



From Head of German: Sarah-Jane Poole

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Dear First Year Parent

First Year German assessment in January

As you are aware your son has been studying German so far at Abingdon. After the Christmas holidays, he will begin to learn French, 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.

French teaching will begin in the week starting Monday 28 January, but beforehand all boys will be assessed on their level in German so far in the form of a four-part examination. Speaking, reading, writing and listening skills will be tested in lessons in the week commencing Monday 14 January (Week A). 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, which will shortly be published on the School Study Site, Firefly, to help your son prepare for his exam. He will also be 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 week prior to the exam.

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

Yours sincerely

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