

Message from the Head

Chères familles,

I am delighted to share with you this very first edition of our digital newsletter! As you will see, it has been a very busy term with many exciting new projects, school trips and events galore. Our students are learning so much and making huge progress congratulations to them, and thank you to each member of our school community who supports them as they grow.

Our school mission focuses on pedagogical innovation and I am pleased that we are working on so many new projects at the moment, including the launch of our Music Sparks programme in Nursery, our bilingual mathematics curriculum, and the two programmes for Year 11 which will launch in September 2024. We look forward to the next steps in these exciting projects.

In the meantime, I hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter and wish you and your children a fantastic end to the term.

Bonne lecture !

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MARK YOUR DIARIES!

Jan 9 • Y11 & Y12 • Higher **Education Presentation**

Jan 11 • Y12 • Eloquentia Competition

Jan 12 • Y2 - Y10 • Printemps des Jeunes Auteurs deadline

Jan 15 • Y10 • Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Presentation

Jan 22 - 25 • Y11 • Parcours **Avenir Meetings**

Feb 1 • Primary • Maths workshop for parents



Class Stories





Care Committee

Our Care Committee is now in its second year and the first few months have been very busy. Highlights include recruiting our new Care Ambassadors including in Year 5 & 6 this year - and the setting up of the Care Hub for secondary students, which is a new dedicated listening space for students.

November 13-17 was also Anti-Bullying week: although this is a theme on which we focus constantly, it was an opportunity for our whole school to come together for a variety of projects, including an anti-bullying poster competition...here are a few examples for you!





6ème posters



Eco-School

Anti-Bullying week poster by CM1-3



The Eco-School is back! Our students are concentrating hard on paying attention to ecology and the environment. We have fun programs such as Ma Petite Planète, where all of Year 9 and Year 10 split into groups to complete daily eco-challenges! Also keep an eye open for the Cinema for Change, the international film festival which is centred this year around the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and where students will be participating by submitting short films on the subject of the environment.



Exam Week Delights!





Flamenco Session

Have you read the best magazine in town?

Produced by our very own team of student journalists, Le Bilingue has an article to interest everyone. Head to our <u>website</u> to discover the latest issue!





Discovery Afternoon

What baccalaureate is right for me? And what about subject combination? These are the questions that our Year 11 students were trying to answer at our Discovery Afternoon, which gave them the opportunity to exchange with teachers and sixth form students about the different options available to them. This event follows a presentation for students and parents which covered the differences between the IB and the BFI, and is part of a busy calendar of events put together by our secondary and higher education counselling teams as they help families navigate these decisions.

Can you help?

Students in Year 10 & 11 all complete work experience. If you are interested in hosting a student at your office, contact us for more details!

Merci !







Life at School





Magical scenes as our choir performed in Bedford Square

Our first alumni evening

Here's to many more to come!



First match for our official football team! (Y5-Y6)

Consul General of France in London, Samer Melki, attending our Model UN club!



Bees!



Year 3: candle making workshop

Did you know?

...that our Primary School building at 21-24 Russell Square was the longtime home of the publishing house Faber and Faber? Apart from having T.S. Eliot as its first head of Poetry, whose old office is located upstairs in our school building, our students can be proud that this is where

books from several Nobel Prize winners in literature were published, including William Golding's The Lord of the Flies, as well as books by Sylvia Plath, Lawrence Durrell, Harold Pinter, Samuel Beckett, Tom Stoppard, and poetry by Jean Cocteau, Ezra Pound, James Joyce and W.H. Auden.

Louis MacNeice, Ted Hughes, T.S. Eliot, W.H. Auden and Stephen Spender at the Russell Square offices of Faber and Faber, now occupied by École Jeannine Manuel.

Fun fact: Faber and Faber didn't always get it right, rejecting several books by George Orwell including Animal Farm!

Quiz: Do you know which member of staff now works in T. S. Eliot's old office?



.E Jeannine Manuel







Our school is positively abuzz with excitement around our bees and beehive!* We have several exciting projects taking flight, including a wax candle workshop for our Year 3 students, and Year 6 students had a wonderful time as they took part in our honey in a jar workshop, where they learnt about the whole process of how honey is made and then stored, as well as about the lives of bees in general and their vital importance to the planet.

*Did you know these can be found on the roof of our