



**Oundle School**

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*To First Form Berrystead and Laxton Parents  
New Second Form parents*

## **Second Form Languages**

Dear Parents

In addition to the subjects studied in the First Form, Second Form pupils have the opportunity to study a further language of either German or Classical Greek.

### **Greek**

A combined course is offered introducing the Classical Greek language and looking at aspects of Greek mythology, history and art. After the code of the Greek alphabet has been quickly cracked, pupils acquire the skills needed to translate from and into Greek. The grammar covered initially is limited and closely follows patterns familiar from Latin.

The civilisation part of the course varies from year to year, according to the interests of the pupils, but a popular topic has always been the war at Troy and the subsequent adventurous voyage home of Odysseus.

In recent years we have successfully submitted essays on Greek mythology written by the pupils for a national competition; the most recent results produced five prize winners from Oundle.

### **German**

The Second Form German course introduces pupils to the four key skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, with much of each lesson devoted to listening and speaking. Pupils learn to describe their immediate world (family, school, friends), as well as their own interests and preferences, while gaining a thorough grounding in the language's grammar and structure.

Informal emphasis is also placed upon influential aspects of Europe's extraordinary German cultural heritage, variously through film, music and easily digested works from literature. Intriguing poems, short stories and songs are used where appropriate in the year's work. The extra year of German makes GCSE easily accessible to all pupils.

Please return the completed slip below to me and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

M.A.R. Collier  
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**For Action by Wednesday 25 June**

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Please return to Mr M.A.R. Collier, Oundle School, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4GH or by fax on 01832 277119

### ***Second Form Language Option***

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ House \_\_\_\_\_

My son/daughter would like to study:    **German**     **Greek**     *(please tick choice)*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_