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From Jane Mansfield – Head of French

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Dear First Year parent

As you are aware, your son has been studying French so far at Abingdon. Shortly after the Christmas holiday, he will begin to learn German, and at the end of this academic year he will be asked to choose between the two languages and continue either French or German into the second and third year. He can opt for more languages at the end of the second year too.

German teaching will begin on Monday 16 January 2012, but beforehand all boys will be assessed on their level in French so far in the form of a four-part examination. Speaking, reading, writing and listening skills will be tested in lessons during the week of 9 January. The result of this exam will appear on your son's Lent report, and will assist in the decision making for language options into the second year.

There is a short revision guide on the School Study Site to help your son prepare for his exam. He has also been given a paper copy. There is a lot of relevant and useful information in it, but I must stress that your son need not worry about this exam and should not over-prepare for it. The boys will all do revision in class in the lessons leading up to the exam in January.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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