

NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION

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1st term 2011 – 2012

CALENDAR

The principal dates scheduled for the months of October, November and December are enclosed. Other events will probably be added later.

COMMUNICATION

We have had some technical problems with our computers generating a number of repeated messages from BIS. We apologise for any inconvenience.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR STAFF

Friday 21st October will be dedicated to the improvement of our teaching and assessment strategies, and to our use of new technologies (Electronic white boards and ENT) in order to provide further opportunities for our students to be involved in interactive learning.

The secretarial staff being involved as well in the training session on ENT, the office will not be open to receive telephone messages during the morning.

ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

Futuroscope : Primary are waiting for an alternative date to replace their outing which was cancelled because of a train strike ; Secondary is also making arrangements for a similar outing.

Duke of Edinburgh Award: This year's practice expedition was held around the Montcaret, Montaigne, Bonneville area of the Dordogne where 15 students from BIS (aged 14-19) took part. Thanks to the generosity of parent chauffeurs and the Stewardson family, they were able to set up camp on their property. The students were required to plan and organize the whole expedition and were expected to use map reading skills to plan their routes. The aim was to prepare them for the endurance of long distance walking (bronze 28 kms and the silver group 36 kms over two days) camp skills and team work. They had ideal weather conditions and the students enjoyed both the challenges and the comradeship this gave them. The expedition will be finalized next April when the students will be formally examined on their skills in order to obtain the International Award for Bronze or silver.

A Level Business Studies : 'Mini enterprise' : As and A2 Business groups have successfully started their 'mini enterprise' under the guidance of the EPA scheme (Entreprendre pour Apprendre) of the French Ministry of Education. They will set up their own business for one year and are competing with about 10 other schools in Aquitaine to become the region's most successful young entrepreneurs.

PTA & DIRECTORY

The majority of parent representatives have now been found for the classes aged from 3-14 years. Your representatives will contact you : **1)** to ask your agreement to be on the 2011-12 address list; **2)** to choose what information you want published (what names, telephone numbers, e mails).

Please attend the next meeting on the 14th November at 9am when the new PTA committee will be renewed and preparations for the Christmas show be arranged as well as the finalization of the PTA directory and the planning of many activities for this school year.

ENT

The greater part of Secondary classes have access to the lesson contents of their timetable and their homework on the ENT. However, the recently formed groups which were created after the arrival of new pupils in order to take into account their competence in first and second language skills and in different subjects created for LMS, will not be operational until November.

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20/10/11