



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)

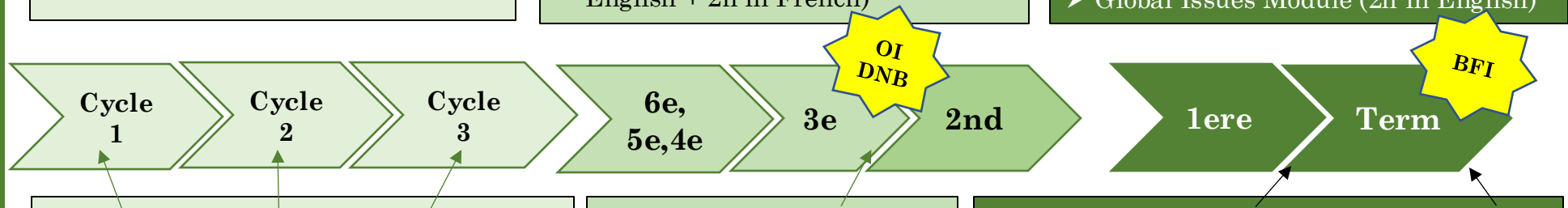
(*added to the *EMILE* hours)

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 a text in English, 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	
<p>Internal assessment = 40</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LVA (6) - LVB (6) - History and geography (6) - Civic Education (2) - Sciences(6) - PE (6) - Major 3 (8) 	<p>Final exams = 60</p> <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	
<p>Internal assessment = 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LVB (6) - Sciences (6) - Civic Education (2) - PE (6) - Major 3 (8) 	<p>Final exams = 120</p> <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 its grades.*

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



HOW TO APPLY

1. Application form

- Download from the school's website and complete.
- Calendar: follows the LFID enrolment calendar (**March 30th, 2025**)
- EDUKA: Don't forget to select/tick the '*International Section*' box.

2. Admission test

- Compulsory for 6eSIB applicants
- Calendar: **April 9th, 2025**
- Exemplar test: see next page

Language requirement
for admission in 6e
SIB: B1

3. Results and validation of SIB enrolment

- Examination of the applications and admission tests by the Language Commission (end of May)
- The results will be visible on Eduka
- Families are informed by e-mail of the Language Commission's decision.

Reading

Name:..... School:..... Country:

SECTION 2: READING (8 pts)

1/35



How to Train your Dragon

Based on a book by Cressida Cowell, *How to Train Your Dragon* is a movie about a scrawny, weak Viking boy named Hiccup who doesn't fit in with the rest of the adolescent Vikings who have names like Ruffnut, Tuffnut, and Snotlout. Hiccup is too little and too different from the other teenagers. They are all sent on a test where they have to capture and train a dragon. The toughest Viking in the group is a girl named Astrid. She is not in the book at all, but they added her into the movie because they thought it would be fun to have a girl character who is just as strong as the boy Vikings.

What is your favourite thing about Astrid?

America Ferrara: I loved being the voice behind Astrid because she was ready to fight with the boys and play with those dragons. I think it's good that the movie never really makes a big deal out of it; that's just how it is. She is the best young fighting dragon player and nobody ever says "You're a girl, so it's ridiculous that you are a fighter."

Reading comprehension - questions

A. Answer the following complete sentences (8 pts).

- 1. Who is the main character of the movie? What is his problem?

- 2. How does America Ferrara describe Astrid?

- 3. How is Astrid different from America Ferrara's other characters?

- 4. What is Astrid like? How does America describe her? *Justify with the text.*

- 5. What is Astrid's goal in the movie?

- 6. What is historically incorrect about the movie?

- 7. How is Astrid still a hero?

- 8. What message does America say is in the movie?

B. Circle the right answer (5 pts):

- 1. The dragon is hiding _____ the cave.
A. on B. in C. under D. around
- 2. Hiccup lived _____ a village.
A. on B. in C. under D. around
- 3. Hiccup was afraid _____ dragons.
A. of B. off C. about D. for
- 4. The dragon couldn't fly _____ Hiccup fixed his broken wing.
A. before B. when C. after D. because
- 5. Hiccup is very good _____ speaking to dragons.
A. For B. in C. of D. at

Language - grammar



C. Circle the mistake in each sentence and re-write them correctly (5 pts).

- 1. Is you going to see the movie?

SECTION 3: WRITING (12 pts-cf Grid)

Imagine you are Hiccup and write a letter to Astrid, AFTER the test they had to catch and train a dragon (150-200 words).

You can include the following aspects in your letter:

- talk about the test and how scary it was for you
- tell her about your life, as a Viking who is different from the others
- say how much you admire her and her strength.

Dear Astrid,

Writing

SAMPLE SYLLABUS – 6^E SIB

6^{ème} International Section Syllabus

Skills – Cycle 3 English Literature

1. Spoken Interaction

- 1a) I can understand an oral message, presentation or text
- 1b) I take my audience into account when speaking
- 1c) I contribute to oral presentations and debates

2. Reading

- 2a) I can read and understand texts independently
- 2b) I can read, analyse and interpret texts with reference to their literary elements

3. Writing

- 3a) I can produce a written text following a specific form
- 3b) I can use language, syntax and literary devices to creatively and clearly express myself
- 3c) I can use the P.E.A. structure to build an essay

4. Becoming a Student of Literature

- 4a) I can identify the cultural and historical context of literary works
- 4b) I can recognize and create links across various artistic domains
- 4c) I can identify and support themes using evidence from a text

Unit 1: Prose				
Main Ideas	Resources	Country	Final Tasks	Skills
	Novel <i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar Non-fiction/poetry pairings: <i>Feathers</i> by Anonymous <i>Identity</i> by Julio Noboa	USA	1. Diaries, letters and informative writing. 2. Extract based question, exploring how the character of Stanley has changed and developed.	2a, 3a, 3b 2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4c
	Novel <i>Boy</i> by Roald Dahl Non-fiction pairings: Author Biography Mini documentary about boarding schools in the UK in the 1900s	England Wales	1. Give a persuasive speech about corporal punishment in schools 2. Write an amusing revenge story based on the one in the novel 3. Extract based essay - 'How does Dahl create tension at this moment in the novel?'	1a, 1b, 1c, 3a, 3b 3a, 3b, 4b 2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4c

Themes:
 - Friendship
 - Childhood
 - Transformation
 - Prejudice
 - Fate
 - Cruelty and fairness
 - Autobiography

Unit 2: Drama

Main Ideas	Resources	Country	Final Tasks	Skills
Introduction: -Intro to Shakespeare -Intro to language -Intro to the characters & the play	Non-Fiction: Biographies/ articles about: Shakespeare and the Globe Digital Resources: BBC William Shakespeare (video) Much Ado About Nothing floccabulary (video)	UK	Make a freeze frame tableau depicting the main scenes of the play	4a, 4b, 4c
Themes: - Love - Deception/truth - Communication - Identity	Play: <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> by William Shakespeare	UK	1. Write a PEA paragraph about Beatrice or Benedick 2. Write a response to Beatrice's agony aunt letter 3. Write an essay answering the question "How are the women in the play "MAAN" treated by their men?" 4. Create your own Shakespearean comedy	3b, 3c 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b 2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4c 1a, 1b, 1c, 3a, 4c

Unit 3: Poetry

Main Ideas	Resources	Country	Final Tasks	Skills
Introduction: What is poetry? Literary Devices	Digital Resources: "What is Poetry" video by shmoop.com "The Moth's Plea" by Elizabeth Jennings	England	Identify poetic techniques in a song or poem of their choice	2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c
Themes: - Identity - Childhood - Expression - Creativity	Poetry: "The Chimney Sweeper" by William Blake "Do not stand at my grave" by Mary Elizabeth Frye "Quieter than snow" by Berlie Doherty Selection of Haiku and Limerick "Five things about the lake" by Flora De Falbe "The Mirror" by Sylvia Plath "Strict" by Michael Rosen	England USA Japan Ireland	1. Write poetry following the set forms to be featured in the yearbook 2. Write two PEA paragraphs comparing how poets create imagery in their poems	3a, 3b 2a, 2b, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4c

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE – 6^E SIB

Lycée Français International Marguerite DURAS

	lundi	mardi	mercredi	jeudi	vendredi
8h05	ANGLAIS LVA SMITH C. S101	FRANCAIS VUILLERMET X. S109		PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE HO N. S121	EDUCATION MUSICALE INCARDONA S. S106 MUS
9h00	FRANCAIS VUILLERMET X. S109	ARTS PLASTIQUES POTIER A. S114 Arts Pla	EPS EGO B. EPS	FRANCAIS VUILLERMET X. S109	MATHEMATIQUES BENAMAR R. S108
10h00	Langue et Littérature en langue de section Anglais LIM J. SP102	ANGLAIS LVA SMITH C. SP101		MATHEMATIQUES BENAMAR R. S136	FRANCAIS VUILLERMET X. S109
11h00	Langue et Littérature en langue de section Anglais LIM J. SP102	Hist-Géo en Langue de Section (Anglais) GORDON N. SP102	Langue et Littérature en langue de section Anglais LIM J. S108	HIST-GEO EMC SYBILLIN E. S135	Hist-Géo en Langue de Section (Anglais) GORDON N. SP102
12h00					
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13h05		SVT BOUVET C. S120	MATHEMATIQUES BENAMAR R. S010 info	ANGLAIS LVA SMITH C. S012	
14h00	EPS EGO B. EPS	PHYSIQUE-CHIMIE HO N. S126		ANGLAIS LVA SMITH C. SP101	
14h00		FRANCAIS VUILLERMET X. S109		ACCOMPAGNEMENT PERSONNALISE HESS C. S107	MATHEMATIQUES BENAMAR R. S116 MATHS
15h00	MATHEMATIQUES BENAMAR R. S137	VIETNAMIEN OBLIGATOIRE LAM T. S110		VIETNAMIEN OBLIGATOIRE LAM T. S110	SVT BOUVET C. S131
16h00	HIST-GEO EMC SYBILLIN E. S012	Langue et Littérature en langue de section Anglais LIM J. SP102		VIE DE CLASSE VUILLERMET X. S109	Langue et Littérature en langue de section Anglais LIM J. S011
17h00					