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Dear Mr. [redacted]

At the Masters' meeting at the end of the term we decided that there was no good purpose in Graham continuing with Latin for G.C.E. and we therefore propose to move him into class "R". He will then spend longer on Maths. and take it rather more slowly but he will take G.C.E. in 1961 as he would without this change. He is very keen on Science and if he continues to do well at it there is no reason why he should not take Physics and Chemistry as separate subjects in the G.C.E. and then stay on to do Science in the 6th Form, though we will not decide about this until next July.

Neither you nor he should think that this change is in any way due to idleness or inattention to his work, for he has really been doing his best; but we have often found in the past that when a boy continues to do a language which he is finding difficult it has a depressing effect on all the other work. I am writing rather strongly to you as Graham discussed this with his Tutor and was very loath to accept the suggestion. I think that this may largely have been because he thought that you would be disappointed at his giving up Latin and that it would in some way handicap him in the future. This is far from being the case as it is now possible to go to a University without a foreign language. I do not think that Graham is likely to have the ability for University anyhow but he will have much more chance of reaching a good standard in the 'O' level if this change is made now- it cannot be made any later.

Yours sincerely,

A.E. Foot

HEADMASTER.