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Welcome to the fourth newsletter of 2016. I hope that you will enjoy the news from the section and the work of our students.

Wishing you happy reading and a joyous holiday

Rob Miller

Head of the Anglophone Section

Secondary Staff changes

At the end of this term Tansy Gill will be returning to the UK. Despite all our extensive efforts, finding a replacement for her has been difficult. We have luckily been able to recruit a young and energetic teacher from the UK. Unfortunately due to contract complications she will not be able to start teaching in the school until 2nd May. In the meantime Mrs Gill's classes will be replaced by either teachers from the section or a short term hire. The details will be announced by the 16th December.

Mrs Cox will be starting her maternity leave on 16th January. She will be on leave until the 2nd May. Her replacement will be starting from the 11th January.

In both cases, the section has taken extensive measures to ensure the continued education of the students in their classes.

Ilymun (<http://ilymun.org>) 12-14th January 2017

The conference will engage over 400 high school students in three days of debate and discuss. The students attending the conference mainly come from French schools with international sections, both here in France and abroad. Please follow the official website for more information about the event

The preparation for this impressive student-lead event is well on its way. The official posters have been printed and are display in the section office. I wish to thank the many families who have provided support through sponsorship or housing. **However I still have a request to make:**

Urgent

For the last five years one of the aims of the conference has been to make the conference as inclusive as possible (see conference aims: <http://ilymun.org/conference>) and to ensure a rich cultural exchange. This in part has been achieved by providing housing. Unfortunately this year, we still need to **house 50 students** for the evenings of 12+13th January. Therefore I wish to encourage you to be part of this fantastic event by volunteering to host our young guests. If you are able to help please can you contact Tom in the office as soon as possible.



Grotte Chauvet

Our 6èmes students will head to the “[Grotte Chauvet](#)” on December 5th for a fantastic visit.

Greenland

Starting in January our students and teachers will be involved will be involved in the preparation of an EU funded project on the Arctic. This will lead to their participation in a conference in the school. More info about this exciting event can be found by clicking on ‘outreach’ on the official site:

<http://www.microarctic.eu/>

Erasmus

A group of the section 2e students will be taking part in a multilateral European Erasmus project with schools in four other European countries. The project has two parts: a week long exchange visit in one of the partner schools and a return week in Lyon hosting the exchange partners. The objectives of the exchange:

- a. Linguistic- Intensive immersion in English
- b. Thematic- the preparation and presentation by the students of workshops on the central theme of Interculturality and the promotion of European mobility.
- c. Cultural understanding - discovery of a different European cultures.

This year, the European partners for the CSI are Belgium (Tielt) and Spain (Madrid). The dates are:

28th January-4th February - Belgium

26th March- 2nd April- hosting in Lyon

Trip meeting(s)

Meetings for the 2e Erasmus trip, 1ère trip to London and the Drama and Media Studies trip will be organised in January and March.

Parent Volunteers

A BIG THANK YOU to the primary and secondary libraries as well as the International DVD club provide an amazing service for our students. Our parent volunteers provide a vital role to enhance the learning experience of the students in section. The Libraries and especially International DVD really needs more volunteers in order to ensure its existence. If you can and wish to volunteer please send your details to Tom Badou.

University Guidance

Over 50 students have applied for courses in UK universities and over 20 for North America. A growing number of students are also looking at English speaking options in Europe, with the Netherlands as their prime destination.

Two guidance meetings have been organised for January:

- a) Former section students will be presenting orientation choices to the 1e on Tuesday 3rd January.
- b) Swiss Education Group (Top hospitality schools) will be presenting their study options on Tuesday 24th January at 17.45.

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The upcoming publication dates are weeks of:

- 16th January
- 13th February