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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Grouping of Year 8 students in French – January 2019

Dear parent/carer

I am writing to you to inform you of certain changes that will soon be taking place in the way students in Year 8 are grouped for French lessons at Penryn College. Since the beginning of Year 7, students have been taught in groups containing students with a mix of abilities. However, we will now be moving to a curriculum model that allows students of similar abilities to be grouped together. This will allow us to extend more able students. In addition to this, a small number of students will be moving to a slightly simpler course to allow them to focus more on the basic vocabulary and skills. This will also allow us to direct support for them more effectively. The vast majority of students will continue on the course that they have been following all year, so the changes to their learning will be minimal. These changes will come on stream in the week beginning **Monday 4th February**. In order to accommodate the changes, your child may have a change of teacher. This will all be visible on the VLE. All students will continue to receive French tuition for 6 periods per fortnight which covers the seven key skills of language learning. The setting of homework will remain the same. My expectation is that all students currently in year 8 will be in a position to opt for GCSE French as a part of the options process in year 9, should they wish to.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further clarification on the matter.

Yours faithfully

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