



25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Changes to the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Curriculum in Key Stage 3**

This letter serves to outline the 2015-2016 MFL provision for Key Stage 3 students at Ark Helenswood Academy.

In Year 7 and 8 Languages will be taught by specialist teaching staff following a carousel structure. This means that students will be taught Spanish for the first half of the academic year and French for the other half of the year. At the end of Year 8, they will choose to study either of these subjects for their GCSE, starting in Year 9. Current Year 8 students will make this choice in Summer 2016; current Year 7 students will make this choice in Summer 2017.

Our current Year 9 students are studying both French and Spanish, but in the future, students will specialise in a language of their choice from the beginning of Year 9.

Exposing them to both languages in Year 7 and 8, we hope will give them an idea of the language they would like to study at Key stage 4. Lessons provide depth and rigour to ensure that by the end of Year 8 students are confident to use a foreign language for basic communication purposes.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the email address provided: [info@arkhelenswood.org](mailto:info@arkhelenswood.org) marked: MFL Curriculum

Yours faithfully

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