

The Confinement Times

A Weekly Digest from the APESA Staff
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Dear Parents and Students,

The glorious Spring weather has disappeared under a dismal cold blanket as '*les saints de glace*' march gloomily through the calendar. Happily, the weather is predicted to improve next week as the sun returns to brighten our days.

This week, two of the Anglophone Section Primary teachers returned to school to help prepare for the return of some CP and CM2 students. The students will need to familiarise themselves with a new learning environment: where their teachers wear masks; where they sit, work and play in clearly defined and regulated spaces; and where their classes are reduced in number and much of the school is empty. A challenging situation for everyone.

From the 18th May, some of the 6eme and 5eme students will share this experience as the collège begins to reopen. We are waiting for further information as to when and how this will be organised and we have been assured by the French administration that reopening will only happen if all of the stipulated health and safety conditions can be respected.

During this period, lessons provided by the Anglophone Section will continue to be delivered online. For students who are returning to school, there will inevitably be some clashes between the temporary timetables that have been arranged for them in school, and the Anglophone Section timetable. Please reassure your Primary / 6eme / 5eme children that their Anglophone teachers are aware of this, and will not expect them to be in two places at once! As always, pupils can contact their teachers via the Google Classroom if they have any questions about lessons that they might have missed.

In other news, our admin staff are working hard to organise distance admissions testing for prospective students. As a result some Anglophone classes will be disrupted over the next few weeks (see below for details). Students will be informed directly about any classes that are cancelled. The online re-enrolment process will also start next week.

In conclusion, despite the high degree of uncertainty around us, the Anglophone Section will continue to support our students in their learning and development.

On behalf of the APESA President Lara Bonucci, and myself, we wish you all a fruitful and peaceful weekend.

All my very best wishes

Rob Miller

Head of the Anglophone Section

2nde: GCSE Exam Grade Information

For this summer's awards, schools and colleges are being asked to provide centre assessment grades for their students. These should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grades schools and colleges believe their students would have been most likely to achieve if they had sat their exams, and should take into account the full range of available evidence.

This unprecedented situation calls for an unprecedented approach. It's important that professional teacher judgements are taken into account, that a wide range of evidence is used and that there will be a clear appeals process. Students that prefer to sit a paper for certain qualifications later in the year will also have the opportunity to do so.

Admissions Testing: Cancellation of Classes

Admissions testing will be taking place over the next two weeks and as Anglophone teachers are involved, some classes will need to be cancelled as a result. Students will be informed directly of any cancelled classes. The dates of the tests are as follows.

- Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th May
- Week of 25th - 29th May

Re-enrolment for 2020 / 2021

An online re-enrolment process is being put in place this year. All the families concerned will receive full instructions on how to proceed, by email from the administrative staff. Please follow the instructions carefully and do contact us on enrolment@csianglo.org if you have any questions, or if you do not receive an email next week.

1ere: University Counselling

A "university request form" will be sent to all 1ere students next week. The aim is to find out which students will be applying to universities outside France and where they will be applying to.

The Anglophone Section "Getty Image Challenge"

We received nearly 40 entries in total, from pupils (and their families) - and even some from the teachers! Congratulations to all the entrants for your ingenuity and creativity. Our panel of judges (the teachers) are currently making their choice of the best entry in each category, and the results will be announced in next week's Weekly Digest.

Collège Drama Club: "Teen Tales" production

Despite being unable to meet in person at school, the Collège Drama Club has continued to meet online, twice a week, to rehearse their play "Teen Tales". Ms Kincade says: "*We are amazed that they have been able to make so much progress even under confinement.*". The club is currently exploring different ways that they might be able to bring the production to the parents, despite the restrictions that are currently in place. Well done to all those involved, for their commitment to continuing to work together, in such challenging circumstances.



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