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Dear Year 7 Parents and Students

## SECOND LANGUAGE CHOICE IN YEAR 8

At this point in Year 7 we ask your son to consider his option choice for his second language in Year 8. In Year 7 he has studied German, Spanish and Latin as part of his curriculum. In Year 8 he continues with **one** of German, Spanish or Latin or he may choose to do Classical Civilisation instead. A description of each subject is attached. French remains the compulsory first modern foreign language so he will study his second language alongside this.

From **today (Thursday 4 February)** onwards, your son will be able to enter his Year 8 Second Language Option Choices online using the link via his SIMS Student App. If he does not currently have access to the Student App, he should go to his RGS email account where he will find an email sent last week inviting him to register. Once registered he will receive an account confirmation email with a link to both the Student App and Options online. If he still has problems accessing the Student App he should contact Mrs Gamester ([pg@rgshw.com](mailto:pg@rgshw.com)) for assistance.

It is important that he, with your advice, enters his choices **by 9.00am on Tuesday 9 February 2021** at which time the online system will close and he will no longer be able to access the portal. Your son should submit his application without trying to tick the 'Parent/Carer Approval' box – it is not required and cannot be ticked. Immediately after the portal closes we will start processing the requests and making decisions about numbers for each subject.

**Due to constraints of set size and staffing, we cannot guarantee that each boy will be given his first choice. It is therefore vital that your son thinks carefully about his order of preference.** If he genuinely does not mind which language he studies as his first choice, he should use the ordering **1 and Reserve in the first-choice section** followed by 2,3 in the second section rather than 1 in the first-choice section + 2,3,4 in the second section.

If a subject is likely to be run as only one set and is oversubscribed, places will be allocated based on teacher assessment from the lessons and highest results of any tests. If a subject runs as two or more sets and is oversubscribed, places will be allocated at random. Boys who are unable to study their first choice will be allocated their second choice wherever possible. This process is the fairest available and allows the vast majority of boys to study their first choice.

Yours sincerely

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