

NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION

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Most of the school activities are presented on the home page of our ENT, available at any time.

Please find below detailed information on them.

- 1- **MEETING ON END OF SECONDARY EXAMINATIONS** : the detailed PowerPoint presentation comparing the three main diplomas is available on our ENT (in folder "01 Information pour tous /for all"). After discussion with all participants and from everybody's feedback, it appears that although each diploma presents specific features, they can all happily provide a good passport to higher education. The important factor is for students to make the right choice in subjects or options adapted to the studies or career they wish to pursue, and above all, to obtain the corresponding grades.

BIS has been preparing for IGCSE and International Advanced Levels for almost 30 years. The exam results obtained by our students are very good (they are excellent when you consider that many of our students take them in a language which is not their own language). Results have been included on the above Powerpoint presentation.

IB Committee: a group of parents and teachers will carry on working on IB at BIS, meeting mid-May (date to follow and be published on ENT).

Brevet: an information meeting on the Brevet will be held on Tuesday, 10th May at 17.30.

- 2- **VMC**: to provide more varied and recent resources every year, in different languages, for the whole community, BIS strives to develop our VMC (Virtual Media Centre, on the ENT). Teachers and students receive frequent training on working on projects in order to develop skills for researching information, selecting and presenting it. This was most recently done in Primary with Geography and in Secondary with French (project on 'Le Petit Prince').
- 3- **BILBAO** : was a big success, and students enjoyed discovering places with an artistic dimension (Guggenheim Museum) or with a strong historical interest (Guernica), as well as the Spanish way of life. They also appreciated experiencing four days of community life, with their friends, away from their family! All behaved superbly, displaying respect, care and courtesy. Photos will soon be shared on our blog. One less positive element: the hostel picnic lunch... Are they better at BIS?
- 4- **INTERNATIONAL AWARD** (formerly Duke of Edinburgh Award) : both Bronze and Silver groups went on their practice Adventurous Journey last weekend. It was a cold night in the tents but they survived! The Bronze group completed their 2-day journey with big smiles all round, proud of themselves although knowing that they will have to improve their map skills for the qualifying journey. The Silver group found it a little tougher this time but hope to make another attempt later in the year.
- 5- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY OF FRIDAY 8TH APRIL** (no class) : all teachers of BIS will work on curriculum development and coordination, as well as new technologies to enhance learning.
- 6- **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**: the inner safety cubicle will be built in the hall during the Easter holiday. We have just recently received the agreement from the Security services of Bordeaux Town Hall.:
- 7- **MUSIC** : the annual concert of our school Bands (Secondary students practising on Monday and Thursday evenings) will take place on Thursday, 28th April at 17.30 at 197 Rue Judaique. Everyone is welcome to come and encourage them !

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- 8- **EARLY LEARNING** : from September 2016, we will give the possibility for the very young ones (Blue group / 3 year olds) to stay the full day if they wish. After their meal they will be in a quiet environment for a while (contact the secretariat for details).
- 9- **CANADA** : we are now preparing the exchange trips with our partner bilingual school (McDonald) in Montreal. The Canadian students will come to Bordeaux from 12th to 18th April 2017. For our students to go to Canada, the best dates seem to be from 8th to 23th October 2016 (partly during school holiday). This period, early in the school year, may be more difficult for teachers to organize – mainly for registrations and bookings. But the season is much more convenient for outdoor activities and will not interfere so much with school work.
An information meeting will be held on **Friday, 13th May at 8h30**
- 10- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS**: for the next school year, our UMS students may be able to prepare for the Cambridge First Certificate in English.
- 11- Do not hesitate to check regularly our blog : <http://www.bordeaux-school.com/fr/blog>.

We wish our students an excellent holiday, before coming back to a short but intense 3rd term which will include internal and external examinations !

The school office will remain open during the 1st week of the holiday, from 9h30 – 15h30.

CALENDAR :

Please remember to regularly check all dates on the website calendar at: <http://www.bordeaux-school.com/en/events>

- Monday 25 April : Return to classes for all
- Thursday 28 April : Music Band concert
- Tuesday 3 May : PYA meeting
- Thursday 5 May : Public holiday (Ascension) – school closed
- Friday 6 May : School closed (open for IGCSE / A Level exams)
- Tuesday 10 May : Brevet – information meeting
- Monday 16 May : Public holiday (Pentecost) – school closed
- 17 – 27 May : MS & Secondary internal exams
- Tuesday 24 May : Book fair
- Tuesday 24 May : Early Learning & Primary : parents PTA reps meetings

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