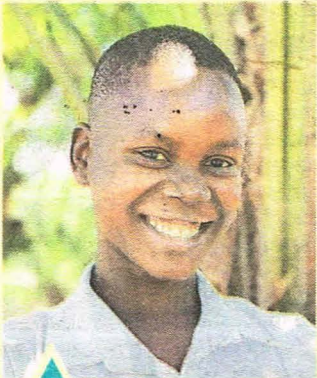


## Why do you study languages?

BY PROMISE TWINAMUKYE

**A**cross a border town in Nebbi District, where Congolese traders interact with Ugandan learners, students at Nebbi Town Secondary School are embracing French as a survival skill and a bridge to opportunity. From aspiring doctors

and interpreters to young entrepreneurs and future business owners, many say language will shape their futures. Whether driven by family expectations, cross-border trade, or dreams of working abroad, they see French, and other languages, as tools for communication, connection, and a chance not to be left behind in an increasingly global world.



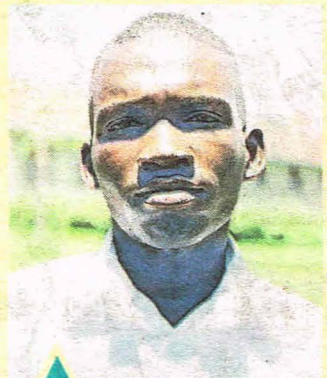
**Reality Linnet Mekingi, S.2**

Languages are interesting, fun, opportunity openers. French specifically excites me because it is new to me, and some words sound funny, which makes learning enjoyable.



**Noel Opakrwoth, S.2**

Languages are useful, enjoyable, and help in real-life situations. Learning French has exposed me to new words and ways of communicating, even though it can be challenging. It is also important for business.



**Owen Mungudit, S.2**

I study languages because they help me connect with people and improve business. Learning French has made it easier to understand what people need here.



**Denis Okerwoth, S.4**

They create opportunities, especially in business and communication. Living near the DRC boarder, where French is widely used, I see how important



**Adyao Thaubah, s.5**

I study languages because they open doors to new opportunities, and help me connect with people beyond my immediate environment. Learning French, for example, made me feel closer to the wider world and different cultures. Even though I had to stop focusing on it to prioritise science subjects, as my parents wished, I still value the experience. I believe they are important for personal growth and understanding others.



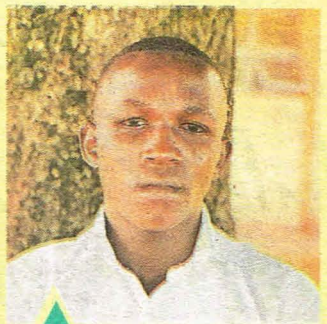
**Immaculate Lenna, S.2**

Languages give me a future opportunity to work and support myself. My father encouraged me to learn French since we live close to Congo, where many people speak it and do business.



**Clare Kwicwiny Patience, S.2**

Languages help me communicate, fit into new environments, and create opportunities. When I joined this school and found French, I was excited to learn more.



**Hassan Mahat, S.2**

They help me communicate, travel, and pursue my dream of becoming an interpreter. I started learning French in Senior One and I can now express myself, and even order in a restaurant.