



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.

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| 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 Robinson, Curriculum Area Leader: Languages or Ms Lister, Second in Department: Languages or contact options@penistone-gs.uk.