

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

As you are aware, the Year 11 mock examinations took place in school recently. These assessments are designed to give an indication of a student's abilities and potential in each subject. They are an important tool for both students and teachers to identify areas of strength and areas for development, and to make adjustments to the teaching and learning process accordingly.

The exam board recommends that we inform parents if there are any doubts about students passing the higher tier paper in German. Currently, your son's score is below this threshold, although this may change if he works hard during the rest of the year. If he were to take the foundation paper, he would only be able to achieve grade 5 as a maximum mark and so we would prefer not to take this route if possible as we wouldn't want to limit the grades our students are able to achieve. However, if he is entered for the higher tier, there is a danger that he may receive an unclassified result, as the Level 3 margin is usually very small at the Higher tier.

I will of course continue to give him as much support as I can and am happy to mark any extra work he may choose to complete. If he feels he'd benefit from individual support, I'd be more than happy to sit down with him during a lunchtime to see if I can help by answering his questions outside of the usual lesson environment.

This decision needs to be made by **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. *Please could you let me know by then if you would like your son to be entered for foundation tier. If I do not hear from you by this date, I will enter him for the FOUNDATION tier in German.*

Yours sincerely

Verena Cavalier  
Leader of German

