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TO: ALL HEADS
ALL HEADS OF MODERN LANGUAGES

**COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
COMMON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION
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In the light of comments made at the Westminster French conference and in recent correspondence, the following changes will be introduced in French, German and Spanish:

1. For the 2009-2010 papers onwards, all rubrics will be in English. Therefore Appendices V, VI and VII will be removed from the Modern Languages syllabus.
2. In addition, all test-types in the Listening paper will be in English.
3. In the Writing paper, where the rubrics will be in English, the bulleted words about which candidates will have to write will still be in the target language, on the grounds that this will be helpful to candidates.
4. From the following academic year (2010-2011), in the Reading paper all questions on the target language texts will be in English.

The amended syllabus is on the ISEB website. Please do not hesitate to contact ISEB if you have any queries.