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WELCOME

to the British Section
Primary and Maternelle
Information Meeting
for Prospective Parents

Monday 4th December 2023 10:00-11:30 am



PLEASE WAIT FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN THE EVENT



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Welcome and Introductions



Miss
Susan
Woodward,
Head of Primary



Ms
Gillian Storey
Admissions Officer



Mrs
Caroline
Galliere
Assistant to the
Head of Primary



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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 Chat
- 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



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Benefits of Bilingualism

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



Types of Bilingual Education

- Immersion
- Dual Language Bilingual Education / Two Way bilingual education
- Semi-intensive bilingual education (Heritage Language bilingual education)
- English as a Foreign Language programmes



The British Section in Primary

- 6 hours per week (20% of curricular time) - NOT immersion
- First language English curriculum
- Designed for students with a strong background, regular use and ongoing support in English
- Parents' feedback on their own experience in the British Section and that of their child:
 - Mrs Juliette Eschaliér
 - Mr Jonathan Kaye





The Primary Journey Maternelle 1 to CM2



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The Admissions' Assessment

- Family language profile – regular use and on-going support of English
- Age-appropriate communicative competence: a child who can understand the delivery of the first language curriculum and operate in the classroom in English as if in the UK in a Primary School
- Motivation and resilience
- Audio-clips



Français Spécial

- IMMERSION
 - 80% of the curriculum is in French
 - One-year bridging programme
 - *Lingua Franca* !
- Aptitude tests
- Français Spécial and the Admissions' process from parents' perspective:
 - Mr. Courade and Ms.Song



Parental Support

- Parental effort is required in a persistent and consistent manner regardless of the child's language profile
- All pupils require sustained exposure to English
- Family language planning
- We only have 6 hours a week to teach in English. Children and their families are expected to have exposure to English to enable the child's English to develop outside class time.
- Parent's feedback on their child's time in Primary:
 - Mrs Vanessa Langlois



Bi-lingual and Bi-cultural education goes both ways!

Parents should make every effort to become
French speakers and to develop an
understanding and appreciation of French
education



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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



CM2 about their learning journey ...

I like my primary school because it is great fun meeting new pupils. I learned many new things like Tudors or Victorians in the British Section. All the teachers were very kind to me and I enjoyed my many years in the Lycée International. It's a wonderful school ! (Baptiste)



My experience in primary was amazing! even though I didn't speak any French when I first arrived (CE1 FS), it was fun and easy learning French, In the British Section, I learned new things and improved my English a lot and all while enjoying myself. I made lots of new friends. (Diya)



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The British Section organises Sports Day every year and I have always had fun, even the year when it rained ! We also have a football team! Last year the CM1-CM2 team won the League and this year so far we have won all our matches !
(Matteo)



I am going to miss my primary school.
I loved working here and learning other things. It has been a lovely time in primary. (Céleste)

I really like it here, it's a very fun and interesting school. At first I didn't make the best friends in the world but then I got the best friend group I could ever imagine. I am very grateful to be here in this amazing school. (Olivia)



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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
- We teach language through a topic and book-based approach which delivers a language-rich content
- Curriculum enrichment / Library provision





Acquiring and developing language





‘Talk is at the heart of everything
we do in class
from Maternelle 1 to CM2’



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Our Learner Attributes

To become Super Learners our pupils are:

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



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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.



British Section Classes

- Take place within a context of French state school host schools
- Lycée International: full time français spécial and externé pupils Mat 1 – CM2
- Ecole Félix Eboué full-time CP – CM2
- Ecole Jehan Alain full-time Mat 3



Class Structure

- **Lycée International (Directrice Mme Gagneur)**
 - 1 class Maternelle Grande Section
 - CP to CM2
 - Externé system
 - Français Spécial from CE1 to CM2
- **Ecole Jehan Alain (Directrice Mme Vanel)**
 - Grande Section
- **Ecole Félix Eboué, Le Pecq (Directrice Mme Garesse)**
 - CP to CM2

Class Titles and Equivalent Age Groups

Maternelle 1 (Petite Section)	children born in 2021
Maternelle 2 (Moyenne Section)	2020
Maternelle 3 (Grande Section)	2019
CP	2018
CE1	2017
CE2	2016
CM1	2015
CM2	2014



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



Application

Local deadline is:
Tuesday 19th December 2023

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'



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Steps in the Application Process

- Receipt of application
- Consideration of the dossier
- Appointment for test
- Possible interview / Test
- E-mail from BS to offer a place
- Recommendation to French administration
- Paperwork will follow; please complete this by return of post, if possible (see website)
- If your child is accepted, there is a one-off payment of 1500€
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.



Entrance Interviews, Testing and child's experience in Primary from Parents' Perspective

Parents' feedback:

- Mr. and Mrs. Simpson
 - Mrs. McGregor



Communication

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



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



PTG Welcome Group for New Families

Mr. Owen Poole

PTG Chair

PTG@britishsection.fr

Mrs. Vanessa Langlois

PTG Vice-Chair

ptgvicechair@britishsection.fr

Mrs. Suzanne Jalenques / Mrs. Juliette Eschaliere

Welcome PTG coordinators

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PTG Primary and Maternelle Contact Parent Coordinators

- Mrs. Lucinda de Guilhermier for the Lycée International site

PTG.coordinator.El@britishsection.fr

- Mrs. Juliette Eschalier for Jehan Alain and Félix Eboué sites

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Questions

- Miss. Woodward and Ms. Storey
- Please e-mail Ms. Storey with specific questions (admissions@britishsection.fr)





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JOIN US!