



THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SECTION: AN OVERVIEW

The British International Section is a bilingual, bicultural program set up by the French Ministry of Education in cooperation with the United Kingdom and Cambridge International Education. It is unique as it integrates into the French system not only the language, but also the culture and pedagogical approach of the partner country. The extra hours that are specific to the Section, are added to the compulsory subjects taught in French. It is possible to join the Section from the CE1 class.

BFI SPECIFIC FEATURES

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Language and literature classes from CE1 au CM2 (1,5h)

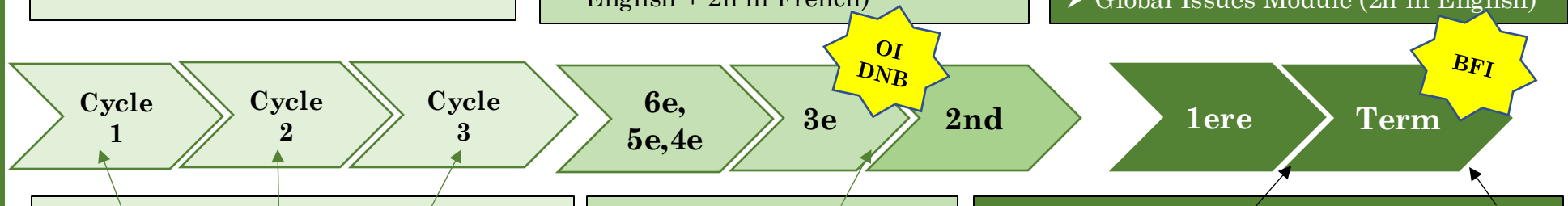
(*added to the *EMILE* hours)

SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Language and literature classes from 6e to 2nd (4h) (*added to the *LVA* hours)
- History and geography (2h in English + 2h in French)

1ERE+TERMINALE

- ACL: Language, Culture and Literature classes in English (4h30 in 1ere / 4h en Terminale / no more LVA classes)
- History and geography (2h in English + 2h in French)
- Global Issues Module (2h in English)



- **Literature:** *in-depth knowledge of the cultural and literary heritage of English-speaking countries*
- **History-Geography:** *French syllabus combining the historical and geographical specificities of the section's country*

- **In 3eme:** *two oral exams (Literature and History-Geography) in English*
- *+ in addition to all compulsory exams in French (DNB).*

- **BFI** prepared in 1ere and Terminale
- International version of the French baccalaureate.
- Bilingual qualification (*examinations equivalent to British A-Levels in LL*)
- Partnership with **Cambridge International Education** (*syllabus design and exam assessment*)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND ADMISSION TESTS

- Applications in SIB are submitted at the same time as enrolments and re-registrations each year.
- The application form will be available to download from the school's website at the start of the enrolment campaign.
- Admission tests are held at the beginning of April each year.
- The Language Commission, responsible for examining applications, meets at the end of May.
- Families are informed of the results by e-mail.

ADMISSION TEST: DESCRIPTION

Class/level	Skills assessed	Description	Time
Primary school	Reading + Listening + speaking	Interview with the section teachers, followed by comprehension questions on a short text.	5-10 minutes
6e 5e	Reading Writing	Reading comprehension of an adapted text, comprehension questions, language and grammar questions and written production.	60 minutes
4e 3e	Reading Writing	Reading comprehension of an adapted text, comprehension questions, literary questions and written production.	90 minutes
2nd	Reading and writing exam in Language and literature	<u>Critical analysis of an unseen text</u> : students are assessed on the ideas presented and their ability to communicate them in the target language.	90 minutes
1 ^{ère} BFI	Reading + writing in Language and literature + interview	<u>Critical analysis of an unseen text</u> : students are assessed on the ideas presented and their ability to communicate them in the target language.	90 minutes 10 minutes

THE BFI: COEFFICIENTS

FRENCH BACCALAUREATE = coefficient 100	
Internal assessment = 40 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LVA (6) - LVB (6) - History and geography (6) - Civic Education (2) - Sciences(6) - PE (6) - Major 3 (8) 	Final exams = 60 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French (10) - Philosophy (8) - Major 1 (16) - Major 2 (16) - Final Oral (10)

BFI (Bilingual version) = coefficient 148 → BFI specific exams: 60/148 → 40,5% of the total grade	
Internal assessment = 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LVB (6) - Sciences (6) - Civic Education (2) - PE (6) - Major 3 (8) 	Final exams = 120 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French (10) - Philosophy (8) - Major 1 (16) - Major 2 (16) - Final Oral (10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACL in English (coefficient 20: 10 written exam /10 oral exam) * • Global Issues in English (coefficient 20 – oral exam) ** • History and Geography in English (coefficient 20: 10 written exam /10 oral exam) *

* The subject assessed in the final exam does not appear in the internal assessment but replaces the its grades.

** The Global Issues module, prepared in 1ere and Terminale, is assessed internally, at the end of the Terminale year.