



CSI OPEN DAY

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Frequently Asked Questions

**APESA (Anglophone Section)
at the *Cité Scolaire Internationale*, Lyon**

This brochure has been designed to provide prospective applicants with information about the Anglophone Section at CSI Lyon. It includes:

- *Background information about the Section*
- *Practical information about:*
 - *Fees and other costs*
 - *The process of applying to join the Section*
 - *School transport, lunches, uniforms, clubs and activities etc.*
- *Contact and Website Details*

BACKGROUND

1. What is the Anglophone Section at CSI Lyon?

The Anglophone Section is the largest language section at *Cité Scolaire Internationale (CSI)* in Lyon. At present, we have around 555 students from Primary to Lycée. The aim of the Section is to allow children to follow their studies in France, while maintaining and developing their English language skills.

At present the Section includes around 20 teachers (English Language & Literature, History & Geography and Primary) and 3 administrative staff, plus the Head of Section who oversees the daily functioning of the Section.



The Section directly employs 14 of the teachers, all of whom hold teaching qualifications from their Anglophone country of origin and teaching experience gained in the UK, the US and elsewhere. All of them are native English-speakers. In addition, 5 *Education Nationale* teachers have joined the team, all of whom are either native or near-native English-speakers.

2. How is the Section run and what is the APESA Board?

APESA is the *Association des Parents d'Elèves de la Section Anglophone*. The APESA Board is

composed of up to 12 *parents délégués*. They are all parents of children in the Section and are elected to the Board at the Annual General Meeting each year. Their responsibilities include overseeing the budget and decision-making on other aspects of running the Section, including the recruitment of teaching and administrative staff.

3. What subjects are taught in the Anglophone Section? Which curriculum do you follow?

In **Primary** children spend 6 hours per week in their Anglophone Section classes. They learn to read and write in English, using well-known phonics and other teaching tools.



In **Collège** and **Lycée** students spend up to 8 hours each week in the Anglophone Section classes. Subjects taught in the Section are English (Language & Literature) and History/Geography. The English (Language & Literature) programme follows the IGCSE curriculum in 2nde, leading to an exam in that year. The

History/ Geography teaching programme follows the French curriculum and is shared between the French and Anglophone teachers.

In 1ere students can choose to follow either a UK or US study programme, leading eventually to the *Option Internationale du Baccalauréat* (OIB) in Terminale. The OIB is overseen by the University of Cambridge (UK) and the American College Board (US).

4. My child is planning to go to University in the UK or the US: can you help with this?

Yes. Advice and guidance for students applying to Universities outside France is provided by our University Counselling Team, who are experienced in the process of applying through the (UK) UCAS system and directly to Universities in the US, Canada, Australia and elsewhere in Europe and Asia.

APPLYING TO JOIN THE SECTION

5. How can I apply for my children to join the Anglophone Section and how much does it cost?

Application packs will be available from **Monday 17th February** at the Primary School Head's Office, and the CSI *secrétariats* for *Collège* and *Lycée*.

An administration fee of €95 is charged for each child applying to enter the Section. This fee

is non-refundable.

6. When is the deadline for the return of completed applications?

Completed applications must be returned to the CSI by the **10th April 2020**.

7. What are the requirements for entrance to the Section?

Fluency in English is the most important requirement: this will be tested during the application process (see “ENTRANCE TESTING” below for more information).

FEES & OTHER COSTS

8. How much does it cost to send a child to the Anglophone Section?

The annual fees are set in May each year. The table below shows the fees paid by parents in the current school year (2019-2020) and are provided for guidance only. Fees will increase every year, as agreed by the APESA Board, usually by between 2% to 5%.

School Year 2019-20 (average ages in yrs)	Individual Family Fees	Company-sponsored Fees
Primary (6-10yrs)	€2190	€3730
Collège (11-14yrs)	€2190	€3730
Lycée-2nde (15/16yrs)	€2420	€4117
Lycée - 1ere & Terminale (16-18yrs)	€3110	€5296

9. Are there any other costs to take into account?

Yes, there are a number of other costs that might arise, depending on the age of your child. These include:

- 2nde Drama Option - €1100 per student (2019-2020 cost)
- 2nde IGCSE Examination Fee - €150 per student
- Residential trips in 6eme, 2nde and 1ère, which are paid for by parents.
- Stationery and other such materials are purchased individually by parents for their children. Lists are provided by both the French and the Anglophone Section teachers.
- School lunches and transport are charged

separately.

10. I have more than one child: is there any reduction or discount for siblings?

Yes. Fees are reduced for 2nd, 3rd and 4th children of the same family enrolled in the section. Note that this reduction applies only to individual family fees and not to company-sponsored fees.

ENTRANCE TESTING & ADMISSIONS

11. When will the entrance tests take place for entry in September 2020? And when will the results be available?

For applications to **PRIMARY**:

Testing will take place on the 22nd, 23rd & 24th June and the 1st & 3rd July 2020.

Results will be announced on Saturday 4th July 2020 at 9am. A list will be posted outside the entrance to the Primary school.

For applications to **COLLEGE & LYCEE**:

Oral Tests will take place on the 15th, 16th and 17th June 2020.

Written Tests will take place on the 16th June 2020.

Results will be announced on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 6pm. A list will be posted at the school and on the websites www.csianglo.org and www.csilyon.fr.

12. How should we help our child to prepare for the tests?

No specific preparation is required for the test. All testing is done by teaching staff from the Anglophone Section. Some information about the tests is given below:

Age	Applying to..	Test Format
6-8 years	CP, CE1, CE2 (Primary)	Spoken English only: children will be expected to speak with the tester.
9-14 years	CM1, CM2 (Primary) 6eme, 5eme, 4eme, 3eme (Collège)	Spoken, written and read English. Children will be given a passage to read and talk about, plus a short writing exercise based on a discussion with the tester on a specific topic.
15-17 years	2nde, 1ere, Terminale (Lycée)	As above, with more complex and challenging texts and topics for discussion.

13. I have heard that a lot of children are *not* accepted, even if they pass the language test. Is that true? How do you decide which children are accepted into the Section?

Yes, it is true that passing the English test does not guarantee your child a place in the Section. The allocation of places to the different language sections in the school is decided by the French (CSI) administration. Typically, more children pass the test than there are places available in the Anglophone Section.

The school is required to give priority to certain groups when making a decision. This means that priority is given to families arriving from overseas, whose Primary and Collège-aged children do not speak French. The rules for Lycée are slightly different due to the requirements of the OIB programme and the French Baccalauréate specifically.

14. What about siblings? If I already have a child in the Anglophone Section, will his / her sibling be accepted automatically?

Unfortunately not. All applicants will be assessed in the same way, and siblings will not be given any particular priority in the allocation of places.

15. If my child passes the language test but is not successful in getting a place in the Anglophone Section, can I appeal against the decision?

No. Decisions are made by the French administration of the CSI and all decisions are final. However, unsuccessful applicants who have already passed the test are able to re-apply the following year and will not be charged an administrative fee for the test.

OTHER INFORMATION: CLUBS, TRANSPORT, UNIFORMS, CANTEEN

16. Do you offer any extra-curricular activities for students? Is there a Library?

The Section runs two Anglophone libraries: one for Primary and the other for Collège / Lycée. The libraries are run by parent volunteers.

In Primary, the teachers offer a range of “Lunchtime Clubs” with activities like technology / coding, colouring etc.

For students in Collège and Lycée, the extra-curricular activities on offer next year are likely to include:

- **Model United Nations (MUN)**: this club meets weekly to debate global issues in English. Members of the club organise an annual MUN conference (International

Lyon Model United Nations), which is run by students, for students. Delegates from over 50 schools in France and beyond come to Lyon to debate a chosen theme. This year, for example, the theme is Water.

- **Humanitarian & Green Clubs:** students meet weekly to discuss humanitarian and environmental sustainability issues, and to organise fundraising and awareness-raising events in the school.
- **Drama Club:** 4eme and 5eme students meet weekly to plan and rehearse an original production, written and produced by one of the Literature teachers. The play is performed for parents in May.
- **Basketball:** Collège and Lycée students meet once a week to play.

17. We don't live anywhere near the CSI! How will my child get to school?

The "Junior Bus" routes serve many parts of the city and connect directly with CSI. The CSI administration can provide up-to-date information about the different routes and timetables.



18. Do students have to wear a uniform at CSI?

While there are "appropriate clothing" guidelines for students, there is no formal uniform at any level.

19. Is there a canteen at the CSI? Can my child bring a packed lunch? What about special diets or allergies?

All Primary and Collège students are required to eat lunch at school. There is a separate canteen (*'cantine'*) for Lycée students, but they are also allowed to leave school if they wish.



In France, school canteens do not generally allow children to bring packed lunches. All children are expected to eat from the menu that is offered. This usually consists of a choice of starters, a choice between two main courses served with vegetables, then cheese/yoghurt and dessert.

The following exceptions should be noted:

- In the case of allergies, students may be allowed to bring lunch from home. It is to be given to the canteen staff in the morning, and will be served to the student at lunchtime. A medical certificate needs to be provided when requesting this arrangement.
- Halal food is not specifically served and vegetarian diets are not specifically catered

for in the canteen. However a “meat-free” option is always available (often fish).

The cost of the school lunch will vary as it is means-tested and depends on each family’s *quotient familial* (calculated annually by their local Marie). All families living outside the Ville de Lyon boundaries should note that they will be charged the full amount for school lunches, irrespective of income.

20. Do we have to buy textbooks for our children?

Usually the school will have textbooks available for loan to students. They are expected to be returned in good condition at the end of the year. Anglophone section teachers also provide lists of “recommended reading” for each year group.

CONTACT DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

21. Where can I find out more information about the school and the Section?

The CSI school website (French) provides a lot of information about daily life in the school and it can be accessed at www.csilyon.fr .

The APESA Anglophone Section provides information specific to the Section, including testing dates, newsletters, etc. It can be accessed at www.csianglo.org .

For any queries that aren’t answered on the above websites, you can contact the APESA Office on admin@csianglo.org .

