

NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION
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1st Term 2011 – 2012

THE FIRST DAY OF TERM is approaching and Bordeaux International School has spent the first week in preparing the classes as well as a week participating in professional development.

We would like to remind you of the three important dates for the start of school:

Monday 5th September : Primary start at 9am (welcome from 8.45am)

Monday 5th September : Secondary/Middle School start at 10am (welcome from 9.30am)

Tuesday 6th September : Early Learning start at 9am (welcome from 8.45am)

THE GENERAL INFORMATION EVENINGS will provide the opportunity to meet the teachers and find out about the programmes of work, teaching methods, timetable, organisation of the classes, the important dates etc. These meetings will be:

Early Learning : Monday 12th September 4.15pm

Primary : Tuesday 13th September 4.15pm

Secondary/Middle School : Tuesday 20th September 5pm – 6pm

THE FIRST INFORMAL MEETING FOR THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS (together with a presentation of the PTA – Parent Teacher Association) will be on **Tuesday 20th September between 6.00-7.30pm**. This will be the perfect occasion to get to know the teaching team whilst sharing a glass! Try not to miss this first convivial meeting.

INFORMATION FOR THE START OF TERM 2011/2012

The number of students this year has risen: **115 students** are registered and we are still very international. We will be relying on students, parents and teachers to **welcome and integrate the new students and families into BIS**, particularly during the first couple of days. The Primary team will dedicate the first three days to creating a community environment, and the Early Learning department will continue this for a longer period of time.

The **new teaching staff** and internal changes will be presented to you during the information evenings.

One of the two major projects for this year is the creation of an **E-Learning environment** (Espace Numérique de Travail - ENT) at BIS. This will give each student/family and each teacher access to a personal workspace and specific information which will help to advance their school work (lesson objectives, supplementary documents, extension material, homework, grades, absences etc). The teachers have already benefited from a full day's training in order to start using this from September onwards. Access for everyone will soon be made available.

The second major project for this year is the **extension of BIS** in order to accommodate our growing community. We are considering creating an extra floor above the front building. The finance and technical studies are progressing well. You will be kept informed as the project advances.

There has been a lot of work carried out at the school over the summer which has allowed us to create a better working environment, particularly :

- in Secondary where a new class (in the building next door) has been created, as well as two new Interactive Whiteboards installed;
- in Primary with new lockers, bookcases and the installation of an Interactive Whiteboard;
- in Early Learning where the classrooms have been adapted to better facilitate teaching and learning with extra display boards;
- in the courtyard the playground has been partially levelled out.

Canteen : our new suppliers '**aux Graines d'Assiettes**' will be in place for Monday 5th September, which is better adapted and will provide fresh products from local suppliers.

Security : To increase the security of the students, a new system will be put in place in Early Learning/ Primary for leaving and collecting your child at school. Parents and childminders etc. **must leave/collect the child at the main door**. At the end of the day the teachers will bring the students to the door to be collected. However, the parents of the "Blue" group may accompany their child into the class (if required) until the October holidays.

REMINDER

For those who have not already done so, please do not forget to provide a copy of your child's latest school report.

Christine Cussac
Director
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