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Entrance Test for Section Internationale Britannique Sixième (or other collège levels)

Colomiers, 10 December 2021

Dear parents,

Once you have submitted your application for entry into the Section Internationale Britannique in 6ème (or other levels), your child will be invited to sit the Entrance Tests at the Lycée International Victor Hugo. The Entrance Tests will take place on **Wednesday 16th March 2022 from 2:00pm**. Your child will take both the Written and Oral Tests in the afternoon, so will need to be present for the whole session.

Candidates are given a short break following the written test. You may like to provide a drink and snack for your child for this point in the afternoon. It would also be helpful if your son/daughter could bring a quiet activity to do whilst s/he is waiting for the oral test. If, on the day of the Entrance tests, there are any circumstances that may adversely affect your child's performance, please could you inform staff of these before the start of the written test.

The format of the Entrance Tests in 6ème is as follows.

1) Written Test (60%)

Duration: 1 hour 30

Section A: Comprehension

Candidates will be required to read a passage of fictional prose and answer directed questions on its content and implications. Questions will also be asked about vocabulary and expression. Candidates should answer the questions in full sentences.

Objectives

- To evaluate the candidate's understanding of what s/he has read and his/her ability to express this understanding clearly in writing.
- To evaluate the candidate's range of vocabulary and linguistic awareness.

Section B: Extended Writing

Candidates will be asked to produce a piece of extended writing on a topic which will be related to the passage they have read. The task will be either creative/imaginative writing or autobiographical writing.

Objectives

- To evaluate the candidate's ability to write in an engaging and appropriate manner.
- To evaluate the candidate's ability to write clear, accurate English.
- To evaluate the candidate's use of vocabulary and phrasing.

Candidates are expected to plan their work and check it thoroughly once it is completed in the time available. Your son/daughter should be made aware that s/he will not have time to write a draft then copy it up. Dictionaries and Thesauruses are not allowed.

2) Oral Test (30%)

Duration: 15 minutes - A timetable will be provided to all parents to let you know at what time you can collect your child from Victor Hugo.

This takes the form of an informal conversation with a teacher from the Section Internationale Britannique. Possible topics of conversation may be the child's interests, experiences, reading habits, aspirations, reasons for wanting to join the Section as well as discussion linked to the passage read for section A.

Objective: to evaluate the candidate's speaking and listening skills in English.

Once the Entrance Test results are finalised, they are combined with an evaluation of your child's school reports, or "**dossier scolaire**" which is worth **10% of the overall total**. The decision to offer your child a place in the Section Internationale Britannique will be made following a careful consideration of your child's overall linguistic and academic profile. The decision regarding your son/daughter's application will be communicated to you in **May 2022** by the Victor Hugo administration team, not by the English 31 team.

International Section employees will not be able to enter into individual correspondence with parents regarding the outcome of the Entrance Tests.

As mentioned in the dossier d'inscription, the selection protocol described above may change should national or local sanitary measures demand it.

We look forward to seeing you and your child on **Wednesday, 16th March 2022**.

Yours sincerely,

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