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A Message from the Board

Volunteers Needed!



The Section is currently in need of more Committee members who will be elected at the next Annual General Meeting on 23 September 2021 in Salle Charles de Gaulle in La Celle Saint Cloud. We would like the next Committee to include a head of the **Marketing Subcommittee** and a head of the **Events Subcommittee**, as well as an administrator of the SI **email accounts and website**. These positions would be in addition to the Executive Committee and parent representatives.

Please find other examples of volunteer opportunities, as well as contact information, listed below. The *Section Internationale* cannot continue without parent volunteers, and the more volunteers we have (whether on the Committee or not), the more we will be able to accomplish. Please consider volunteering your time for the benefit of our Section.

Lynne Mphande, Executive Committee Secretary

Looking for **Parent**
Volunteers!

SI is always looking for volunteers. Be it as an Executive Committee member, parent rep, Facebook group administrator or virtual game host, giving your time is vital to the *Section Internationale*.

Contact: vp@sectioninternationale.org

Secondary News

Graduation and Beyond



Bac results were released and graduation was held on Tuesday 6 July 2021. After months of uncertainty, ever-evolving exam formats and anxiety, the ceremony was a cathartic celebration. Families, friends, town hall representatives, and school staff shared the graduates' joy.

The *Section Internationale* continues to have a 100% success rate on the *bac*. All fifteen graduates received a *mention*: three *assez bien*, seven *bien*, three *très bien* and two *très bien avec félicitations du jury*.

Mrs Semeria, *lycée* head, and Mrs Lallemand and Mrs Christ, assistant heads, gave a warm welcome and announced the results.

Mrs Remond-Murphy, President of the *Section Internationale*, thanked various contributors to the success of the Section and the graduates. Mrs King adapted Lord Byron's poetry to the occasion, and Julia Sockett provided an entertaining student perspective on the secondary school years.

Last, but not least, was the much anticipated presentation of the cacti. Mr Shepherd, Mrs Rattier and Mr Pera gave a short speech about each graduate along with a cactus that reflected their unique personality and talents. Why a cactus? What other plant stands a chance of surviving a university environment?

The traditional signing of the UK flag and photo shoot was followed by a cocktail on the *lycée* terrace organised by Alexandra Denizet, Morgane Raingeard-Bigot and Elise Barth.



Above: Left and right, new graduates pose with the symbolic cacti that will accompany them during their future studies. Centre, the UK flag, complete with grads' signatures.

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Below: The SI Class of 2021 holding their diplomas after the ceremony on 6 July 2021.



Six of this year's graduates will pursue higher education in England: Dauphine London–PSL (economics and management), Derby (international relations and diplomacy), Exeter (law), Glasgow (mechanical engineering), Portsmouth (biology), and Southampton (English language and linguistics).

For those studying in France, four will be doing *prépas* in the Paris area: Lycée Hoche (MP2I), Lycée Jeanne d'Albret (MPSI), Lycée Lakanal (BL) and Lycée Sainte Geneviève (MPSI). One SI graduate will be studying engineering at the University of Technology at Compiègne. Two will pursue business studies at ESCP and ESSEC; one will pursue medicine at Université de Paris Saclay Mineure. On the artistic side, one student will be attending both ESRA (Ecole supérieure de réalisation audiovisuelle) and Cours Florent.

We look forward to following the next adventures of the Class of 2021!

Ann King, Head Secondary Teacher



Above: Examples of the wide range of French and international *classe préparatoire* and university destinations for the Section's fifteen Class of 2021 graduates.

Secondary, continued

Graduating from Collège



This year's joint La Quintinye and Pasteur Graduation Ceremony took place at Salle George Lemaire in Bailly on 15 June 2021. Céline and Orla, the parent representatives from our two partner *collèges*, teamed up to organise the evening, taking into account restrictions due to the sanitary situation.

After a short speech from the representatives, English Literature Teacher Debbie Rattier and SI President Yvonne Rémond Murphy presented the proud *collège* graduates with certificates for their achievements during their *Section Internationale* studies. The main thrust of the speeches that followed was that whatever the path taken by *3èmes* upon graduating, their time in the Section would help prepare them for the future.

Then our *3èmes* put on a show that left us with no doubts of their many talents! Truly delightful singing, poetry readings and an entertaining group dance were met with enthusiastic applause!

Although the ceremony was quieter than usual (due to Covid restrictions), our *3èmes* and their families were unanimous in their praise of the event! A lovely time was shared by all.

What better way to mark the end of the *collège* years and send our *3èmes* off to *lycée*!

Orla Gleeson, 2017-2021 Collège Pasteur Parent Rep



Above, left to right: Section Internationale President of the Board Yvonne Rémond Murphy and English Literature Teacher Debbie Rattier at the collège graduation ceremony.

Left: Collège graduates holding up their diplomas after the ceremony on 15 June 2021.

Primary News

Pre-Summer Fun

à l'anglaise



On Wednesday 16 June 2021, the Wednesday primary pupils enjoyed their last day of class outdoors at Pasteur Primary School. Our traditional 'Fun Day'—or Sports Day, as custom calls for in Great Britain—took place amidst bright sunshine and smiles galore.

Team games using balls, bean bags, hoops, cones and water made for a fun-filled morning, with students only pausing to enjoy a festive snack provided by parents.

Our *CM2* students left their primary years behind them with a certificate and good wishes from us all.

We wish all students moving on to new schools all the very best.

Ruth Hasid, Head Primary Teacher



Above: CE2 Wednesday students had fun participating in traditional Sports Day activities at Pasteur Primary School.

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Primary, continued



The primary staff hopes that everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September and hearing your news. Make sure the summer homework has been completed and the necessary school supplies have been purchased before the first lessons.

Integrated/External programme:

French school starts on Thursday 1 September.

Section Internationale classes will begin the week of Monday 6 September.

CP: Mrs Caroline Adema

Monday, 1.30 pm–4.30pm and Tuesday, 1.30 pm–4.30 pm

CE1: Mrs Sunny Hamichi

Monday, 1.30 pm–4.30pm and Thursday, 1.30 pm–4.30 pm

CE2: Mrs Janine Szabronski

Tuesday, 8.30 am–11.30 am and Thursday, 1.30 pm–4.30 pm

CM1 INT: Mrs Tulay Wardle

Tuesday, 8.30 am–11.30 am and Thursday, 1.30 pm–4.30 pm

CM1 EXT: Mrs Tulay Wardle

Tuesday, 1.30 pm–4.30 pm and Thursday, 8.30 am–11.30am

CM2: Mrs Ruth Hasid

Tuesday, 1.30 pm–4.30 pm and Thursday, 8.30 am–11.30 am



Wednesday classes will begin on Wednesday 8 September, 9 am–noon.

All classes take place at Ecole Élémentaire Pasteur,
3 Ave Auguste Dutreux, La Celle St Cloud, 78170.



PRIMARY

SI Volunteers



On 16 June 2021, the last day of class for the Wednesday programme, Wednesday class representatives met with Adeline Wohlhuter, the Primary Integrated Parent Rep, and Heather Olson, next year's Wednesday Programme Rep, to discuss plans and ideas for the coming school year.

For many of us, this was a chance to meet one another in person for the first time after a challenging year. What a wonderful way to get to know each other better and build a stronger team of parent volunteers!

Made Delplace, 2020-2021 Wednesday Primary Programme Parent Rep



Administrative Contact Details



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SECTION NEWS

JUNE BOOK SALE

Thank you to our many helpers for setting up and packing all the boxes of books. It was great to be able to have an in-person event once again. And we earned 340 euros for the Section in one day!

Bravo for this great success.

Yvonne Rémond Murphy, SI President



Above: Section families enjoyed browsing books and seeing familiar faces at the long awaited, non-virtual Book Sale on Sunday 6 June 2021.

SECTION EVENT

**Saturday
28 August**

You're invited!

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

BACK **TO** SCHOOL PICNIC



Saturday 28th August 2021
12.00 – 15.00



Lycée Corneille, 4 avenue Pierre Corneille
78170 La Celle-Saint-Cloud



What families can bring*
6^{ème} 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

*To avoid waste, we also ask for families to bring their own picnicware
(plates, napkins, cutlery, etc.).

Please remember to bring books for the book sale as well!

A Taste of Home

Brownies and Blondies

Alexandra Denizet, SI volunteer and parent of two SI grads

Brownies

- 4 oz. (200 g) dark chocolate
- 1 cup (226 g) butter
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups (405 g) sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup (66 g) all-purpose flour
- ⅔ cup (83 g) chopped walnuts *(optional)*



1. Grease and flour a 9 × 12-inch baking pan.
2. Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C).
3. Melt the chocolate and butter together and set aside to cool.
4. Cream the eggs and sugar until the mixture thickens and turns a creamy yellow color. Add the vanilla.
5. Fold the melted chocolate mixture into the beaten egg mixture, then gently fold the flour into the batter. Add the walnuts if using.
6. Bake for 25 minutes or until centre is just set. Do not overbake.
7. Allow brownies to cool completely before cutting into bars. Enjoy!



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Blondies*

(or Chocolate Chip Cookies**)

1 cup (226 g) butter, softened

¾ cup sugar

¾ cup packed brown sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

2 eggs

2¼ cups flour

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp salt

2 cups (200 g) chocolate chips (dark or milk chocolate or a combination of the two)

1 cup (115 g) chopped nuts (*optional*)



1. Mix butter, sugar and vanilla together in a large mixing bowl.

2. Add the eggs. Gradually beat in the flour, baking soda and salt, then stir in chocolate chips (and nuts, if using).

***Blondie version:** Transfer batter to a 15 × 10-inch greased and floured baking pan. Bake in preheated oven at 375°F (190°C) for 20–25 minutes or until golden brown. Do not overbake. Enjoy!

****Cookie version:** Drop rounded tablespoons of cookie dough onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake in preheated oven at 375°F (190°C) for 9–11 minutes. Recipe makes 5 dozen cookies. Enjoy!

Chef's tip:

You can replace the white and brown sugar called for in the above recipe with 1½ cups *sucre roux pure canne*.



Do you have a recipe you would like to submit to the Newsletter? Or is there a recipe from another SI family that you would like to share (with permission of course)? Please email it to: mschmit@sectioninternationale.org

SECTION INFORMATION

JOIN US!

Upcoming Executive Committee
meetings
(8 pm at Espace Jonchère or via Zoom):



9 September 2021
21 October 2021
18 November 2021

To participate, please email:
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How can I stay informed about Section news and activities?

In addition to reading the *Highlights* Newsletter, parents are encouraged to check the Section website and Facebook page regularly for updates. There is also a Family Facebook group* for current SI families. From virtual exercise challenges to a monthly book club**, you are sure to find a fun and safe way to connect and stay in touch with other Section parents.

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