

26th April 2023

FTh/Mif

Year 8 to Year 9 Modern Foreign Language

To Parent/Carer

As you are aware, your child is currently nearing the end of their Year 8 studies here at Oasis Academy Oldham.

I am writing to you to highlight an important change to their Year 9 Modern Foreign Language studies for the academic year 2023 to 2024. This change is the way in which students choose their potential Modern Foreign Language GCSE qualification.

In half term six of this academic year, all Year 8 students will be making the decision to continue to focus their Year 9 studies on either French or Spanish for the academic year 2023 to 2024. This will ensure students are provided with sufficient curriculum time to cover a wide range of key vocabulary and grammar to ensure they are prepared for their Modern Foreign Language GCSE studies in Year 10, should they wish to continue with a language.

It is important that the decision to opt for either French or Spanish, at this stage, is carefully considered by students and parents/ carers and is also based on discussions with specialist teachers. Unfortunately, there will be no option to choose the language students do not study in Year 9 for GCSE.

Languages are an important part of EBacc. The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it is a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people. While your child may not have decided on their future career path yet, choosing the EBacc at GCSE gives them access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school and the broad knowledge that employers are looking for. If they are thinking of going to university, the EBacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.

Principal - Marie Dillon

Hollins Road, Hollinwood, Oldham, OL8 4JZ

T. 0161 624 9630 • F. 0161 785 8765

E. info@oasisoldham.org • W. www.oasisacademyoldham.org

 @OldhamOasis

 www.facebook.com/OAOldham

Creating a
community of
choices & chances



PIXL



Studying a foreign language can be extremely rewarding and exciting. They provide an insight into other cultures and can open the door to travel and employment opportunities. They can also broaden pupils' horizons, helping them flourish in new environments. If your child finds languages difficult, do not forget that they will have been studying them for much less time than their other subjects and, while it can be a challenge, learning a language will greatly enhance their future opportunities. Also, we know that employers value languages, as they are increasingly important to make sure we can compete in the global market. Because of this, languages are increasingly becoming a requirement for many graduate schemes.

We greatly appreciate your support and understanding throughout this process as we work towards helping students achieve the best possible future outcomes for them at GCSE. If you or your child have any further questions about this process, please feel free to contact me at the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Thompson
Head of MFL/ EAL Faculty

Email: frances.thompson@oasisoldham.org

Principal - Marie Dillon

Hollins Road, Hollinwood, Oldham, OL8 4JZ

T. 0161 624 9630 • F. 0161 785 8765

E. info@oasisoldham.org • W. www.oasisacademyoldham.org

 [@OldhamOasis](https://twitter.com/OldhamOasis)  www.facebook.com/OAOldham

Creating a
community of
choices & chances



PIXL



POSITIVE STEPS
SUPPORT | CHALLENGE | CHANGE