#### **JULY 2019**



# SECTION INTERNATIONALE HIGHLIGHTS

### NEWS, EVENTS AND PICTURES!

### Wishing you a great summer







### A word from the Section's President

Dear parents,



This school year is coming to an end and we are proud of our teachers and students, a team work that has proven successful.

I'm happy to share the Section Internationale highlights for this year with you:

- increasing number of students: from 220 in 2015 to 260 this year,
- continuous work to streamline processes and procedures,
- efficient recruitment process to achieve a high quality teaching all along the year,
- a new networking event: the now famous Quiz Night,
- an Anglais Après La Classe Program (AALC) up to full speed,

- more and more extra-curricular activities for our SI students, such as the new Theatre Workshop in Primary Pasteur,

- our new website for increased visibility: http://sectioninternationale.org

Our strategy for next year stays the same:

- build and expand a bilingual and multi-cultural education programme, integrated into the French school system from Maternelle to Baccalauréat,

- with all mother-tongue English-speaking, certified teachers,
- an optimised students/teacher ratio,
- a high level of implication by volunteers to keep operating costs and fees down.

I have enjoyed being involved as a volunteer parent and taking part in the development of the SI for the last 6 years. After all these years spent at the Committee level, I have decided to step down to let other parents take the lead.

If you're interested in helping the SI further development, please do call me (06 37 81 71 83) or Yvonne, our Vice-President (07 86 10 44 45) to discuss what your involvement could be. We really need help of new volunteer parents, be it for (punctual) annual social events or on a more strategic level !

Wishing you enjoyable summer holidays. Enjoy some well deserved rest and recovery before meeting up again on **Sunday, 1st September, for the 2019 Back to School Picnic at Lycée Corneille. And at the AGM on Thursday, 26th September 2019.** 

Marie-Hélène Godinot President - Section Internationale

#### **Call for volunteers**

If you feel committed to the Section and are willing to help, please do not hesitate to contact our Vice President Yvonne Rémond-Murphy (vp@sectioninternationale.org)

### OIB REVISION DAYS



#### by Ann King

Early in March and then in May, the Terminale students profited from the annual OIB revision days, first for English Literature and then for History-Geography. These days are designed to kickstart the revision process and help the students see where they need to focus their revising.

The Literature revision weekend was once again conducted by Paddy Salmon, former head of the SIS English Department, who now runs OIB revision and English courses from his home in Normandy. With a focus on the written part of the exam, Paddy's wealth of knowledge and experience helped the students develop more skill and confidence with the critical appreciation part in particular.

The History-Geography revision days were conducted by Mrs Rattier and Mr Shepherd, who took turns to revise key sections of the HG OIB course and carry out simultaneous oral exam practice with each student. Last minute details and questions were supplied with the ultimate goal of getting students to form their own "Big Picture" view of the syllabus.

It wasn't all hard work though. The afternoons were fueled by a pizza lunch and frequent tea and biscuit breaks. Several variations of table tennis enlivened the breaks.

Then it was on to the written exams at the beginning of June and the oral exams at the end of June – the culmination of two years of study and learning covering a wide variety of texts, periods and issues.











### **GRADUATION** 3 ème

BY ORLA GLEESON-COHEN & TERI BILLON

The joint Pasteur and la Quintinye 3eme Graduation party was held at Les Anciennes Ecuries in Noisy Le Roi for the second year running.

A lovely venue, great performances from the kids and a friendly gettogether during the buffet. Our 3emes were definitely sent off in style!





# BROCANTE DU FEUILLAUME

BY YVONNE RÉMOND-MURPHY

Some photos of our fantastic day out for the Brocante du Feuillaume last Sunday 23rd of June. We raised a total of €162.50. Thanks to the great sales techniques of my fabulous team Marie, Orla, Lynne, Nezha, Tina and Alex.

Looking forward to taking part in the Brocante du Bourg on the 8th of September and the Brocante at Noisy le Roi on Sunday 22nd of September.

Help is always appreciated if you can volunteer one hour or two to cover meal and refreshment breaks, set up or tidy up on the day! Remember 1€ a book. You just can't beat our prices!







## ANGLAIS APRES LA CLASSE

By Marie Carpenter



For the first time, five of our little pupils sat the very first Cambridge exam, 'Starters'. All were very pleased with the experience and are planning to sit the 'Movers' exam next.

We hope to have many more pupils sign up for the Cambridge Pre-Al cycle in years to come.

### The test for newcomers (apart from CE1) is on Wednesday, 11th of September 2019.

Some places may still be available at the 'Journée des Associations' (Noisy Le Roi on 7 September, LCSC on 8 September 2019)

### Classes start on Wednesday, 18th of September

Families can contact us at: aalc@sectioninternationale.org



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?



### by Zoé Godard

I am now studying at the University of Birmingham in England, which I was able to do thanks to the OIB – not only does it knock off marks in universities' offers but you don't have to prove your ability to speak English and it is a great pro in your personal statement. Even if you remain in France, the OIB is an advantage in your dossier – it shows that you have a good work ethic, perseverance and are open to new ideas.

I really enjoyed the section, even though it was hard work, it payed off – it gave me a much broader view on the world, I discovered passions I had no clue about before and it helped me form my own opinions. I always thought the teaching methods were what made it; it is open minded, pushes you to think out of the box, think for yourself.

The OIB is more than just a programme, it helps you grow and develop as a person. And of course, there is the whole experience of putting on shows – there is so much to gain from the OIB that would simply not be accessible by just doing the French bac. In my final year, a friend and I were even able to direct the play; we adapted the script, chose the cast and co-directed. I learnt a lot from my years in the section, including how to defend my own views and join in debates, work in groups, engage in discussion about a wide variety of topics... It prepared me for life after the bac and got me to study abroad. It gave me so many post bac options – the hardest part was choosing!



Section Internationale La Celle-Saint-Cloud – Noisy Le Roi

### BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC





Sunday 1st September 2019 12.00 - 15.00



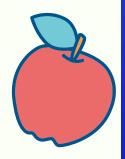
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What families can bring 6<sup>ème</sup> to Terminale: savoury and wine GS to CM2 : sweet dishes and soft drinks



Come to meet old and new families from Grande Section to Terminale



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### JOIN US!

The next Committee meeting is on September the 12th 2019!

The AGM is on September the 26th 2019!



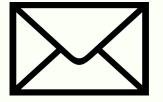
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