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FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The BFI and the British International Section

Additional information — going further

Exact dates (registration, tests, results) are communicated each year by the school and are not included in this document.

From primary to Terminale, level by level

Level	What it adds to the pathway
Primary (CE1 – CM2)	Language and literature lessons (1.5h/week), in addition to CLIL (EMILE) lessons.
Collège and Seconde (6e – 2nde)	Language and literature lessons (4h/week, in addition to LVA — modern language A — lessons); DNL (non-language subject) History-Geography (2h in English + 2h in French).
Final cycle (Première – Terminale)	Literature / ACL — Approfondissement Culturel et Linguistique, i.e. in-depth cultural and linguistic study (4h30 in Première, 4h in Terminale); DNL History-Geography (2h + 2h); Global Issues (Connaissance du Monde) module (2h).

In 3e, students in the section sit two specific oral exams (literature and history-geography) in the target language, in addition to all the standard Brevet exams (DNBI).

Example of an annual curriculum — 6e SIB

By way of illustration, here is how a year of 6e SIB literature can be organised around three thematic units:

Unit	Themes	Content (example)
Unit 1 — Prose	Identity, family, transformation	Study of novels (*e.g. Holes by Louis Sachar, A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness*) and related non-fiction texts.
Unit 2 — Drama	Love, misunderstanding, communication	Introduction to Shakespeare through an accessible play (*e.g. Much Ado About Nothing*), with writing tasks and staging.
Unit 3 — Poetry	Identity, nature, expression	Comparative study of poems by several authors (*UK, USA, Jamaica*), poetic techniques and creative writing.

This programme is an example; the exact content (texts, themes) may change from one year to the next according to the teaching programme.

Weekly hours by subject: core curriculum and SIB additions

CORE CURRICULUM (NATIONAL PROGRAMME)

Subject	Hours / week
French	4h30
Mathematics	4h30
Modern language A (English)	4h
History-Geography-EMC	3h
Life and Earth Sciences (SVT)	1h30
Physics-Chemistry	1h30
Visual arts	1h
Music	1h
PE	4h
Total core curriculum	**25h**

National 6e timetable, French Ministry of Education (2026-2027).

SIB-SPECIFIC HOURS (ADDITIONAL)

- **Language and literature**

  4h / week, in addition to LVA (English) lessons.

- **DNL History-Geography**

  2h in English + 2h in French: 1 extra hour

The national programme remains the foundation of the week; SIB hours are added on top, according to the school's own organisation.

The three components of the BFI

The BFI is prepared only in the final cycle (Première and Terminale). It is the international version of the French baccalauréat: the BFI-specific exams are equivalent to British A-Levels, in partnership with Oxford AQA.

Component	Content	Exam format
Literature - ACL (*Approfondissement Culturel et Linguistique*)	Set programme of 6 complete works (prose, drama, poetry including Shakespeare) — 3 for the written exam, 3 for the oral.	Written: 4h (choice of 2 topics per work). Oral: 15 min (20 min preparation), on the chosen literary movement.
DNL History-Geography	Ministry / Oxford AQA programme — e.g. democracy and totalitarianism (1930-1945), the bipolar world, maritime zones, territorial dynamics.	Written: 4h (choice of 2 topics, essay + document study). Oral: 15 min (20 min preparation), a problem question and a notion drawn by lot.
Global Issues - CDM (*Connaissance du Monde*)	Individual project developed with an international partner, around three thematic gateways: Thinking about society, Living in the world, Building the future.	Oral: 20 min (no preparation) — 10-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute discussion with the examiners, in the section language.

Why choose the BFI? — Coefficients

- A pathway of linguistic excellence leading to a near-bilingual command of English (C1/C2).
- A specific mention on the baccalauréat diploma, with enhanced coefficients.
- Dedicated flagging on Parcoursup and on European and English-speaking platforms.
- UK recognition equivalent to 4 A-Levels, and frequent exemption from language entrance tests for higher education.

COEFFICIENTS IN THE BACCALAURÉAT

The standard general baccalauréat has a coefficient total of 100. The BFI has a total coefficient of 148 (the BFI exams alone account for 40.5%).

BFI-specific exam	Coeff.
Approfondissement Culturel et Linguistique (LVA)	20 (10 written / 10 oral)
DNL History-Geography (LVA)	20 (10 written / 10 oral)
Connaissance du Monde (LVA)	20 (oral)
Total BFI-specific exams	**60**

The subject assessed in the BFI final exam replaces the corresponding continuous-assessment mark.

Test structure and duration, level by level

Level	Test structure	Skills assessed	Duration
Primary	Oral interview with the section's teachers, then comprehension questions on a short text.	Listening comprehension, spoken expression, fluency in speaking.	5–10 min
6e / 5e	1. Reading comprehension (adapted text + questions) — 2. Language and grammar — 3. Written expression (short guided composition).	Reading comprehension, command of the language, ability to produce a simple, coherent text.	60 min
4e / 3e	1. In-depth reading and comprehension — 2. Guided literary analysis — 3. Writing task.	Close comprehension, first tools of literary analysis, structured written expression.	90 min
Seconde	Critical analysis of an unseen text (prose or poetry), organised around several lines of commentary (themes, imagery, viewpoints, tone, structure).	Ability to build an independent literary analysis and to argue in writing.	90 min
Première BFI	1. Written critical analysis of an unseen text — 2. Individual oral interview.	Written literary analysis, spoken expression and argumentation in the target language.	90 + 10 min

The language level required for entry into 6e SIB is B1. The text used in the test changes every year: this table presents the general structure of the test, not its content.

Admission Procedure

1

Application file

To be downloaded from the school website, at the same time as annual enrolment or re-enrolment. Do not forget to tick the “International Section” box on Eduka.

2

Entrance test

Compulsory for all applicants to the section.

3

Language Committee

The file and entrance test are reviewed by the Language Committee.

4

Result

Families are informed of the Language Committee's decision by email.

The exact calendar (opening of registration, test date, Language Committee meeting) is published each year by the school.

Going further

- **ASIBA**

  Association in charge of the British International Sections and the BFI — asiba.fr

- **BFI Central (FR / EN)**

  General information site on the BFI — bficentral.org

- **UCAS — Qualification Information Profile**

  Information profile for the BFI qualification — qips.ucas.com