

# The Confinement Times

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

We are writing, at the end of this short week, to tell you more about the current situation regarding Anglophone Section classes and the re-opening of the CSI, as well as some other events that will have an impact on our classes over the next week or so.

In the “normal” school calendar, this is always a very busy period and this year is no exception, despite the unusual circumstances in which we find ourselves. Some of these activities, such as testing of prospective students, will have an impact on our Anglophone Section classes, the implications of which are explained in detail in this Digest.

The major impact on the timetable, however, will be the return of some 6eme and 5eme students to *collège* next week: full details of the changes, which aim to allow our teachers to maintain their Anglophone section lessons with *all* 6eme and 5eme students, are provided below.

Terminale students, and their parents, will be pleased to hear that we have up-to-date information to share about the grading of both the British and American OIB. We fully appreciate that this is a very stressful time: please be reassured that we always share any information regarding exam classes - and any other school-related issues - as soon as we possibly can, and that we are doing everything that we can to clarify the situation for our students and their families.

Looking forward to next year, we encourage our 1ere students to start thinking about their university applications, and further information is provided below in this respect. Similarly, next year’s 3eme students will need to consider whether they wish to pursue the optional Drama course run by Ms Kincade.

On behalf of the APESA President, Lara Bonucci, and myself, we wish you all an enjoyable long weekend.

All my very best wishes,

Rob Miller  
Head of the Anglophone Section

# Changes to the Anglophone Section Timetable for Collège & Lycée students

## 6eme and 5eme students return to school

Starting next week, some 6e and 5e students will be returning to school on alternating weeks. As a result we will slightly modify the Anglophone timetable for *all* 6e and 5e students, to allow teachers to 'meet' their whole classes on Wednesday and Friday. Extra Anglophone classes may be held as follows (by arrangement, for individual teachers/classes):

- For the 6e: during sq 4 and 5 on Wednesday and sq 7 and 8 on Friday
- For the 5e: during sq 2 and 3 on Wednesday and sq 6 and 7 on Friday

The teachers will communicate the exact details for the work and the Meets with the students via Google classrooms. Some teachers may arrange additional Meets (during the usual class hours on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday) for smaller groups of students who remain at home on these days.

## Distance Testing: Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th May

Anglophone teachers will also be conducting *collège* admission tests at the beginning of next week (Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th May). As a result, some of the Section classes will need to be cancelled to accommodate these. Individual teachers will inform the students directly of the classes which are to be cancelled. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

## If in doubt, seek clarification from your Anglophone Section teachers!

As you can imagine, it is a challenge to organise the above under the current circumstances. It may be that, despite our best intentions, Pronote does not always give completely accurate information regarding Anglophone classes. In all cases, **students should rely primarily on the information given by their Anglophone teachers regarding class modification or cancellations**, and can contact them directly via Google classroom at any time to confirm the arrangements.

Note that for all other year groups (Lycée, 3eme and 4eme) distance lessons will continue as per the timetable until further notice. Information concerning the Primary classes will be sent directly to the parents.

## OIB British and American Options: Grading Procedure

Information received from Cambridge regarding the **OIB British Option** indicates that, as with the GCSE grading procedure, the Te teachers will provide a list of the students in rank order of their predicted oral and written grades in both subjects. The Cambridge examiners will then moderate these marks and may call for supporting evidence. The validated grades will then be sent to the Bac juries.

For the **OIB American Option**, the teachers will send a predicted grade in each of the two subjects to the subject Inspectors appointed by the College Board. The Inspectors will then moderate these marks and the validated grades will then be sent to the Bac juries.

In either case, the predicted grade is not a mathematical average of the grades obtained throughout the year. It is based upon the teacher's informed professional judgement of the student's ability and potential. The predicted grades generated by the Section will not be communicated to the students.

## Re-enrolment Process for 2020/2021

As outlined previously, an **online re-enrolment process** is being put in place this year. All families with children returning to the Anglophone Section next year should have received an email from the APESA, which includes full instructions on how to complete the re-enrolment process.

Some key points are included below:

- **All** families paying the school fees by monthly direct debit are required to enter their bank details on the online form even if they have previously given us these details.
  - If the **bank details have changed** from last year, we will need to receive a scanned copy of a SEPA form (completed and signed) and a RIB.
  - If the **bank details have not changed** from last year, only the online form needs to be completed.
- **All** families are required to pay 10% of the total school fees as a deposit.
  - This deposit must be paid by bank transfer to APESA (payment details in the email).
  - If this is not possible, please contact [enrolment@csianglo.org](mailto:enrolment@csianglo.org)

## Conseils de classe: Lycée

The *lycée conseils de classe* will start next week for the 2e students on the 28th-29th May, followed by 1e and Te in early June.

## 1ere: University Counselling

This year's 1e students who are planning to apply to a university outside France in 2021 have been advised to start preparing their applications. They can use 'Unifrog' to guide their research into which subject and which university they are interested in applying to. Unifrog can also be used as they develop their 'personal reflection', and to help them collect the documents that they will need (personal statements and references). Those applying to British universities should contact Ms Coghlan and Ms Doggart through the Google Form.

**British University entrance test preparation courses.** "If you are interested in getting more information about and preparing yourself for British university entrance you can [register your interest through ASIBA](#) before 31st May. You should be clear about which university course you wish to apply for and hence which admissions test you will have to take. More information about the courses can be found [here](#)."

## 3eme: Drama Option for 2020/2021

Ms Kincade will make presentations of the 2nde Drama Option to 3e students during class next week. This Option allows students to take on 3 extra hours of tuition in the Anglophone Section during 2e. Students will explore the world of theatre and work towards a [LAMBDA qualification](#) (London Academy of Music and Art).

## The Anglophone Section "Getty Image Challenge"

The winners have been chosen and we are contacting them this week to let them know: everyone else will have to wait until next week to find out the results!



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