSE in Year 10. Those following the dual language pathway will study two languages in both Year 8 and Year 9 with 1.5 hours per subject each week. As they move into Year 10, they can choose to continue with both languages at GCSE or to specialize in one.

Yours sincerely

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