



Belleville Wix Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

BWA bilingual provision from September 2027

We are delighted to share the headlines of our bilingual provision from September 2027, following extensive research and parent wishes.

Bilingual balance and annual overview - BWA will offer a 60:40 English:French bilingual provision from Reception to Year 6. The classes will follow the English National Curriculum for 60% of the week and the French National Curriculum for 40% of the week.

The academic calendar will follow government expectations, with pupils educated for 190 days a year.

English coverage and formal assessment - Pupils will cover the full English National Curriculum, set both nationally and locally, and will formally sit all National Assessments.

French coverage and formal assessment - Pupils will follow the CNED SCI (*Scolarité Complémentaire Internationale*) programme, which covers French, Maths, History and Geography ('Understanding the World' for younger classes), following the French National Curriculum. Their work will be formally assessed via CNED, who will issue pupils with a Proficiency Certificate (*attestation de niveau*) each year.

For pupils wishing to transfer to a homologated French school, be that the Lycee in South Kensington for 6eme, or another French school, the Proficiency Certificate will be submitted to the French Embassy, along with BWA's school report. The Embassy Counsellor will then issue an Equivalent Level Certificate, which officially certifies the pupil's French educational levels and secures their academic eligibility for transition into the French school system, if families so wish.

Co-constructed curriculum - We will continue to co-construct the respective national curricula expectations, in terms of knowledge, skills, perspectives and culture, with learning and personal development explicitly linked and reinforced, irrespective of language delivery.

Class sizes and pupil intake - There will be one class per year group from Reception to Year 6 and all classes will admit up to 30 pupils.

BWA bilingual pupils take an automatic place in these classes, unless parents indicate otherwise. Other pupils already in the current bilingual classes may remain with their current class, but as BWA pupils, if they wish. For pupils who are 'out of year group' from an English perspective, this will not be an issue, provided that the pupil is academically comfortable in that class; we wish to cause as little disruption to pupils as possible.

Any other child may also apply, following the published priority criteria to become a pupil of BWA. For these children, low-level dual language assessments will continue to run, in order to ensure that they are able to access the curriculum, without impacting negatively on their sense of selves as learners, or their well being.

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Teacher recruitment and training - BWA will employ French native speaker teachers, qualified to teach as per French national expectations. CNED will provide induction and on-going training on relevant pedagogical and curriculum issues pertinent to the French National Curriculum, whilst Q1E/BWA will provide more 'English-style' continual professional development.

Class teacher partnerships - English and French co-teachers will share the responsibility for each class and will meet each week.

Cost - As a state school, the cost of teaching our pupils is free for all families.

The cost of the materials required for each pupil from Year 1/GS to Year 6/CM2 to follow the CNED SCI (Complementary International Schooling) programme for 2026-27 is £582. A small, inflationary rise is anticipated in these costs for 2027-28 and the precise Reception/MS pupil costs are to be confirmed, but will be in the same ball park.

Classrooms - The lease will be renegotiated this year as it contains a number of clauses which are incompatible with the Lycee ending the current partnership. This includes classroom spaces. From September 2027, we will ensure we have 7 classrooms to accommodate our 7 bilingual classes.

Secondary school options - Our pupils have an excellent track record in securing their desired secondary school places. These include:

- Eligibility to apply for Bolingbroke Academy, as one of its 5 feeder schools.
- Eligibility to apply for the selective state secondary schools within Wandsworth, just as they will be eligible to apply for any other Wandsworth state secondary school.
- Eligibility to move to the Lycee for 6eme/Y7, following the Equivalency and Proficiency Level Certificate routes explained above, which sit within the Lycee's published admissions criteria.
- Any pupils wishing to apply for private schools will be supported by us in the usual way.

We will shortly be asking parents to indicate an expression of interest in our bilingual stream. Accordingly, any families who would like further information about the details set out above, to help them with their decision, are cordially invited to a **Bilingual Information Update Evening at BWA at 7.00pm on Thursday 22nd October.**

Yours sincerely,

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