



Collège Henri Brunet
Caen
British International
Section



The French school system

The French school system is divided into four levels :

Nursery School = école Maternelle (ages 3-6)

Primary School = école Primaire (ages 6-11)

→ **Lower Secondary School** = Collège (ages 11-15)

Upper Secondary School = Lycée (ages 15-18)

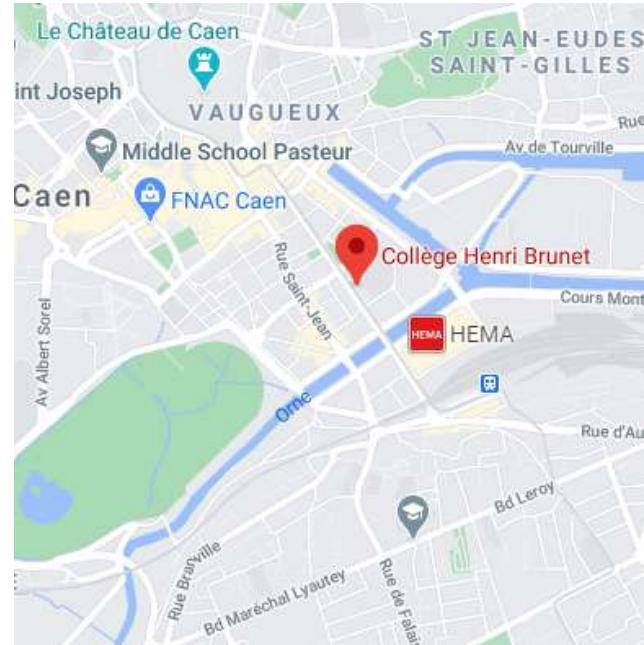
School is compulsory until the age of 16.



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Where are we?

Collège Henri Brunet is located in the heart of Caen, just minutes from the Marina, the tram stop 'Quai de juillet' and the central train & coach stations. The primary school (also with an International section) are next door. Local high schools are about 15 minutes away by tram.



How many pupils are there in our school?

There are now about 375 pupils:

4 classes of 6eme: ages 11-12

3 classes of 5eme: ages 12-13

3 classes of 4eme: ages 13-14

4 classes of 3eme: ages 14-15



The pupils who are registered in the **British International section** belong to one of these classes and are grouped together during the English language and literature (4h/week) and History-Geography (1h/week) classes, all taught in English.

At the moment, 16 pupils in 6eme, 13 in 5eme, 15 in 4eme and 23 in 3eme are part of the International section

Subjects

In Henri Brunet, just like in any other French lower secondary school, teaching is organised by subject matter:

- French
- Maths
- History-Geography
- Civics
- Life and Earth science
- Technology
- Art
- Musical education
- Arts
- Two modern foreign languages
- Physical education
- Latin or Greek

In addition to the national curriculum, we offer a **British International Section** to speakers of English.

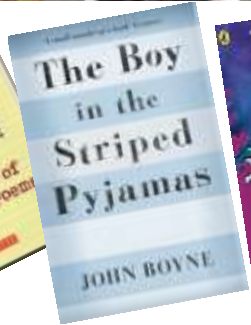
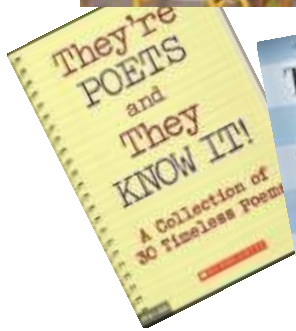
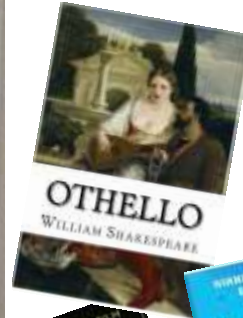
What is an International Section?

International sections were created in France following two guiding principles:

- Offer children from foreign or bi-national families the opportunity to **integrate into the French school system** whilst continuing to be taught in their mother tongue.
- At the same time, offer French children who have returned from living overseas, or who have the necessary motivation and skills, the opportunity to **develop their English in a bilingual and bi-cultural environment**



In the International Section, we speak, we read, we learn about grammar, poetry, literature, historical context, writing techniques...



We do school trips, presentations, quiz games, writing competitions... and every day we make progress!



Where can I read more about the French school system in English?

https://cache.media.eduscol.education.fr/file/dossiers/07/3/2013_School_Education_in_France_244073.pdf

Where can I learn more about International sections in France?

<https://eduscol.education.fr/679/enseignements-europeens-et-internationaux>

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