

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

SIB and BFI

Aims of the procedure: fairness, transparency, success and a coherent educational pathway

The British International Section (SIB) and the Baccalauréat Français International (BFI) aim to welcome students who demonstrate:

- English language skills that enable them to follow the programme comfortably, together with the potential to progress;
- strong academic skills;
- the capacity for work and commitment needed to thrive in the programme;
- motivation to pursue an ambitious bilingual and intercultural pathway.

Admission is based on a holistic assessment that takes into account:

- results in reading and listening comprehension tests;
- language skills in the target language, both written and spoken;
- academic skills, particularly in French, and the capacity for work;
- analytical and reflective skills;
- the student's motivation;
- the recommendations of teachers and the class council.

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) levels set out below are indicative guidelines and are not the sole criteria for admission. The International Section Council may consider students with strong linguistic potential, particularly in spoken English.

Decisions on admission and student progress in the International Section and BFI are taken collectively by the International Section Council. Parents are informed of their child's admission to SIB after the Council meeting.

1. Current LFIB students

a. Entry to 6ème SIB

Written English test: held in June of the CM2 year. Skills assessed: reading comprehension and written expression.

Expected level in the written test: A2 - A2+.

Oral English test: held in June of the CM2 year, after the written test results. Skill assessed: spoken expression.

Expected level in the oral test: A2+.

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- Withdrawal from SIB is limited to the first two weeks.
- The third-term class council may decide to discontinue a student's International Section pathway if this is in the student's best interests.

b. Entry at collège level (5ème SIB, 4ème SIB, 3ème SIB) and lycée level (Seconde SIB, Première BFI)

Tests are held in June, only for students who were not enrolled in SIB during the previous school year.

Skills assessed: reading comprehension, written expression and spoken expression.

Expected levels in these tests

- 5ème SIB: B1 (written and spoken)
 - 4ème SIB: B1 (written and spoken)
 - 3ème SIB: B1+ (written and spoken)
 - Seconde SIB: B2 (written and spoken)
 - Première BFI: B2 (written and spoken)
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 - **At the end of 3ème SIB, the International Section Council decides whether the student may continue in the International Section at lycée level in Seconde.**
 - Terminale BFI is only open to students who were enrolled in Première BFI during the previous school year.

2. Students newly joining the school

Students who were already enrolled in SIB or the British BFI programme at their previous school: automatic admission to the corresponding programme at LFIB, subject to places being available. Entry to Seconde SIB is an exception and requires prior approval from the International Section Council.

In all other cases

- A written test assessing reading comprehension and written expression (and, where applicable, an oral test) must be taken during the first week of September.
- Applications are reviewed by the International Section Council.
- Families are informed of the outcome after the International Section Council meeting, with admission no later than the start of the third week of September.

General rules

- Enrolment in SIB or BFI during the school year is only possible for students who were already enrolled in the corresponding programme at their previous school.
- Entry to Terminale BFI is restricted to students who were enrolled in Première BFI during the previous school year.
- Withdrawal from SIB is limited to the first two weeks of the school year.
- The third-term class council may decide to discontinue a student's International Section pathway if this is in the student's best interests.