



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

AAT/KE

January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Language Horizons Mentoring Programme

As you know, your child will soon be choosing the GCSE subjects that they wish to study in Y10 and Y11. You may also have heard of the Ebaccalaureate, a suite of subjects (English, Maths, Science, History/Geography and a Modern Foreign Language) that the government believes the vast majority of students should study to GCSE level.

All Y9 students recently completed a questionnaire to gather their views on the importance and value of studying a foreign language, and whether they intend to continue studying French/Spanish at GCSE. Your child indicated in this questionnaire that they were undecided or unlikely to continue with a language. Should they choose not to continue, they would not achieve the full suite of Ebaccalaureate subjects.

To help your child make a fully informed decision, we would like to invite them to take part in a Department for Education funded initiative called Language Horizons, which is partnership between local universities with university students mentoring pupils in school.

Your child would take part in a 5-week programme (face-to-face and online) in which they would look at various aspects of language and culture. All sessions will take place in school time and the programme is completely free of charge. Attached to this letter is a booklet containing more information about the programme and the benefits of studying a foreign language.

Should you have any questions or queries about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number or by email (aat@waleshigh.com). If you have any questions or queries about the options process, please contact Mr Jones (rj@waleshigh.com). Please complete the reply slip below giving permission for your child to be involved in the process and return it, via your child, to Mr Atkins by Friday 31 January 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Atkins
Teacher of MFL

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I give permission for my child (Name): _____ of
TG _____ to take part in the Language Horizons Mentoring Programme.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return directly to Mr Atkins by Friday, 31 January 2020