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Dear Parents / Guardians

Languages options

Since he started in year 7, your son has been learning two languages from French, German and Mandarin and he has had four lessons per fortnight for each language. In order to improve the depth and breadth of his learning in a language we will be increasing lesson time for languages to six lessons per fortnight in year 9 but asking pupils to focus on only one language.

GCSE choices are made in the spring term of year 9 when pupils are able to select a language GCSE as part of their free GCSE choices. It is important that your son understands that they must study their chosen language in year 9 in order to be able to choose it as a GCSE in the future.

It is essential that your son completes his option choice online. This will be completed via www.sims-options.co.uk. Your son will be shortly sent an email about how to register and log onto this website in order to complete his language option choice for next academic year. The deadline for this will be Monday 30 March 2020. Due to a glitch in the system, logging onto the SIMs options website might cause some pupils problems with their email and access to Teams. In order to minimise the impact upon their online learning, boys should complete this process over the weekend and we will reboot their emails on Monday morning. If you have any questions about this, please contact d.smart@keaston.bham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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