

2019 – 2020 School Year BISS Program BISS 1 – DP2

As summer vacation has begun for many, I would like to transmit the following information about the upcoming school year. For the first time, information about the Primary, Middle and High Schools is presented in the same document. This document highlights sections of the school's "Règlement Intérieur" which contains detailed information.

The 2018 – 2019 school year saw the Gymnase's first IB cohort graduate. Graduating students have been accepted into Universities in the UK, Canada, France and the Netherlands.

There will be some modifications to both the teaching team and the distribution of hours next year in Primary and Middle school. As the entire Primary School transitions to the PYP (Primary years Program), some teachers have chosen to change levels or take on extra duties. In the Middle School, 6th and 7th grade classes are entirely composed of BISS students. Changes in the distribution of hours have been made in order to comply with the requirements of the MYP (Middle Years program). Students continue to study French National curriculum. There are two main changes in Middle School curriculum : theater is no longer a separate class, but will be integrated into both literature and the Odyssey of the Mind and students will have 5 hours of English (combining Language Arts and Literature).

This year also sees two structural changes. In the Primary School, Wednesday workshops are now open to students from 2nd to 5th grades. 1st grade students who are already navigating the change from Kindergarten will be able to sign up for workshops starting in 2nd grade if they wish. In Middle School, 6th graders will have an introduction to the Odyssey of the Mind. Starting in 7th grade, students can opt into OM and will be eligible to participate in the European OM competition in Berlin.

The content of the pre-DP program has been modified subsequent to the changes that have been made to the French Baccalaureate. College counselling will begin during the pre-DP year.

In order to allow students to choose which baccalaureate program is best for them, students in BISS 8 and 9 will be invited to a half day immersion in the DP program on Saturday, November 16.

In an effort to make service to others an integral part of the BISS program, students on all levels will be encouraged to take part in collective and individual service activities. High School students will continue to participate in the Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) program while Middle School students will be able to continue collective service projects similar to those they have been involved in this year while adding an individual service project in BISS 8. Primary students will be working on finishing each of their projects with a concrete action, and 5th graders will be preparing for the end of the year Exposition.

We are looking forward to a very positive 2019/2020 school year. I wish you all a restful Summer!



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1 – First day of school

The first day of school for students will be **Monday, September 2, 2019**

	Start Time	End Time	Welcomed by	To bring
BISS 1 – BISS 5 (1 rue des Greniers)	9 :00	16 :30 (lunch from 11 :45 – 14 :00)	Classroom teachers*	School supplies (see list by class)
BISS 6 (6°4) BISS 7 (5°4) (1 rue des Greniers)	14 :00	17 :00	6°4 and 5°4 Homeroom teachers	Agenda Folder Basic pencil case**
BISS 8 (8°4) (pl du Temple Neuf)	13 :00	17 :00	4°4 Homeroom teacher	Agenda Folder Basic pencil case**
BISS 9 (3°4) (pl du Temple Neuf)	14 :00	17 :00	3°4 Homeroom teacher	Agenda Folder Basic pencil case**
Pre-DP (2°4) (pl du Temple Neuf)	8 :00	12 :00	Class Assembly (Temple Neuf)	Agenda Folder Basic pencil case**
DP1 (pl du Temple Neuf)	9 :00	17 :00	Class Assembly (Temple Neuf)	Agenda Folder Basic pencil case**
DP2 (pl du Temple Neuf)	10 :00	17 :00	Class Assembly (Temple Neuf)	Agenda Folder Basic pencil case**

***Parents of 1st graders will be allowed to walk their children up to their classroom on Monday morning. All other grade levels will leave their parents in the courtyard**

****School supplies for Middle School and High School will be requested by individual teachers during their first class with students.**

2 – Times and Schedules

	Doors open	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon
BISS 1 - 5	7 :50 (8 :00 on Wednesdays)	8 :15 – 11 :45 (M, T, Th, F) 8 :00 – 12 :00 (Wednesdays)	11 :45 – 14 :00 (except Wednesdays)	14:00 – 16:30* (except Wednesdays)

*After school care is available from 16 :30 to 18 :15 via the Croisillon (<https://croisillon.org/>)

Middle School and High School schedules will be handed out on September 2. Scheduled classes will begin on Tuesday, September 3 for **BISS 7-9, pre-DP and DP** students.

BISS 6 students will have an **Orientation Day on September 3**. Their scheduled classes will begin on Wednesday, September 4.

3 – Teaching Team

	Teacher	Subject area
BISS 1	Clare Hazeldine Hélène Wallace	English French
BISS 2	Clare Hazeldine Athénaïs Conrad	English French
BISS 3	Claire Bloomfield Lucy Bradley Anne-Valerie Louis	English (language, literature, projects) English (maths) French
BISS 4	Claire Bloomfield Lucy Bradley Martine Dugard	English (language, literature, projects) English (maths, projects) French
BISS 5	Claire Bloomfield Lucy Bradley Martine Dugard	English (language, literature, projects) English (maths, projects) French
BISS 6 – 9 (English language options)	Denise Donio Carrie Bisbee Caroline Hendel	English Literature Social Studies Design, Odyssey of the Mind
Pre-DP (English language options)	Marie Benedict Loretta von Rentzell	English Literature Sociology, ELA
DP1, DP2	Marie Benedict Isabelle Pigéard de Gurbert Yi-San Michaut Esther Pinillos Hubert Mayer Laura Sgambatti Isabelle Wack-Villar Louis Chevrot Laurent Didon Céline Falcoz Alexandre Rongemaille Franck Benyounes Reza Mogaddassi Noémie Cordier	English French Chinese Spanish Economics Economics Biology Biology Physics Maths Maths Theory of Knowledge Theory of Knowledge Creativity, Action, service

4 – Ecole Directe

The school's student management system is called "Ecole Directe". Each parent (and student from 6th grade on) will be issued a username and password that they will keep for the duration of their schooling at the Gymnase.

Ecole Directe should be used for :

- Communication with teachers and administrative services
- Consultation of student schedules (including regularly updated teacher absences)

Parents and students will also find :

- School announcements
- Administrative documents (including those that must be filled out the first week of school)
- Report cards

4 – School insurance

Families are required to provide proof of « Assurance Scolaire » starting on or before September 2, 2019.

5 – Lunch Programs and snacks

BISS 1 – 5 :

1. Lunch off campus : students must be picked up at 11 :45 and brought back to school at 14 :00
2. Hot Lunch on campus (served in the school's cantina)
 - a. Regular meals on pre-defined days (subscription during the first week of class)
 - b. Occasional meals (must be ordered before 9:00am)
3. Lunch Bag on campus (BISS 4 and BISS 5 students only): Students bring their own lunch. No refrigeration or heating provided (subscription during the first week of school – limited availability)

Primary school students are encouraged to bring either fruit or vegetables (exclusive of all other snacks) as a morning snack.

BISS 6 – 7 :

1. Lunch off campus : students can leave at the end of their morning classes and must return for their first afternoon class.
2. Lunch on campus : students are not allowed to leave campus without written parental permission
 - a. Regular hot meals on pre-defined days (subscription during the first week of class)
 - b. Lunch Bag : Students bring their own lunch. No refrigeration provided (subscription during the first week of school – limited availability)
 - c. Occasional meals (hot lunch or lunch bag) must be ordered before 9:00am – limited availability.

Middle school students are encouraged to bring a healthy morning snack. Light snack fare is also on sale at the K'Fêt.

BISS 8 – 9, pre-DP, DP :

1. Lunch off campus : students can leave at the end of their morning classes and must return for their first afternoon class.
2. Lunch on campus : no subscription necessary, students badge for meals that are billed directly.
 - a. Hot lunch program : full 3-course meal
 - b. Sturm Food Truck : hearty snack items

6 – School Textbooks

Primary : Textbooks are lent to students and must be returned at the end of the school year. They are handed out by classroom teachers.

Middle School : Textbooks are lent to students and must be returned at the end of the school year. They are handed out by librarians and registered to students using the school's library system.

Pre-DP : Textbooks are bought by families (often from current 2° students). The list of required textbooks can be found on the school's website.

DP1/DP2 : Online textbook access is billed to families. Textbooks are lent to students and must be returned at the end of the school year.

Any textbooks that are not returned or returned in damaged condition will be directly billed to families.

7 – Computer and Phone Usage

Middle School (BISS6 – BISS 9) : The use of both individual cell phones and computers is not allowed. Students have access to computer facilities at the school. Emergency phone calls can be made during recess periods in identified zones.

High School (pre-DP, DP) : Individual computers are not used at school in the pre-DP program. It is requested that DP1 and DP2 students come with a personal computer in order to facilitate access to online textbooks. Phones can be used in the courtyard but must be turned off in school buildings.

8 – End of the School Year

The last days of school will be as follows :

BISS 1 – BISS 5 : Tuesday, June 30, 2020

BISS 6 – BISS 8 : Friday, June 26, 2020

BISS 9 : Tuesday, June 23, 2020 (Brevet exam June 25 and 26)

Pre-DP, DP1 : Friday, June 26, 2020

DP2 : Tuesday, May 26, 2020 (Leaving Ceremony)

A regularly updated school calendar is available on the school's website.

9 –Orientation Day for New Students

New students (BISS 1 – DP2) and their families are cordially invited to an orientation meeting on Saturday August 31 at 10:00 (8, pl des Etudiants). There will be a follow-up meeting mid-September.

The entire learning community will gather for a picnic at the Parc de l'Orangerie (behind the Joséphine Pavillion)

Saturday, August 31st at noon.

All parents and students are invited to come. Families should bring a sack lunch and picnic gear. In case of rain that day, the picnic will be cancelled.

For more information : legymnase.eu