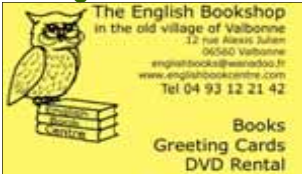


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March 2009

Headmaster's Notes

Dear Parents and Students,

Subjects:

- Headmaster's Notes
- Homework Timetable
- PTA News
- Agenda

A Short Break

Today is the start of our half-term break. We hope you will have a good time, whether on the nearby slopes, far away in another country, or simply relaxing at home. School resumes for students on Tuesday 3rd March at the normal times 08h45 (secondary students) and 09h00 (primary students).

Mougins School's Curriculum

In last month's edition of the newsletter, I wrote about the education system followed at Mougins School and its merit world-wide. This month, I would like to cover the first cycle of our examination programme – the (I)GCSEs – in more detail. I will deal with AS and A levels in the next issue.

(I)GCSEs – What Are They?

Mougins School follows the UK Curriculum, offering an International Advanced Programme of Study, enabling students to move onto higher education in colleges and universities throughout the world.

In Forms 10 and 11, students follow a two-year programme of study, at the end of which they sit examinations. English (Language and Literature), Mathematics, French and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) are compulsory subjects. In addition students study three other subjects of their choice. The examinations are in May/June at the end of Form 11. All International and UK Schools taking these examinations send their completed papers to the examinations boards in the UK for marking. The results are published in the third week of August.

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tion Board, offering IGCSEs. The latter are designed for overseas students, although some UK schools are now also using them. The two exams have equal value.

These exams are graded on a descending scale – A*, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. These are all passes. Grade U means ungraded or fail. Students can leave school with (I)GCSEs, provided they are 16 years old and do not wish to continue to study until they are 18. They may, for example, wish to train with a particular company or organisation that recruits at 16 years old.

To move into Form 12 and into the International Advanced Level Programme, represented in the British System by AS and A Levels (details in the next newsletter), students must obtain Grade C or above in at least five subjects at (I)GCSE level. They must also have a Grade C or above in the subjects they wish to study at a higher level (Grade B for Mathematics). The reason for both these requirements (set by most schools following the UK Curriculum) is to ensure students have the capacity to face the demands of the more demanding courses in Form 12.

The (I)GCSE programme is designed to give students a broad-based education, without specialisation. It is a perfect preparation for whatever advanced programme students choose to follow next. At this point in time, career choice is not an issue – that becomes more relevant at the next stage.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions relating to the School's examination programme and its place in the international community.

Form 9 Parents' Evening – Options for (I)GCSE

Just after the half-term break, students in Form 9 will be given an (I)GCSE course guide booklet for their options, which will begin in September 2009. There will then be an "Options Evening" for the parents and students in Form 9 on Thursday 19th March at 18h00 in the Examinations Room in the Rosanna Learning Centre. More details will follow, but we urge all parents of students in Form 9 to mark the date in their diary and make every effort to attend this important meeting.

ASSR 2009

A large number of students from Form 8 upwards have enrolled for the Attestation Scolaire de Sécurité Rouière – ASSR – the French road safety theory test. We have received the date for our students to sit the examination – Thursday 26th March between 09h00 and 12h00 in the Collège Les Campelières in Mougins. The students will be transported to and from the test by the School bus.

Once again enjoy your vacation.

Best wishes,

Brian G. Hickmore
Headmaster

PTA News

Dear parents,

I would like to invite you to our forthcoming events for the month of March. Please mark your agendas for the following dates:

PTA Meeting

Thursday 5th March, 09h00 in the cafeteria:

Everyone is welcome to attend PTA meetings. Your presence and your ideas will be very much appreciated. We promise that a hot cup of coffee (much needed in the mornings) and some cake or cookies will be waiting for you!

Red Nose Day

13th March: The PTA will be supporting and working with the school in order to make this important charity function more successful than ever.

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th March, 09h00:
Deborah Marzohl, who has a diploma in Nutritional therapy from the UK and who has been practising nutritional therapy for the past 7 years in Switzerland, London and now in France, will be talking about: Choosing the right foods to optimise your health and get the most out of life. Please do your best to come and enjoy this coffee morning with Deborah, as who knows maybe some of her nutritional advice might help us enhance the quality of our lives!

Culture Club Visit

Thursday 19th March, 09h00
Another appointment with Giorgiana Brignone and Leila Rossi Taraniuk, who this time will be taking parents on a visit to the International Museum of Perfumery in Grasse. A guided tour, a workshop and a lunch will be planned as usual. Needless to say, these outings are very popular so you need to remember to reserve in advance by sending an email to our charming organisers!

Talent Show

Friday Evening 27th, March
Thanks to Kaisa Torma, Marie-Claude Yaghil, Beata Galipienzo and Sarah Green who are organizing this wonderful annual event. We all are looking forward to an evening where many of the school's talented members will participate and offer us an unforgettable experience. All parents are advised not to miss this beautiful show!

I will be looking forward to seeing you all at one of these events and I would like to wish you a great winter break, either on the slopes or simply enjoying your families and friends.

Lea Assi,
PTA president

From the Desk of Nurse Marian

Head Lice

Once again I am writing to ask your help in connection with head lice, which are a recurring problem in all schools. Lice are very common wherever groups of people get together, including the school setting. It is important to remember that no matter how well you supervise your child's hygiene, you are still exposed to this "universal problem". Head lice like to live in clean hair.



- can be used regularly to prevent egg laying.
- Brush your child's hair immediately after school.
- Blow dry hair.
- Vacuuming is the safest and best way to remove lice or fallen hair (Rugs, Furniture, Stuffed animals)
- Use a fine tooth comb – "un peigne fin" in French



The School Policy:

Children found at school with head lice will be sent home for immediate treatment. They must remain at home for 2 days during treatment. Upon returning to school they will be checked by Nurse Marian, and may only attend school as long as there are no nits visible.

Some Tips:

It is now thought that using conditioner makes the hair too slippery for the louse to lay eggs.

- Leave the conditioner on the hair and fine comb through once or twice a week.
- Add a few drops of vinegar to the rinsing water.
- Regular checking and preventing is the only way to eliminate the problem.
- Use Lavender oil behind your child's ears each morning.
- Electric combs, bought in pharma-

- Please check your child's hair regularly - every Friday night, for example, giving you the weekend to do a treatment.

Please inform Nurse Marian immediately if your child has lice, then we can inform other parents.

It takes cooperation from everyone to manage this problem

From the Desk of Sue Dunnachie

On 29th February the Form 9 Drama group had the privilege of attending a workshop with reuBen, a brilliant and original actor who not only worked with Form 9 but also presented one of his shows to a hall full of students. It certainly was a treat to enjoy such talent and we look forward to repeating this initiative in the future.

On **Friday 13th** you may be puzzled to see our students sporting some very

Red Noses. This is because we will, once again, be supporting Comic Relief, a cause which raises large sums of money each year for the support of a number of very worthy causes. We hope that all our students will purchase a Red Nose. We will also be organizing a 'Bring and Buy' sale for the Primary School students at the end of the day on Friday, as well as a cake sale.



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Culture Club March 2009

International Museum of the Perfumery

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More than 5,000 objects make up the museum's collection, with flasks from Egypt, Greece and Rome and all continents, including Marie Antoinette's famous "nécessaire".

Programme: Max 30 places

9.00 Meeting at school parking

10.00 – 11.30 Guided tour of the Museum

11.30 – 13.00 Workshop - Creation de Parfum

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