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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: GCSE SPANISH

As you are aware, pupils in Year 9 are embarking upon the selection of their subjects for study at GCSE at Enfield Grammar School. Discussions have taken place about playing to their strengths, thinking about possible career options and which subjects present them with the opportunity to secure the top grades.

We are aware that a small number of pupils were considering taking Spanish as an option. We have spoken to them about this and have informed them that at this time, we will not be offering Spanish at GCSE for your son's year group.

As you will appreciate, every decision that we make has your son's educational experience at heart and having reviewed the Key Stage 3 Spanish (grounding) they have received, we do not believe this places them in the strongest position moving forward. If you have sons in lower years of the School, you will know that they have more curriculum time with their languages, but the structure that the Year 9 pupils have worked to, began three years ago for them.

We appreciate that this will come as disappointing news to you and your son. When we spoke with them, they were incredibly polite and just wanted to understand how this decision had been made.

As you know, we want the best for all the pupils we have at the School and so this has not been a decision that has been taken lightly and is being made with the boys' academic outcomes in mind.

We will continue the conversation with your sons, as we may be able to find a creative way of offering Spanish beyond the curriculum.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

C Lamb
Headteacher

Dawn Burke
Deputy Head

