

SECTION INTERNATIONALE NEWS November 2016

**Welcome to the Section Internationale Newsletter. Should you wish to contribute please contact marketing@sectioninternationale.org
We hope you enjoy reading about our Section.**

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome one and all especially new families into our section and trust the children have now fallen into a weekly routine with their English lessons and homework.

We also welcome this year our new CE1 teacher, Nathalie Bliss. It is a great pleasure to have her as part of our teaching team!

Next half term will be busy with the preparation of the Christmas show. The teachers are busily writing scripts ready for the students to learn and perform. So please be prepared to help them learn their lines! The show will be held on [Wednesday 14th December at 7pm](#), so reserve the date! Parent reps will be contacting you for any help needed for the preparation of the evening.

Baker Books' Catalogue : order a book & help to support our library !!



All primary students will receive a Baker Books' Catalogue to browse through during the week after the holiday....so look in their bags !

We hope all families will support our section by ordering at least one book for their children, since we gain a commission of free books on the amount ordered. This is a good way to inspire your child to choose a book of their choice whilst at the same time helping Section Internationale to increase their stock of library books ! All books should be received between two & three weeks of the closing date. It is very simple : just order your books online !

COLLEGE NEWS

Save the date!

Collège Christmas pageant/party dates are as follows:

Collège Pasteur [Friday 9 December 19:30-21:30](#)

Collège Quintinye [Thursday 15 December 19:00-21:00](#)

LYCEE NEWS

There are 40 students in the *Ugevkap* this year, and it is very satisfying to see this steady increase in numbers in Lycée Corneille, now forming a substantial community. We are looking forward to an excellent year in the *Ugevkap*. with Shakespeare workshops planned for January and our popular Drama and poetry evening scheduled for March, in the context of a theme week on 'The Victorians.' We are delighted to report the success of our students in both the OIB and IGCSE exams and also to give news sent by our alumni.

Penny Rosenfeld, Head Lycée Teacher



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IGCSE Stars

Seconde students worked exceptionally hard this year, working on not just one but two IGCSE syllabuses – English Literature and First Language English – leading to two IGCSE exams, in the space of only seven months instead of studying this for two years. The students did comment that they had had a tough year!

Syllabus name	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	Number of students
English Literature	3	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	16
First Language English	5	6	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	19

Section Internationale 'L'w f gpw'kp' Lwp g'4238'gz.co u'cvN(e²g'Eqtpgkmg"

The IGCSE pass grade for a British university is a C and, as can be observed from the table above, our students' hard work paid off as nearly everyone passed, with 19 top grades – either an A or the highest grade, an A*.

Congratulations to Zoé Godard, Claire Lavergne and Titouan Savigny, who all obtained grade A* in English Literature, and to Alicia Berouard, Jade Berouard, Adèle Josserand, Shanti Mabro and Paloma Maldonado, who all obtained grade A in English Literature.

Congratulations to Chloé Adoutte, Zoé Godard, Claire Lavergne, Adèle Josserand and Titouan Savigny who all achieved grade A* in English Language, and to Charlotte Beasucèle, Enora Deveraux, Zac Kendall, Charles Le Gall Powell-Smith, Colin Pequignot and Noah Swan, who all obtained grade A in this exam.

We wish you all the best in your future studies!

Debbie Rattier

OIB 2016

Congratulations to Shannon Bas in obtaining a 'mention bien' in her OIB exam. She is now studying for a B.A. degree in Commerce at University College, Dublin. Shannon writes, "I am enjoying my first weeks! I am very happy with the UCD Campus and have very nice housemates."



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Alumni news

It was wonderful to receive news from some of our class of 2015, our very first OIB alumni, now starting their second year of higher education.

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“After an enriching year and a fab summer, I can say I'm ready to attack the final sprint. This year was pretty special, with very difficult results at first and then a slight improvement, although I must say I was about 30th out of 41 in the class (so good but not great I guess). Prepa, especially Ginette, is very difficult physically, intellectually and emotionally, but as I look back I'm amazed at what I have achieved and how I've managed to hang on.”

Lisa Williamson. *'GDK*Geqrg'f g'Dkqrqi kg'Kpf wur kmg±'Egt i { "*

“I decided in March this year, a month before the second *eqpeqwtu* of medicine, that I did not want to retake the first year. I realised that it is very important to me to have a personal life next to my studies to be fully happy and to stay motivated. Then I discovered the pathway to become a biological engineer. So I applied to EBI, an engineering school specialised in biology and I got in! I am really happy with the school; there is a great sense of community, and I have time to do sports and join a society within the school which tutors *n{e²gpu*. I also got a perfect score in the TOEIC exam on my first try!”

Victor Depois, *Rqtksecn'Uekpeg'cpf 'J kwxqt {. 'OeI kn'Wpkxgt ukx' . 'Ecpcf c "*

“I'm doing great. The year has just begun. My classes are interesting, yet more challenging than last year.”

Emma Ball-Green. *'kt w'f gct 'cv'Eqpeqf kc. 'pqy 'cv'OeI kn'Wpkxgt ukx' . 'Ecpcf c "*

“I have transferred to McGill, majoring in Political Science with a minor in English Literature (Shakespeare had a pretty good impact on me.) Reflecting on the past year at university I can tell that I have learnt loads, whether it is academically or psychologically. (I now know how to pay bills!) I think coming to Canada was the best decision I could have made. I am extremely satisfied by the life I lead here and the routine that structures my days (having more essays and work at home than in class, running, participating in the debate club and hopefully the Model United Nations). If I have made it to McGill today, it is because of the determination I had over the past year, to work with a goal in the back of my mind, maintaining this perseverance the whole way through. What I can proudly say is that 50% of this perseverance was acquired through the OIB.”



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The Events sub-committee is currently headed by Geraldine Favre-Berouard (elected committee member).

The Finance sub-committee and Human Resources sub-committee is composed of
Michelle Josserand (treasurer)
Hervé Besaucele (president)
Marie Carpenter
assisted by Elise Barth (HR and operations manager)

Admissions News

Please note our new email address: admissions@sectioninternationale.org

Our 2017 Admissions season opens in January 2017

Interested in applying to the Section Internationale for a younger sibling?

Curious to find out how to move from the Primary Wednesday programme to Integrated or the Externé programme?

Have friends or family returning to France and searching for bilingual education?

Please feel free to contact Kristina Abadie (07.77.70.34.37) if you have any questions. All details of what you need to provide can be found on our website, under "Admissions". Our current CM2 pupils will receive information shortly about how to apply for our college programme in 6ème.

Our testing dates are as follows:

Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 1:30pm 6ème ONLY

Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 1:30pm Primary, Collège (except 6ème) and Lycée

We have new pupils integrating our Section mid-year in certain classes, a couple having already arrived.

Mid-year entry is not easy; groups and friendships have already been formed, routines have been set up. Going to the canteen on your own or standing alone in the playground can be scary and overwhelming if you are new and coming from a foreign country where things were probably very different. A friendly face and a kind invitation to sit with other pupils can make all the difference.

We will inform you if a new pupil is due to arrive in your child's class and request that you ask your children to try to remember how they felt on their first day of class in a new school. Making these new pupils feel welcome will certainly go a long way towards their successful integration. Thank you.

EVENTS

Back to School Picnic

First event of the the year was our successful Back to School Picnic! An opportunity to make new friends and to renew acquaintances.

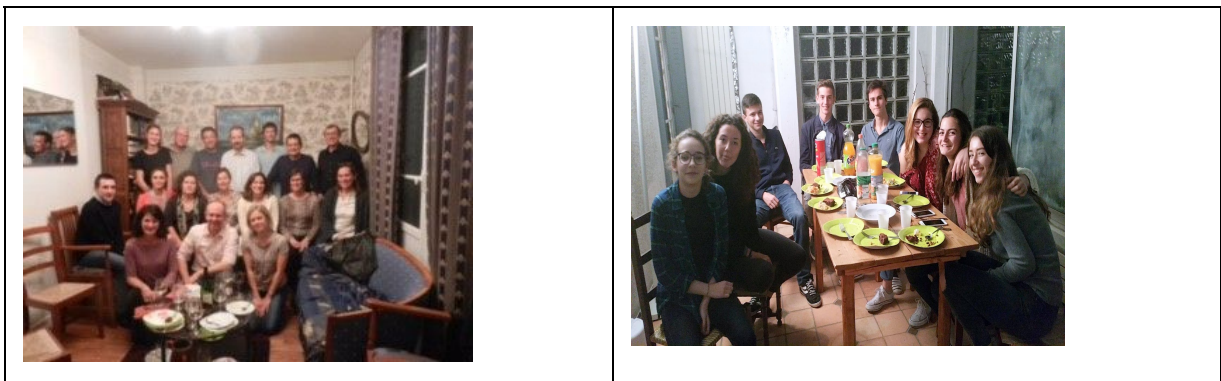


Potluck Dinners

It's the season of all things ghoulish and of course our Potluck Dinners. A few have been held already. Thanks to all the hosts and their guests.

Première Potluck Dinner

The Première potluck dinner was hosted by Alessandra and Jean-Jacques, parents of Charles, on Saturday 22 October. The night before, they also hosted the Seconde Potluck! Very courageous indeed! As can be seen from the photos, there was an excellent turnout, both of parents (pictured) and of students, who were in an adjoining room. It is fascinating to hear all of the international stories that such a group can share.



CM1 Potluck Dinner

The CM1 Potluck took place in Nanterre on Friday 7 October. All parents were there for a successful gathering with homemade makis, gougères, mousse au chocolat and crème renversée. Everybody enjoyed it.

Christelle Dubosq



CM2

The CM2 parents had a really fun evening at Anne and Alexandre Baubert's house. We had delicious bbq'd brochettes, wonderful quiches, butternut soup, apple pie, chocolate mousse.... just to mention a few mouthwatering dishes brought by the wonderful CM2 parents.



Noisy 5ème

Good time and good conversation were had in Noisy at the 5e potluck dinner on Friday November 11th. Only 5 families out of 8 could make it on that date, so let's hope we will have other opportunities to meetNext chance on December 16 at the Christmas party !

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CE2 Potluck Dinner



3ème Potluck



Potluck dinners to look forward to:

Potluck dinners for CE1 Wednesday program. CE2, CM1 and CM2 have been arranged.
4ème & 5ème Pasteur Friday 2nd December

