



ABINGDON

From the Curriculum Director: Oliver Lomax

12 June 2015

Re: Second Year Modern Foreign Language Options

Dear First Year Parents,

As you know, your son has been studying both French and German this year. Next year, he will study only *one* of these two languages so he now needs to choose which one he wishes to pursue as his 'main' modern foreign language.

When he reaches the Third Year he will also be able to choose one or two 'option' languages in addition to his main language. So, if the choice between French and German at the moment is a difficult one, there is at least the consolation that he should be able to pick up the 'dropped' one again when he reaches the third year (provided that there are sufficient numbers to form a viable set). It should be remembered, though, that at that time there will be competition for the two option slots from other option subjects as well as the other two languages we offer (Spanish and Mandarin Chinese). Although Abingdonians are not required to study more than one modern foreign language in the third year, it is the case that the majority of our boys do so.

I trust you took the opportunity at the parents' evening before half term to discuss your son's language ability with your son's language teacher. If not, or if you have any further queries at this stage, please contact either the Modern Languages Coordinator Miss Alexandra Widdern (alexandra.widdern@abingdon.org.uk) or your son's language teacher and they will be happy to advise you. Once the decision has been made, please complete and return the form below to Mr Jenkins, either via your son or by email (adam.jenkins@abingdon.org.uk), by Monday 22 June.

Yours sincerely

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Second Year Language Choice

Reply form

To be handed in to Mr Jenkins by Monday 22 June

Name and tutor group of Pupil: _____

Current language teacher: _____

Language chosen as Main Language from September 2015
(circle as appropriate):

French or German

Signed: _____

Date: _____