French

What will I learn about?

The aim of this course is to provide you with the ability and confidence to understand and communicate effectively in a language which is spoken in 29 countries in the world and by nearly 300 million people.
You will study a number of already familiar topics in slightly greater depth; leisure, work and education, travel and holidays, families and friends. Newer areas of study will include: the environment, health and fitness, new technologies and social issues.

Listening	You will listen to conversations, announcements and adverts and answer questions about them.
Reading	You will read a variety of authentic materials such as newspaper and magazine articles, signs, letters, adverts, posters, notes, messages and answer questions about them.
Speaking	You will prepare for and take part in 1 assessment task based on themes covered in the course.
Writing	You will complete one written assessment at the end of the course which consists of translation from English into French plus a structured writing task at Foundation Tier and a more open-ended writing task at Higher Tier.

How will my work be assessed?

Each skill area will be allocated 25% of the final mark. You will be entered for all papers at either Foundation or Higher Tier.

What courses could I go on to study?

Languages at GCSE provide a real kick-start for those wanting to learn a second or third foreign language in later life and if taken as an 'elective', as is often the possibility with many university courses. Languages at GCSE provide a firm foundation for study at A level.

What jobs can this qualification lead to?

Increasingly languages are becoming more valued, remunerated and needed in the job market and provide a valued and sought-after skillset. Apart from the direct use of languages in teaching, translating and interpreting it is a valued support skill and can often open doors to jobs and careers involving travel, hospitality and all aspects of international commerce.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about French please speak to Mrs Wortley, Curriculum Area Leader: Languages or Mrs Morris, Second in Department: Languages or contact options@penistone-gs.uk.