

12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

## Latin in Year 8 at Edwinstree

After much consideration and in discussion with Ms H Loughran, the Headteacher at Freman College, it has been decided that from January 2017, we will cease to teach Latin at Edwinstree.

The reason behind this is twofold: It was discovered through subject liaison that the Latin course being delivered at Edwinstree was the same as at Freman College and the pupils were repeating their learning on arrival in Year 9. Although we have altered our curriculum accordingly this term to learning about the origins of language with reference to Latin, as well as looking at Roman civilisation, we also want to give all of the Year 8 pupils the opportunity to develop their second foreign language in more depth and to be able to offer more lessons before their transition into Year 9.

To this end, the whole of Year 8 will be following one lesson of German a week for the rest of the year; 8B and 8CW will continue their German lessons with Mrs Allan, as they have since September, and 8T and 8PF will move to learning German with Miss Devonshire from January 2017.

We hope you understand the rationale behind this decision and continue to support language learning at Edwinstree. Please be reassured that this decision will not have any bearing on the language settings as part of the transition process to Freman College as the data is taken from their attainment in French and German.

If you would like to discuss this further, I am available to meet with parents every Thursday from 2pm-3pm, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely



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