



# International University Fair 2023

## Inspiring students and broadening horizons

The recent University Fair was an overwhelming success! With more than 30 representatives from various institutions in attendance, it was a vibrant event that created a real buzz among our students.

Organised jointly by the Anglophone Section's University Guidance service and SRT Fairs, the event was the first of its kind to be held at the CSI for some years. Representatives from well-known institutions including Imperial College London (UK), University of Connecticut (US), Bishop's University (Canada), University of Groningen (Netherlands) and EMLyon (France) joined a diverse range of smaller institutions to connect directly with students.

Through the day, *lycée* students explored their future options in subjects ranging from Business and Economics, to Science, Engineering and Hospitality. The atmosphere in the hall was energising - and very noisy! - as up to 100 students at a time made their way among the stalls: collecting brochures, tote bags and business cards. Most importantly students made the most of the opportunities to engage in direct conversation with the University representatives.



### Local networking

After lunch, the event was opened up to other schools in Lyon which offer either the baccalauréat français international (BFI) or other English-language courses of study. Around 150 visiting students and their teachers travelled to CSI from across the Lyon area to participate: this was also a great opportunity for some local networking.



# Message from the Head of Section



## Season's Greetings!

The festive period of the year is upon us as we prepare to move into 2024. Our students have been looking forward too: our first International University Fair has given them an insight into their futures and I am sure they will be bright!

Once again, we are proud to share our successes with the community, which are testimony to the calibre of our students and the quality and dedication of our teachers. Congratulations to Tom Dugny who was the 2023 iGCSE Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards Recipient with the Highest Mark in France for English Literature. During my short time here, this is the second time in a row that an Anglophone Section student has been awarded this distinction. As they say in French "jamais deux sans trois" - so best of luck to next year's cohort! Congratulations also to our Terminal students who have already been offered places to study at prestigious institutions in the UK and the US.

We are looking forward to ILYMUN 2024, which will be hosted jointly by CSI Lyon and the International School of Lyon. We strongly encourage students to get involved: this is the kind of event that will help to shape them as tomorrow's leaders. I was delighted, for instance, to meet one of our alumni at the British Embassy a few weeks ago who had recently begun working there. These are the kinds of goals that our students can set their sights on, looking to the future.

I wish you all the very best for the festive season and the year ahead.

*Simon Herd*





# Creative Writing Club

Each week a small but dedicated group of students meet in the Anglophone Section library, working under the guidance of Ms Cassan, to develop their creative writing skills. The club gives the students an opportunity to express their creativity and personalities, providing a refreshing change of pace.

Plans are afoot to produce an anthology of the best pieces that they produce during the year; which will be printed and made available to students, parents and teachers.

## Why I write

I write the expression of buried emotions,  
I write for the thrill, the madness, the passion,  
I write for the people who beat in my head,  
I write so the corpses in my mind don't stay dead.  
I write for all the books that I want to read,  
I write to be a knight with a sword and steed.  
I write instead of being murderous and mean  
I write for the parts of me that don't feel seen.  
I write to fight the Sylvia Plath in my head  
And forget about the existential dread.  
I write to fight battles that I'd never touch  
I write on a page instead of screaming so much  
I write to be better, I write to be worse,  
I write 'cause it's my way to pick my own curse.

Chloé SOUALLE

# ILYMUN Lycée Debating Club

Mr Rattos writes: "The Lycée MUN is thriving due to its dynamic and inclusive approach, fostering a collaborative environment where members actively engage in diplomatic simulations every Thursday evening. The club's commitment to continuous learning and skill development, along with proactive student leadership. This has led to increased participation and enthusiasm. Some important issues we've explored so far include: the war in Ukraine, the Israel-Hamas conflict, 'sports-washing', mass-surveillance and nuclear proliferation."



# Library News

## ***Banned Books: literature & censorship across the world***

The **Anglophone Section Secondary Library** is a great place for students to study and read. There's a wide range of books, ranging from contemporary fiction to classics, and from graphic novels to non-fiction plus new acquisitions focused on contemporary social issues such as feminism and migration. A team of 10 parent volunteers and 5 teachers run the library from day-to-day and make sure that the library is a welcoming and comfortable place.

We have just created our 'Banned Books' corner, in order to raise awareness about issues of freedom of speech and censorship. Book banning is the most widespread form of censorship in the United States, with children's literature being the primary target. In that part of the library, students can get information on the topic of book banning and are encouraged to read books that might be censored in certain areas of the world.



## ***Welcoming volunteers back to the Primary Library***

We are very pleased to welcome our parent-volunteers back to the library, where they read to the pupils, as well as helping them to choose books. Thank you to all parent-volunteers for helping the children make the most of their time in the **Anglophone Section Primary Library!**

## ILYMUN 2024: *Rights & Freedoms*

ILYMUN (the **International Lyon Model United Nations conference**) is organised each year by students in the Anglophone Section, working with their counterparts at the International School of Lyon (ISL). The conference provides a great opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and engage in critical thinking as they discuss and debate various global issues. Our students are already hard at work, taking on the huge organisational challenge of delivering an event that will bring over 500 young people together in Lyon, in February 2024.

### **How can you help?**

- You might be able to **host some visiting students** during the conference.
- We are always on the lookout for potential **guest speakers** who are able to inspire and educate the delegates at key points in the conference.
- **Sponsoring** the conference is a great way to help support the event
- Click [\*\*here\*\*](#) to read our latest newsletter and find out more about getting involved



# A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY!

The **Primary Halloween Party** was a great success this year! Our volunteers put in a lot of work to decorate the *préau* and come up with fun and scary games for the children. Keith Preedy (illustrator and parent of Louis CE2) provided us with some fantastic original illustrations for the activities. As always the buffet snack table was laden with scary treats - and the Halloween Cake Competition brought out the talents of our most imaginative bakers! Congratulations to the winner - **Isadora Braithwaite in CP**. Sadly Ms Bellanca's entry had zero votes: better luck next year!

Huge thanks to Keiko Shibyu and Hugo Locussol for organising the party, to all the parents who signed up to help and to William for being our DJ!



# Merry Christmas!

*From the Anglophone Section*



With their creative and inspiring ideas, the **Anglophone Section Volunteer Committee** is determined to make this Christmas a fun one for everyone in our community - students, parents and staff alike.

They'll be organising the Anglophone Section stall at the annual **Christmas Market** and planning a festive **Potluck Lunch** / crafty event for parents. A **Staff Christmas Lunch** is being organised in school, giving all our teachers and administrative staff a welcome break in this busy period and the opportunity to meet the APESA Board members who were elected at the AGM in October.

Thanks in advance to all the members of the Volunteer Committee who give their time and energy for the benefit of the wider Section community .

## Upcoming Christmas Events

### 12th December - Christmas Potluck Lunch & Christmas Crafts.

Bring a dish to share with fellow Anglophone Section parents, and help prepare Christmas decorations to sell at the upcoming Christmas Market. Invitation to follow.

**14th / 15th December - Christmas Market at the CSI Lyon.** Help to run the Anglophone Section stall or donate some Christmas goodies / gifts to sell. Look out for more information soon.

**21st December - Staff Christmas Lunch** hosted by the APESA Board on behalf of parents.

**23rd December 2023 to 7th January 2024 - Christmas Holidays**  
See you back at school on 8th January 2024!

