



APESA Newsletter

September 2009

Hello Everyone . . .

At the present time of writing, the CSI is experiencing a very difficult *Rentrée*. There have been major problems for Education Nationale teachers concerning their timetables, class-lists etc. This has resulted in major disruptions to the school as a whole. The Rectorat and Inspectors have been called into the school in an attempt to resolve these issues.

In the Anglophone Section, we have endeavoured to keep things running as normally as possible. We have now attached a *Rentrée* update link to the Apesa website to keep parents informed of developments. (see the section "Rentrée 2009-10 INFORMATION and UPDATE"). We sincerely hope the whole school will be fully back to normal very soon.

On a more positive note, we are delighted to welcome a new teacher – Ruth Workman – to our collège and lycée English team. Ruth has worked for many years in the UK system, most recently in Manchester. We are sure she will prove another excellent addition to our teaching staff.

The Anglophone Section will be providing its usual full programme of trips and events in collège and lycée in the academic year 2009/10 – such as International Award, Model United Nations and the 6ème Snow Trip. Our weekly extra-curricular activities currently includes debating, a Section magazine, the theatre production of *Bugsy Malone* and basketball – with others to be added in September.

All our customary Primary activities will also continue, thanks to the efforts of our exceptional team there – who are now having to work very creatively as space in the Primary school is at a premium.

There are various events which will be upon us quite quickly after the *Rentrée*. You will find details of some of these – ie. the Welcome Committee – elsewhere in the Newsletter. The AGM for APESA and the OIB diploma ceremony are two of the main events for September/October.

In academic terms, we prepared our pupils for the customary range of examinations – Brevet, GCSE English Language and Literature, GCSE Drama and the OIB in 2008/9. Our results from summer 09 are:

Brevet	100%
GCSE Eng	100%
GCSE Lit	92%
GCSE Drama	100%
OIB Bac	96%

These results are significantly above national averages, but, as ever, our programmes will be closely monitored to ensure the highest standards possible.

All that remains, at this stage, is to wish you all a happy and productive year to come....

John Cadden, Head of Section

On Tuesday September 8th 2009

APESA OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday : 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM

Wednesday : 7:45 AM to 2:30 PM

Tom BADOU

Accounting matters : Tuesdays and Thursdays

Danyelle GIRIN

NEW THIS YEAR FOR OUR APESA STUDENTS : PASTORAL WELFARE

Hello everyone, and welcome back !

I would like to let you know about the new service which we are offering to students in the Anglophone Section, and to their families, to facilitate learning at the CSI.

I have a new pastoral role within the Section and I hope to offer **advice, counselling and support to any of our students in Collège and Lycée** who need someone to talk to, or who find life and learning troublesome during the school year. I have an office where students can speak privately, and I can be contacted personally in the English Bookroom or through the Apesa office. My job will also be to liaise, as necessary, between the Section and the rest of the school to ensure that, if your child has a problem or concern, it is known about by all their teachers.

The Anglophone Section at the CSI, and the school itself, is growing all the time, and we feel that it is important for your child to feel supported, secure and confident in this environment. Please, therefore, feel free to get in touch with me, if there are any pastoral causes for concern that I can help with.

Sue MARCH

Anglophone Section Families

Are you new to Lyon or to the Cité Scolaire Internationale (CSI) ? The APESA Welcome Committee (Anglophone Section) would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the school. We also organise regular coffee mornings for you to meet other parents.

Feel free to give us a call !

2009-2010 Welcome Committee

Fabienne Boiron	04 72 86 91 64
Jo Hager	04 72 33 89 18
Jill Kirby	04 72 19 45 18
Elsa Labrosse	04 78 52 70 98
Sally Moldan	04 78 44 85 31
Alison Plummer	04 78 54 02 96
Sue Wilson	04 78 53 66 04

Dates for your diary

September 21st	Welcome Meeting
October 12th	Coffee morning.
Early December	Christmas lunch
January 11th	Coffee morning at home of Elsa Labrosse.
March 18th	Cooking class
May 4th	Guided tour of 'Murales de Lyon'
June 3rd	Pot luck lunch

The Anglophone Theatre Group
is currently rehearsing

BUGSY MALONE

... a musical !

"Gangsters, guns and gunge !"

To be performed in Spring:
we look forward to your support!



FROM THE APESA BOARD

PLEASE NOTE :

Provisional date for the APESA AGM : MONDAY OCTOBER 19th
You will receive more information later in September.

Want to contribute?
Interested in how the APESA works?
Motivated to help?

Join the APESA board!

The functioning of the Anglophone Section of the CSI is supervised by a Parent Board, staffed with 12 members. Each year, at our Assemblée Générale in October, the parents elect 6 new members who serve at the board for 2 years.

Responsibilities of the Board include:

- Supervising the Head of Section, and more generally how the APESA is run
- Ensuring our finances are in order
- Communicating to various constituencies: the APESA, the parents, the CSI, ...
- Defining the "vision" or long term strategy for the APESA

The Board meets 8 to 10 times a year, together with the Head of Section and senior teachers. In addition, board members form committees to work on specific APESA topics like: finance, vision, web site, communication, etc.

Being a board member does not require a specific qualification. You have to be ready to dedicate some of your time, you need energy and motivation, and above all the desire to work in good team spirit with all board members.

You will find more detail on the APESA site (www.apesalyon.org). You can also directly contact the board members, which we encourage you to do if you are interested in joining the board.

If you want to apply for being elected as a board member at our next AG in October 2009, send an e-mail to board@apesalyon.org. You just need to write a small paragraph explaining who you are and your motivations for joining the board.

Come and join us, we work hard and have fun together.

Eric BOULOT, APESA Treasurer

Information for 3ème and 2nde Students : **'Macbeth', Theatre des Asphodeles**

Please note that the 'Flying Pig' Theatre Company has a production of 'Macbeth' at the Theatre des Asphodeles, during the Toussaint holidays, from **24th to 31st October 2009**, at 8PM (English, with French subtitles)

As school is closed at this time, we are unable to take a school trip, but as **this is your child's GCSE text**, we strongly recommend that they see the performance.

Tickets for students from the CSI will be 8 Euros. Reservations can be made by ringing 06 78 67 86 49 or sending an email to flyingpigtheatre@hotmail.com ; contacting the Theatre des Asphodèles directly is not advised. Remember to identify yourselves as students at the CSI to obtain the group price.

Theatre des Asphodèles
115, Avenue Lacassagne - 69003 Lyon

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY

The primary team welcomes all families, old and new, and wishes all the children a happy and successful school year.

Please note that there will be an primary Anglophone information meeting :

5:15pm on 6th October in the 'salle des conférences'

We look forward to seeing you there.

Val Tuppen (primary co-ordinator; CP and CE1 teacher)

Michelle Currie (CE1, CM1, CM2 teacher)

Sarah Joannès (CE2 teacher)

Julie Mortimer (CE2, CM1, CM2 teacher)



I N T E R S E C

INTERSEC is a parent association at the CSI representing all the language sections; the European, Oriental (Arabic) and French sections; and including the PEEP and FCPE parent associations. It was set up to promote communication between all the different groups and to welcome new parents and pupils. It also raises funds with which to help finance various school trips and projects.

INTERSEC's key words are WELCOME, COMMUNICATION and FESTIVITY

INTERSEC is responsible for producing the CSI school directory and organises the following events during the school year:

- a parents social evening in November
- a Job Fair for the 1ère students in March/April
- a Book Fair for the whole school in March/April
- a Prom for the 3ème students (May)
- an International Football Tournament for parents (June)

If you wish to order your copy of the 2009 – 2010 edition of the CSI school directory, then simply fill in the coupon on the pink INTERSEC form that is handed out with the school papers at the beginning of term and return it (with the cheque for 7€ made out to INTERSEC) to the class teacher (primary) or the surveillant's office (collège, lycée), preferably before the end of September.

INTERSEC is holding a welcome meeting for all CSI parents on Thursday 24th September at 7 PM at the school. (Includes drinks and nibbles!)

If you would like further information then please do not hesitate to contact the following English speaking INTERSEC parents:

President : Rosario CROCQUEVIEILLE (Collège, Lycée)
Email: rosariointersec@hotmail.com

Vice-President: Annabel ØSTERGAARD (Collège, Lycée)
Email: aoste2@orange.fr Tel. 04 78 96 34 22

Secretary : Isabelle DARLOW (Primary)
Email: isabelledarlow@hotmail.com Tel. 04 78 65 93 69

LYON A LA CARTE : Great source of information for all !

Apesa will participate in the second edition of "Lyon a la Carte", an international expatriate expo that will take place on **Saturday, October 17th from 10AM to 7PM** at the Hilton Hotel - Lyon Cité Internationale.

Created by a group of dedicated international expatriates, the event brings together companies, schools, associations, artists, etc. who can provide information and services to international Lyonnais residents.

Apesa staff, students and parent volunteers will be present at the booth to let others know about the CSI.

More information can be found on : www.lyonalacarte.com



.....VIDEO CLUB at the CSI

The International video club was founded by a group of Anglophone parents and has since been joined by parents in the German, Spanish, Italian and Polish Sections.

More than 3000 DVDs are available to borrow

Location	Second floor, central mall, between 'collège' and 'lycée'.
Opening hours	Collège, lycée : Tuesday, 9am – 4.15pm Primary school : see times posted in the primary entrance hall
Cost	35€ (further subscriptions in same family : 30€)
Person in charge	Monika Bataillard (06 61 57 57 28)

A subscription to the video club entitles members to borrow a DVD every week (two the week prior to the holidays) in a wide range of languages (English, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish).

The video club aims to meet the needs of students as well as teachers by:

- ★ Obtaining new DVDs as soon as they are released (the films are often available at the Video club before their release in France).
- ★ Making available to teachers, video cassettes and/or DVDs linked to texts studied in class including classic films such as Hitchcock, Charlie Chaplin and other cult films...

The video club is self-financing : the money raised by the subscriptions is used to buy new DVDs.

Around twelve volunteers help to maintain the efficient running of the video club. If you would like to help us, please contact Monika Bataillard (06 61 57 57 28).

New volunteers are always welcome!

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TEACHER NEEDED

L'association vourloise des familles in Vourles (southwest urban area), is looking for an anglophone to teach an adult elementary-level English class.

Tuesday nights from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (no classes during school holidays).

Some teaching experience appreciated but not mandatory. 20€/hour.

If you are new to the area, this is a great way to meet some new people in Lyon.

Contact: Martha Melter 04.78.05.41.90 or cantate@wanadoo.fr

To include a personal advert in the newsletter

- Send a mail to eboulot@wanadoo.fr with your text and pictures.
- Pay 3 euros (check or cash) to APESA if you are an APESA member, 7 euros for non-members.
- For more info, send me a mail !

Elisabeth BOULOT
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