

# Options and choices for the 4th and 5th year

## Portuguese - Language IV

### **Preliminary**

*Portuguese is one of the official languages of the European Union and so may be chosen by students of S4 as Language IV.*

*Furthermore, **Portuguese is spoken by more than 260 million people worldwide, in Portugal, Brazil, Angola and Mozambique.***

***This is a beginners' course for those who have no previous knowledge of the language.***

### **Organization**

*This is an option for the 4th and 5th, four hours per week.*

### **Objectives**

*The purpose of this course is particularly to encourage the students to speak the Portuguese with confidence.*

*By achieving the four language competences (listening, speaking, reading and writing) at a simple level, the students can communicate without difficulty in the most common circumstances (including in Brazil or Portuguese-speaking African countries).*

#### • **The specific objectives are:**

- 1. Comprehension, analytical, oral and writing skills;*
- 2. Using grammar structures relevant to the various communicative functions;*
- 3. Learning the vocabulary of the major communicative functions: introducing oneself, describing... daily life vocabulary: social relationships, shopping, housing...;*
- 4. Expressing oneself orally and in writing without major difficulties in daily life situations;*
- 5. Introducing pupils to Portuguese life, history and culture.*

### **Methodology/material to be used**

*Those objectives will be achieved using the texts in order to develop the capacities of understanding, analyse and oral, and writing skills.*

- a text book and an exercise book*
- a book about the basic grammar*
- extra exercises*
- articles from newspapers and magazines*
- television shows and films*
- novels.*

*The number of students in S4 class is usually quite small. The advantage is more interaction between teacher and students, but also among students. The teacher will have the opportunity to address issues specific to each student or language group.*

***In short, this course is an introduction to an international and universal language, the study of which can be continued into 6th and 7th years.***