**A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL**

**II Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Marii Sklodowskiej-Curie** is a secondary school of general education. It is situated in Końskie, a small town of about twenty thousand inhabitants, in the Świętokrzyskie Region, about 100 km south from the capital city-Warsaw. There are around five hundred students attending the school every year and about forty teachers teaching in the school.

**II Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Marii Sklodowskiej-Curie** is a school which meets the needs and requirements of the 21st century school. The school offers students extended program in foreign languages, geography, social studies, ICT and math. The school aims to provide its pupils with conditions enabling them to full development, both individual and independent. It helps them expand entrepreneurial skills and the fluency in foreign languages. It is crucial due to the high level of unemployment in the area and migration of young people to big cities. The school, as the only institution in the area, carries out a number of pedagogical innovations embracing science, art, philosophy, geography in German, classes in English and German translation. It also realizes original programs in the field of culture. The school is taken under the patronage of the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, it cooperates with Świętokrzyski Technical University, Warsaw University and Jagielonian University.

Recently the school introduced a scientific experiment in the foreign language learning scope. It is an educational and organizational experiment and it has to do with a gradual widening of the curricular content connected with the extended program of foreign language learning, encouraging learning through the contact with a real language and awakening multicultural interests. A part of teaching is done in foreign languages-geography (especially international and Polish economical issues), social, entrepreneurial and cultural studies. The foreign language improvement will also concentrate on business language and bilingual translations.