



Penryn
College

'Achieving through Challenge'

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Additional Language GCSE Qualifications

I know that many of our students have knowledge of a language in addition to English which is a fantastic asset and something I would like to capitalize on to help them succeed. As someone who grew up with both Swedish and English I know first-hand how great, but also challenging, it can be to have this additional language skill.

Where possible, I think it would be fantastic if our students who have an additional language were able to gain a formal GCSE accreditation in it. There are currently a wide range of different languages offered at GCSE by the different exam boards.

Most languages are assessed by 4 exams in listening, reading, writing and speaking. From past experience I have found that students tend to do best if they take the exams in the summer of Year 9 or 10. In order to help gauge the level of language required I have sent out GCSE reading papers and mark schemes in the relevant language to a number of families. I am hoping that this letter will reach those I have unintentionally missed.

If this is something you think would be of benefit to child please get in touch via email: dribenfors@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk so I can look at what support we can put in place to help them work towards this.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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