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Dear Parents / Carers

**Language Pathways at Freman College**

Parents often ask us about how we decide which languages students should take in Year 9. We hope that the information below is helpful.

**How are students allocated to different language pathways?**

First Freman obtains the SATs English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) test results for all the students joining Freman College from their current schools. These are a strong indicator of a student's language aptitude.

Once we have the results of all students in the new year group, they are rank ordered by their score.

Freman uses this to determine how many students from each middle school to allocate to each language pathway

- **Latin, German and French**
- **German and French**
- **French only.**

In the meantime, the middle schools rank order all their Year 8 students by language ability, using their own assessment data and professional judgement. They pass this rank order to Freman.

- Freman allocates students to the three language pathways in accordance with the proportions determined by the GPS scores and informs the middle schools of the students' language pathways. All students will take **French**, more able linguists will take **German and French** and the most able linguists will take **Latin, German and French**.

We will write home before students attend the Induction Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, letting students and parents know which pathway the students will take.

We realise that the process of how students are allocated to different language pathways can seem complicated. However, we felt it was important to share this with you to enable you to understand how the schools work together to ensure the best outcome for students as they move from middle school to Freman.

Yours sincerely



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