

International Section: From 6° to Terminale

Objectives of the International Section

Encouraging the development of the language of English-speaking students and enabling non-English-speaking students to practice English thoroughly and aim for a mother tongue level

- Promoting the transmission of the cultural and literary heritage of English-speaking countries
- Offering the experience of a pedagogical approach typical of Great Britain, in addition to the French curriculum
- Preparing and ensuring the success of students in the British and French exams of the International Section

International Section is very demanding for students

- Skills in English and French
- The student must be able to follow a demanding school schedule
- The family must be supportive in this project

Opting out of International Section

Once admitted in International Section, the student will continue his/her schooling in this class. However, students can opt out the program at the end of each year either on educational team or family demand except between 3e & 2nde and between 1ère & Terminale

Exams

DNB OI: Diplôme National du Brevet Option Internationale (Secondary Junior School certificate, International Option)

Two oral tests in language & literature and in history geography are added to the tests of the classical French DNB

IGCSE: International General Certificate of Secondary Education

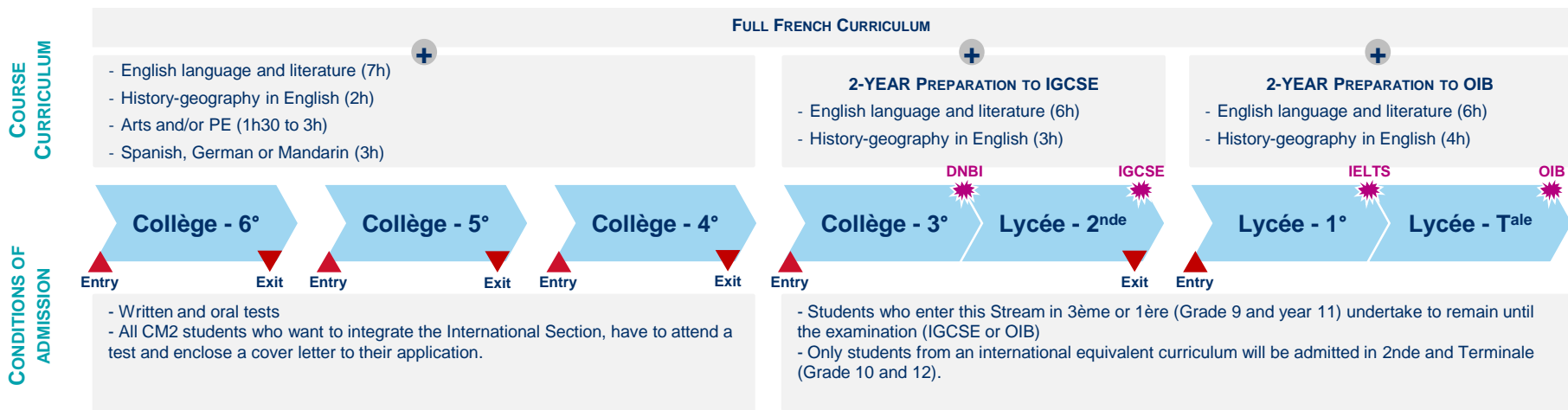
- Equivalent O level GCE (Ordinary level General Certificate of Education).
- Minimum level of education to gain access to higher education in the United Kingdom or to qualify for a job

IELTS: International English Language Testing System (substitute for TOEFL)

English language test jointly administered by the University of Cambridge, the British Council and the Australian IDP Education Organisation

OIB: French Baccalaureate, International Option (not to be confused with the IB International Baccalaureate)

- Written tests of LV1 and history geography are replaced by written and oral tests in literature and history geography in English.
- Bilingual and bicultural baccalauréat , where English is at the same level as French, and where history and geography combine the curriculum of two countries.



➤ Application

Application for current IFS pupils

- The application is done through the « fiche navette ».
- A notification will be sent by the educational team to attend the written test.
- After the written test, an opinion will be delivered : very favourable and favourable student is admitted in International section), réservé (the student need to attend an oral test) and not favourable student is not admitted

Application for new students

- Once the enrollment is confirmed, parents will have to fill in the « fiche navette» which is listing the options the pupil wants to study.
- Pupils will be asked to attend a test.

➤ Admission tests for the International Section

Admission in 6°, 5° & 4° (Grade 6, 7 & 8)

A written test of 60 minutes (in 6° - Grade 6) and 90 minutes (5° & 4° - Grades 7 & 8):

- Candidates will have to read an excerpt from a fictional text and answer questions of understanding and interpretation
- They will have to write an imaginary sequel to the excerpt read

An oral test of 5 minutes - ***candidates must already be fluent in English***

- Candidates should be prepared to talk about their motivation for studying in the SI section and the place of English in their life.
- Candidates may too be asked to read a small section of the reading text (from the written test) aloud with some follow-up questions.

Admission in 3° (Grade 9)

A written test of 120 minutes:

- Candidates will have to read a passage from a text and answer comprehension and interpretation questions
- Read and closely analyse from a choice of two texts (poem or prose) without any preparation).

An oral test of 5 minutes - ***candidates must already be fluent in English***

- Candidates should be prepared to talk about their motivation for studying in the SI section and the place of English in their life
- They may be asked to read a text aloud and then they will be asked questions on this text.

Admission in 1°(Grade 11)

A written test of 120 minutes:

- Candidates will be given a thought provoking text to read that is related to language and literature
- They will have to choose between two subjects and write an essay.

An oral test of 10 minutes-***candidates must already be fluent in English***

- Candidates will be asked about their motivation for taking the OIB, and to articulate what they hope to do in the future.
- They should also be prepared to discuss the content of their written essay.