



ABINGDON

From Curriculum Director: Oliver Lomax

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Dear First Year Parents

### **Second Year Modern Foreign Language Options**

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 the consolation that he may be able to pick up the 'dropped' one again when he reaches the third year, if 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.

Please talk about the choice with your son over the coming week. You might want to take the opportunity to discuss your son's language ability with his language teacher at the parents' evening on the Monday 22 or Tuesday 23 June. If you have any further queries at this stage, please contact either the Modern Languages Coordinator Alexandra Widdern ([alexandra.widdern@abingdon.org.uk](mailto: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 the online form at <https://forms.gle/VhdQEGbsFvB9Kc1bA> by **Friday 26 June**.

Yours sincerely

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