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Dear Parents / Carers,

As your child embarks on the important process of choosing his/her GCSE courses, we wanted to write to share some important information with you about GCSE Languages.

Being able to speak another language is a practical and demonstrable skill which allows the learner to get more out of life, both personally and professionally, and will develop both social skills and confidence as a communicator in both the foreign and native languages.

Many employers value their employees studying languages to GCSE level and beyond. They provide applicants with an edge over their competitors, developing logical thinking as well as important skills in listening and communicating. The best universities are increasingly interested in students having qualifications in Languages. The University of Liverpool, for example, states that they put “languages at the centre of our strategy as an internationally focused institution, which seeks to develop students as global citizens of the future”. At Tibshelf we are passionate about as many students as possible choosing a GCSE Language, as long as it is the right decision for them.

To help your child make an informed choice, please spend some time looking at the websites that can be found at the following links. In addition to these links, you should read the Languages information contained in the GCSE Options Booklet that will shortly be circulated to Year 8 parents.

<https://www.schoolguide.co.uk/blog/8-reasons-to-choose-a-language-at-gcse-and-a-level>

This website provides a very ‘punchy’ summary of the reasons why young people should consider studying a GCSE Language.

[Why languages matter | Modern Languages | Pearson UK](#)

Videos and information about where languages can take you from Pearson Edexcel, the exam board we will be using for MFL from September 2024

<https://www.creativeml.ox.ac.uk/careers/>

You will find some excellent videos from professionals who have pursued a broad and varied range of careers explaining why languages study has been so important to them.

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We do hope that the information contained in this letter is helpful and informative. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child taking a GCSE language, please feel free to contact Mrs Gent, Director of Ebacc.

Yours faithfully,

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