

For All Year 6 Parents/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform you of the way in which languages are organised at Huish Episcopi Academy. We now ask all students in Year 7 to choose one language, to give them the best foundation for studying a language at GCSE. At Huish we offer French, German and Spanish. Some students may already have had some experience learning one of these languages, whilst others' experience may be limited. I realise this may be a difficult choice for many and due to the current situation, we are unable to offer them 'taster sessions' to facilitate that choice. I have therefore created a short video for you and your child to watch. Hopefully this will offer some guidance and insight into the different languages, enable discussion and help you make an informed choice. Please find the link below.

https://www.loom.com/share/27466a8550f84adc9d387ad436a4782c?sharedAppSource=personal_library

We will also be asking primary schools to show this video where they are sending a number of pupils to us.

Please discuss with your son/daughter which language they would prefer to study. In the Huish Data Collect app from Applica which you may have already started or completed please give a first and second choice of language and a reason. If you have a very strong reason for choosing a particular language (E.g a parent is a German/Spanish/ French native speaker and the student already has some knowledge of the language), then please make these reasons clear on the form. We cannot guarantee that your son / daughter will get their first choice due to timetabling and staffing constraints but we will do our best!

If you have any questions regarding languages, please do not hesitate to contact me via email MKelsey@educ.somerset.gov.uk .

If you have any questions regarding the Data Collection form or the Applica app please contact Mrs Watford at nwatford1@educ.somerset.gov.uk or reply to this email.

If you have already made a language choice you can still go back into your form and change your selection or add a reason.

Regards

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