

**British Section  
Primary and Maternelle  
Information Meeting  
for Prospective Parents**

**Monday 1st December  
2025 10:00-11:00 am**

# Welcome and Introductions



Miss  
Susan  
Woodward,  
Head of Primary



Ms Gillian  
Storey,  
Admissions Officer



# Information about the Presentation and Questions

- Welcome to our presentation
- We will answer some questions at the end of the presentation
- Please write your question in the Question box
- If you have specific questions about your child's application or the entrance interview procedure, please e-mail Ms Storey after the presentation.



# Welcome from the Director



Mr James Cathcart  
Director

“The British Section aims to inspire an understanding of British culture and educational values through teaching, pastoral care and extra-curricular activities.”

British Section: 3-18 years



Lycée International  
BRITISH SECTION

# Benefits of Bilingualism

- Increased mental flexibility and processing capacity
- Improved memory
- Greater understanding of language
- Improved inter-cultural skills
- Increased job opportunities





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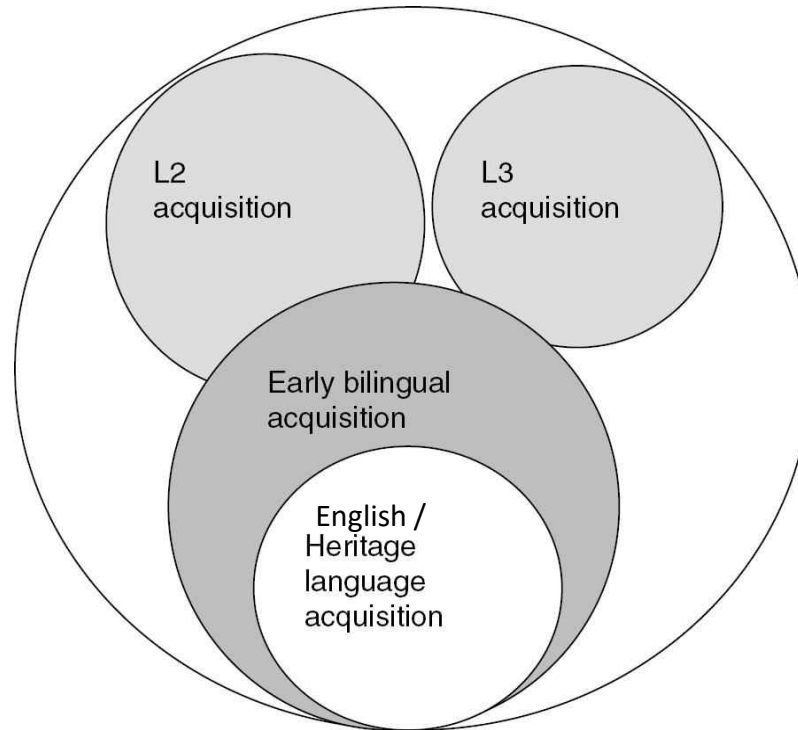


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# Our form of Bilingual Education

✓ Semi-intensive, or Heritage Language, bilingual education



X English as a Foreign Language



# *Français Spécial*

- Immersion in FRENCH
  - 80% of the curriculum is in French
  - One-year bridging programme
  - *Lingua Franca* !
- Aptitude tests with a French teacher after the British Section has tested the pupil and recommended them as a Français Spécial candidate





# The British Section in Primary

- 6 hours per week (20% of curricular time) - NOT immersion (3 hours in Maternelle 1)
- One morning and one afternoon session per week
- First language English curriculum
- Designed for students with a strong background, regular use and ongoing support in English



# Teaching & Learning in Primary

6 hours per week, developing the key skills of

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

We follow a book-based topic curriculum using poetry, prose and drama, as stimulus material.

We develop historical skills, using story-telling from the maternelle onwards, culminating in a study of the Second World War in CM2.



# A lively department with a British teaching style, we focus on the whole child to:

- Provide an environment which is physically and emotionally secure and intellectually stimulating
- Understand and foster the learning process
- Encourage strengths and talents
- Appreciate that children learn at their own pace



*Be happy*



*Have a love of learning*



*Acquire a diverse range of skills and a broad knowledge base*

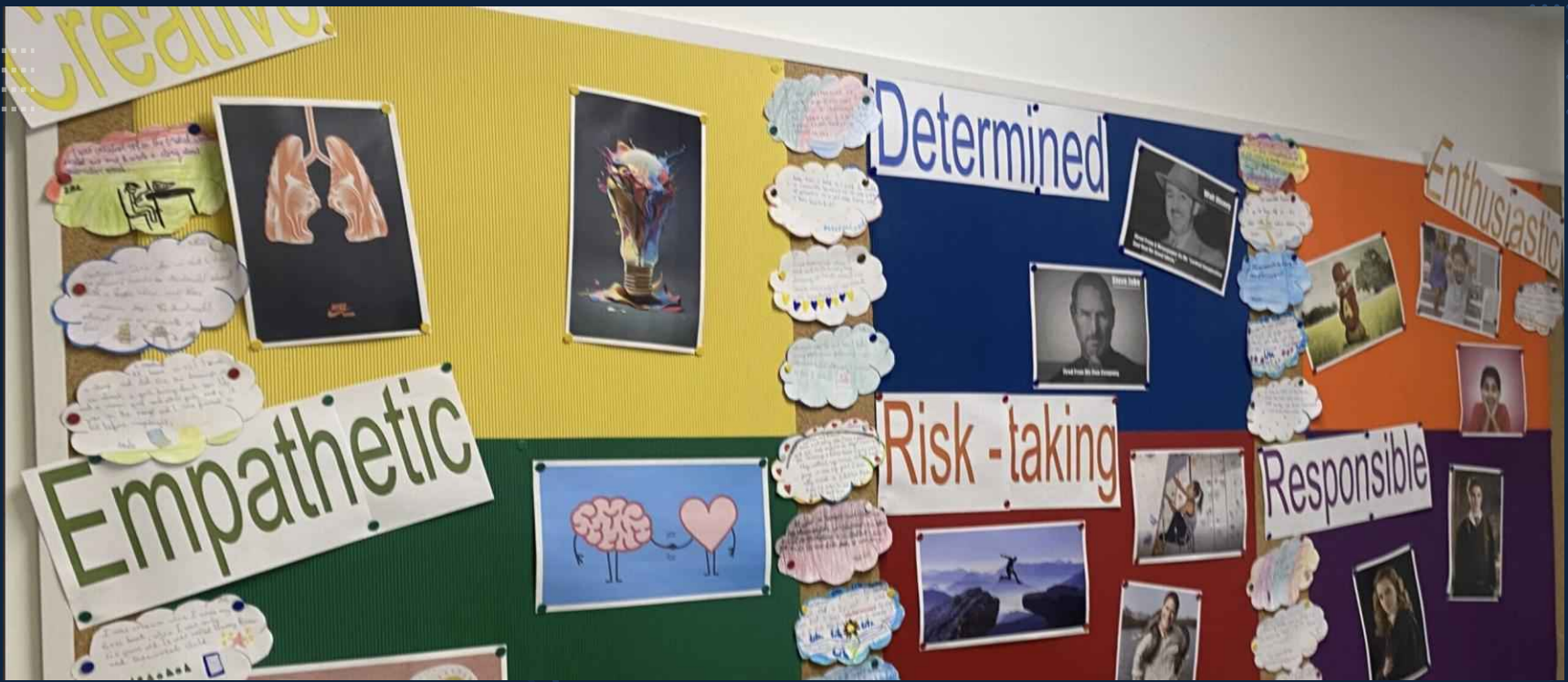


*Reach high standards of literacy*



*Make memories*





# Our Learner Attributes

To become Super Learners our pupils are:

- Enthusiastic
- Determined
- Creative
- Risk-taking
- Empathetic
- Responsible

Routines in each year group work slightly differently according to the age and needs of the children. Our overall aim is to **develop engaged and independent learners.**  
The dual system is challenging.



# Communication

- Our home-school partnership is vital to your child's success
- Welcome from the PTG New Families Group
- Parents' Handbook & Class Information meetings at the Rentrée
- Super Reader/Homework Diary/Agenda
- Parent-Teacher meetings
- Reports and on-going assessments



## The British Section of the Lycée International and partner schools offers children:

- A bilingual curriculum
- A happy, safe and caring early years environment
- Stimulating classroom activities
- A focus on language and literacy development
- Curriculum enrichment



# British Section Classes

Take place within a context of French state school host schools

- Ecole International: full-time français spécial and externé pupils Mat 1 – CM2

We have very few full-time places

- Ecole Félix Eboué: full-time CP – CM2
- Ecole Jehan Alain: full-time Mat 3





# Multiple sites

## Nursery school

Age 3-5  
(maternelle)

École  
**Jehan Alain**  
Le Pecq

École  
**Internationale**  
Saint-Germain-en-Laye

## Primary school

Age 6-11  
(primaire)

École  
**Félix Éboué**  
Le Pecq

École  
**Internationale**  
Saint-Germain-en-Laye

## Middle school

Age 12-15  
(collège)

Collège  
**Pierre et Marie Curie**  
Le Pecq

Collège  
**Les Hauts Grillets**  
Saint-Germain-en-Laye

Collège  
**International**  
Saint-Germain-en-Laye

## Upper school

Age 16-18  
(lycée)

Lycée  
**International**  
Saint-Germain-en-Laye



# Class Structure

- Ecole International (Directrice: Mme Gagneur)
  - 1 class Maternelle 1 & 2
  - 2 classes Mat 3 to CM2
  - Externé system (Mat 1 – CM2)
  - Français Spécial (CE1 – CM2)
  - A few full-time places allocated from Mat 3
- Ecole Jehan Alain (Directrice: Mme Debutte)
  - 1 class Grande Section (full-time)
- Ecole Félix Eboué, Le Pecq (Directrice: Mme Garesse)
  - 1 class CP - CM2 (full-time)



# Class Titles and Equivalent Age Groups

Maternelle 1 (Petite Section)	children born in 2023
Maternelle 2 (Moyenne Section)	2022
Maternelle 3 (Grande Section)	2021
CP	2020
CE1	2019
CE2	2018
CM1	2017
CM2	2016



# UK – French Equivalent Year Groups

- Maternelle 1      Nursery
- Maternelle 2      Nursery/Reception
- Maternelle 3      Reception/Year 1
- CP                      Year 1 / Year 2
- CE1                     Year 2 / Year 3
- CE2                     Year 3 / Year 4
- CM1                    Year 4 / Year 5
- CM2                    Year 5 / Year 6



# Parental Support

- Parental effort is required in a persistent and consistent manner regardless of the child's language profile
- Age-appropriate ability in speaking, listening, reading and writing in English, and the potential and support to maintain development of these skills whilst being educated in a primarily francophone environment
- All pupils require sustained exposure to English
- Family language planning



# Steps in the Application Process

- British Section website: [britishsection.fr](http://britishsection.fr)
- Pay application fee on HelloAsso site (160€ Maternelle, 200€ Primary)
- Complete online application form (sent after payment received)
- Appointment for test sent by email
- Tests in person in March (May for Maternelle 1)
- E-mail from BS with test results (April / May)
- Recommendation to French administration
- Paperwork will follow, please complete this by return of post, if possible. This could be May / June
- If your child is accepted, there is a one-off payment of 2000€ Child Admission Fee



# Entrance Interviews

- Mat 1- CE2 - Individual testing
- CM1 and CM2 - Individual testing within a group environment
- Mat 1 - CP Use of picture texts to stimulate language
  
- CE1 and CE2 Creative Writing task
- Reading exercise
- Comprehension and spelling exercise
- CM1 and CM2 Creative Writing task
- Comprehension and spelling
  
- Our aim is to enable the children to feel relaxed and secure so that they can use their language skills freely.



# Application

Local deadline is:  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

- For the application procedure, please go to the following link:
- <https://www.britishsection.fr/content/mainstream-admissions>

and click on the grey box 'application procedure'





# PTG Welcome Group for New Families

Mrs. Suzanne Jalenques

Ms. Tina Horne



# PTG Primary and Maternelle Contact Parent Coordinators

- Mrs. Lucinda de Guilhermier for the Ecole International site
- Mrs. Juliette Eschalier and Mrs Anouk Dalmasso for Jehan Alain and Félix Eboué sites



# Community

- APELI Association des Parents d' élèves du Lycée International
- Club International
- BSPA British Section Parents' Association
- PTG British Section Parent Teacher Group and PTG Welcome Group
- Check-in to France





# Questions

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- Miss Woodward and Ms Storey
- Please e-mail Ms Storey with specific questions  
**[admissions@britishsection.fr](mailto:admissions@britishsection.fr)**