



ABINGDON

From Sarah-Jane Poole : Head of German

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

**Re: End-of-course German test**

As you are aware, your child has been studying German so far at Abingdon. After the Christmas holidays, 1st year pupils will begin to learn French, and at the end of this academic year they will be asked to choose between the two languages and continue either French or German into the second and third year. More languages can also be chosen at the end of the second year for study in the third year.

French teaching will begin in the week of Monday 6 February, but beforehand all pupils will be assessed on their level in German in the form of a four-part examination. Speaking, reading, writing and listening skills will be tested in lessons in the week commencing Monday 30 January (Week A). The result of this exam will appear on your child's Lent report, and will assist in the decision making for language options into the second year. At the end of the academic year, you will also receive a result for your child's French assessment (sat in the main exam period in June), as a percentage and a grade. Modern languages are the only subjects for which your child will be given a grade in addition as a percentage, to allow for a better comparison between French and German, aiding you in the decision making process when choosing a language for second year. There will also be an opportunity to discuss which language your child should choose with either myself (1P) or Mrs Engel-Hart (1M & 1F) at the parents' evening in May.

There is a short revision guide, which will be published on the school study site, Firefly, to help your child prepare for their exam. A paper copy will also be given out. There is a lot of relevant and useful information in it, but I must stress that your child need not worry about this exam and should not over-prepare for it. The pupils will all do revision in class prior to the exam.

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

Yours sincerely

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