

The International Section at Sacré Cœur

A bilingual and bicultural programme

The International Section programme is based on Anglo-Saxon culture and Anglo-Saxon teaching methods within the French school system. The pupils, English-speakers from all over the world, receive a bilingual and bicultural education with British and American teachers. They move naturally from one language to the other, from one culture to the other, 'crossing the border' on a daily basis.



International Section pupils

The section is for children from English-speaking families living in France, who wish to integrate into the French school system whilst continuing to be taught in their mother tongue. The IS also welcomes French children recently returned from an English-speaking environment abroad, who have attained fluency in English and wish to maintain and develop their English skills.

The IS course

Pupils are taught the core syllabus of the *Education Nationale* in French, plus two other subjects in English :

- Language and English Literature (4 hours a week)
- History-geography, with an emphasis on British history (2 hours a week)

Standards in the IS at Sacré Cœur are high; all pupils of the IS take end-of-year tests in English Literature and History-geography, to assess their level and check that they are not losing their fluency.

A family project

It is important that families with pupils in the International Section help their children to remain in an English-speaking environment at home, creating opportunities to speak with native English-speakers on a regular basis.

As the timetable for IS pupils is busy, pupils might need support from their parents to organise their work, especially in the first year.

International Option of the Brevet

At the end of *3ème*, the final year of Sacré Cœur, the IS pupils take the French diploma, the *diplôme national du brevet*, plus two specific IS exams in English Literature and History-geography. They are awarded the Brevet with the *Option Internationale*.

The pupils may then apply to the International Section of our sister school, Lycée Notre-Dame de Grandchamp, and take the OIB (International option of the baccalaureate).

Fees for the International Section:

750€ per year

Applications for the IS at Sacré Cœur to :

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All suitable candidates will take an English test (oral & written) in April to show they have the necessary skills in English to follow the IS course.