



From: Oliver Lomax: Curriculum Director

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Dear First Year Parents,

*Re: Second Year Modern Foreign Language Options*

As you know, the first years at Abingdon study both French and German over the course of the year. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, students study only **one** of these two languages so your child now needs to choose which one to pursue.

When they reach the third year, as well as continuing with their chosen language, they will have the option of picking up one or two additional new languages from German, Spanish or Chinese, if they wish. This means that it is usually possible to drop German now, but pick it up again in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Note that this is not usually the case for French.

Although Abingdon students are not required to study more than one modern foreign language in the third year, it is the case that the majority do so.

Students will have taken a summative assessment in both German and French which will produce a final percentage. These results will be published early next week. While useful for comparison, please note that this percentage is only one of the factors to consider when your child makes their decision between French and German for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. We find that in the main pupils choose the language they feel they will enjoy studying further.

Please talk about the choice with your child over the coming week and do get in touch with their language teacher for advice if you would like. If you have any further queries at this stage, you could also contact the Modern Languages Coordinator, Nathan Brittain ([nathan.brittain@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:nathan.brittain@abingdon.org.uk)).

Once the decision has been made, please complete this online form by **Monday 24 June**:  
<https://forms.gle/9N89GMFgsLRmuFKE8>

Yours faithfully

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