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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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The management of the Lycée Français de Djibouti would like to thank all the families, staff and pupils for their commitment over the past few weeks, which have been marked by some memorable moments for the school community.

The Nationalities Day was one such moment. Thanks to the involvement of families and staff, this event provided an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy each other's company, reflecting the spirit of cohesion and mutual support that drives our school.

The management would also like to commend the teaching and administrative staff, as well as the students, for their efforts during the Open Days. Their commitment greatly contributed to the success of these days, offering many families the opportunity to discover the life of the school, its projects and the work carried out on a daily basis.

Thank you all for your commitment to the education and development of our children. ”

THE ECHOES OF THE TERM

VISIT BY A DELEGATION FROM THE AEFE

The LFD welcomed a delegation from the AEFE as part of an analysis and advisory mission. Discussions with our teams enabled the delegation to identify the school's strengths and make concrete recommendations to support our educational projects and strengthen the overall functioning of the school. This visit underscores the AEFE's ongoing support and commitment to the quality of education provided at the LFD.



VISIT BY THE SENATOR

We had the pleasure of welcoming Ms Sophie Briante Guillemont, Senator for French citizens abroad. During her visit, she met with staff for a discussion, addressing the challenges of international education and the specific characteristics of our school community. The meeting also provided an opportunity to strengthen ties with the French authorities.



VISIT TO THE ECD IN GRENOBLE

We welcomed the Examinations and Competitions Division (ECD), who came to meet the teams and observe how examinations are organised within the school. This visit was an opportunity to discuss procedures, share our practices and identify areas for improvement, with the aim of ensuring that examinations and competitions run smoothly for our students.

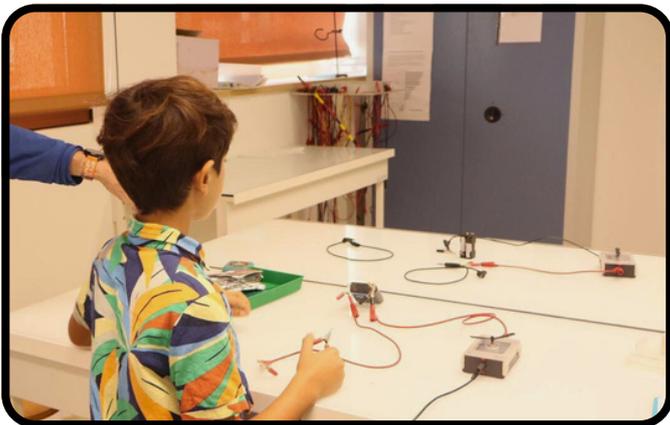


THROUGH THE **PRIMARY SCHOOL** **CYCLES** **MIDDLE SCHOOL** **HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAYS

The Open Days were a real success at the LFD. Thanks to the involvement of the teaching and administrative staff, and the active participation of the pupils, these days enabled us to welcome many families and give them a real insight into life at the school.

Classroom visits, project presentations and discussions with teachers gave parents and visitors a comprehensive overview of our daily routine and educational initiatives.



PAPER ARTS

Our school recently welcomed an artist to introduce students to the art of paper crafting. Vinod Kumar taught them the technique of cutting paper, guiding them in the creation of flowers and other decorative designs.

This activity aims to stimulate students' imaginations, strengthen their manual dexterity and fine motor skills, and encourage personal expression using simple materials. It also provides them with a cultural, creative, and enriching experience.



THROUGH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CYCLES MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

THE PLAY 'THE GRUFFALO'

The pupils in class CM2B (excluding the American international section) presented a short play in English, The Gruffalo, the result of **three months** of work in class. Inspired by the book studied throughout the term, the project was built step by step around vocabulary, particularly parts of the body, before taking shape on stage. Through this immersive theatrical experience, the pupils learned to express themselves in English with greater ease and confidence. Rehearsals, vocal exercises and the final performance transformed language learning into a collective, lively and demanding adventure, in which everyone found their place.



SPELLING BEE

In the library, silence fell, broken only by the sound of words being spoken. The pupils were focused but enthusiastic, spelling with seriousness and a touch of nervousness. Each correctly spelled word was met with applause and knowing smiles. More than just a competition, the Spelling Bee became a moment of real pleasure and pride, where the English language mingled with fun and shared emotion. Well done to all the pupils for taking part! Congratulations to the winning classes!



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KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

As part of this morning's sports morning at Dolto

On Thursday 5 February, TPS/PS and PSA pupils took part in the 'Sports Morning' supervised by Gaëlle's CE2 class and volunteer parents.

The workshops included 'Throwing,' which is part of the motor skills course, 'Hurdle jumping,' which is part of the athletics course, the game 'Hot objects,' and the presentation of well-deserved diplomas to the TPS/PS class pupils.



THE MOROCCAN DOOR OF THE CPE

Special mention goes to the CPE students for their beautiful **collective creation** of the Moroccan door for the Nationalities Day celebration. They devoted a lot of time to it and worked very hard!



THROUGH THE **PRIMARY SCHOOL** **CYCLES** **MIDDLE SCHOOL** **HIGH SCHOOL**

TRIATHLON DEFENCE CLASS

The very first triathlon organised in Djibouti brought together armed forces, security units and institutions from the country and elsewhere. An ambitious first, supported by the APEPSS with the MENFOP and the Republican Guard, which set the tone: team spirit, commitment and tenacity.

Among the participants were three students from the defence class. Not as spectators, but as competitors! They were the only mixed team in the event. They took the start seriously, kept up the pace and fought to the end, facing experienced teams from the Djiboutian Armed Forces, the Gendarmerie, the National Police, the Coast Guard, the Civil Protection and foreign military contingents.

At the finish line, they received a trophy of honour. But beyond the trophy, what really stands out is the image they left behind: that of young people capable of committing themselves, taking their place and representing their school in a landmark event.



Interview with two students from the defence class at RTD

DEFENCE CLASS

The defence class took part in a demonstration by the army and air force: a simulation of military intervention in a combat zone.



THROUGH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CYCLES MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

CM1/CM2 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the school football tournament, with nine teams competing.

The matches were played in a great spirit: commitment, respect for the rules and encouragement between teammates.

Congratulations to the winners and well done to all the pupils for their participation and fair play !



BICYCLE LICENCE

Year 5 pupils are taking part in the Savoir rouler à vélo (Learn to Ride a Bike) programme, supervised by the Prévôté. This training enables them to consolidate the basics they need to ride safely and gain independence before starting secondary school.

Through practical exercises, they have worked on balance, bike control and traffic rules.

The school would like to thank the Prévôté for its commitment to our pupils.



THROUGH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CYCLES MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

CYCLING TOUR: LFD STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The final stage of the Djibouti Cycling and Tourism Tour put the LFD in the spotlight. Emmanuel Ibrahim, a Year 6D pupil, took fourth place in the secondary school category. He received his trophy from the Minister of National Education and Vocational Training, Mr Moustapha Mohamed Mahmoud, alongside his PE teachers.

A fine performance for the youngest athlete in the tournament, which was praised during the official closing ceremony.

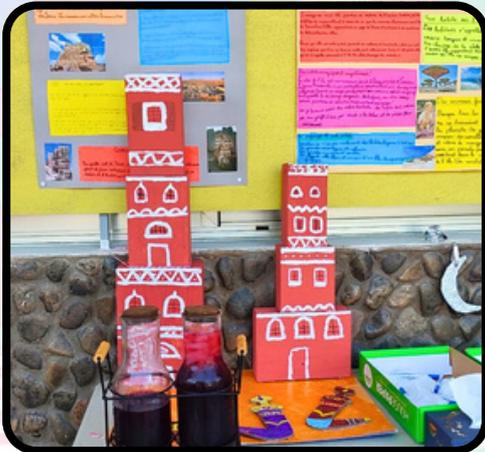


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NATIONALITIES DAY

The Nationalities Day filled Dolto Primary School with joyful and colourful energy. Pupils, families and staff came together to share their traditions, tastes and stories. Amid laughter, new encounters and discoveries, the day reminded everyone how diversity is a source of richness and how the spirit of solidarity and cohesion drives our school on a daily basis.



THROUGH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CYCLES

MIDDLE SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL



THE TRADITIONNEL LFD **CARNAVAL**

The Dolto School came alive like never before for Carnival! The pupils, dressed in a thousand colours, paraded with smiles on their faces, their costumes twirling in the sunshine. The Police Academy brass band punctuated the day with its lively rhythms, while the choir warmed the air with clear voices singing in several languages.



THROUGH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CYCLES MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

CROSS OF THE HEART

The LFD took part in another edition of the Cross du Cœur, a charity challenge that has become more than just a race. The pupils ran with one strong idea in mind: to make their hearts beat faster to help a child with a heart defect have a chance at life. As they ran lap after lap, smiling and cheering each other on, bonds were formed and, at the end of the race, **€5,002** had been raised to support this cause. It is not only the amount raised that matters, but the meaning given to each step, carried by this shared generosity.



FRANCO-GERMAN DAY

On Franco-German Day, the school library came alive with several stands run by the pupils of Mrs Chaker, German teacher. There were spontaneous discussions about German culture, discoveries made through workshops, and pupils proud to share what they had prepared with their classmates. It was a lively morning, driven by the involvement of the students in the German section and the curiosity of their classmates.



IN FOCUS

THE LFD RESONATES FAR BEYOND OUR WALLS

Ms Faconnier, English teacher and coordinator of the American International Section (SIA), spoke on the programme De Vive(s) voix on Radio France Internationale (RFI). Interviewed by journalist Pascal Paradou as part of the Night of Reading organised at the LFD, Ms Faconnier presented the project surrounding this event and the work of the students, supervised by the organising team. Her interview highlighted the LFD and its active role in the French education network abroad.

Discover an excerpt from our presentation by scanning the QR code.



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THE YEAR 13 CLASS DEBATE

Supervised by their teachers, sixth-form students organised a panel discussion on mapping controversies surrounding artificial intelligence at the French Institute in Djibouti.

During the evening, playing the role of professionals, they led debates on a variety of topics: the environment, philosophy, disinformation, geopolitics and knowledge production. This initiative demonstrated their ability to speak in public, structure a discussion and engage their critical thinking skills in a new setting.

For many, it was one of the last major moments of their time at the LFD, a highlight of commitment and reflection that they carried out with conviction and seriousness. We would like to thank the IFD and their team for supporting the LFD in this event.



INSIDE THE LFD

SCHOOL LIBRARY

NIGHT OF READING

For **the third consecutive year at the LFD**, the Night of Reading, a national event dedicated to literature, was held on Wednesday 21 January 2026.

Devoted to celebrating writing in all its forms, this evening invited the public on a journey through words and stories. The 2026 edition focused on the theme of 'Cities and the Countryside,' a rich topic that explores the relationship between urban and rural areas, long perceived as opposites, and which has inspired numerous literary works across all genres, from detective novels to science fiction and poetry.

Ms Abdi Joly's Year 11 HLP students and Ms Faconnier's Year 8 international section students presented the texts they had chosen. Through the quality of their readings and interpretations, they captivated the audience and brought depth to the works presented, making this project both artistically demanding and deeply unifying for the entire school community.

The evening was also marked by the presence of Mr Omar Youssouf Ali, whom we had the pleasure of welcoming. His work fits perfectly with the theme of Cities and Countryside. The author draws inspiration from both urban and rural life, drawing on tales, oral tradition and the realities of everyday life in Djibouti. Through his stories, he creates a dialogue between the city and the countryside, modern lifestyles and traditional knowledge.

This Night of Reading was thus a highlight of sharing, exchange and discovery, demonstrating the commitment of students and teachers alike, and proving to be a resounding success.

STORYTELLER OMAR YOUSOUF

As part of the Year 6 French programme, pupils had the opportunity to meet **storyteller Omar Youssouf Ali** during an educational project that took place on Tuesday 3 February 2026 in the school library.

This meeting was fully in line with the study of storytelling and oral tradition, focusing on adventure novels and the study of monsters. Through his stories, Omar Youssouf Ali immersed the students in a world rich in images and symbols, nourished by Djiboutian culture, blending rural and urban worlds.

With his art of storytelling and stage presence, the storyteller captivated the students' attention, aroused their curiosity and encouraged discussion.

This project was a special moment of sharing and discovery, giving meaning to what had been learned in class and strengthening the link between the literature studied and the living world of artistic creation.

Omar Youssouf Ali made his name as a writer and storyteller, publishing literary works often inspired by traditional tales from the region:

Bouti, the ogress of ancient times — revisits a popular legend.

My brother, the hyena... — a fable about sibling relationships, blending fantasy and tradition.

The Camel's Hump — a poetic tale that explains the appearance of the camel's hump and highlights the values of the pastoral world.

Adventures in Gouba — a young adult novel combining suspense, mystery and social criticism.

Assya, Princess of Sagallou — a mythological tale set on the shores of the Red Sea, recounting a quest of initiation.

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SPEED DATING SPECIALITIES

As part of career guidance support, a speed-dating event for specialised subjects was organised for Year 10 pupils by Ms OUMOURI, careers advisor, and Ms RIOU, librarian and careers resource person.

The event consisted of timed meetings between Year 10 pupils and Year 11 and Year 12 pupils. These short, structured discussions gave Year 10 pupils a practical insight into the content of the specialised courses, the working methods expected, the level of difficulty and the prospects for further study.

The Year 11 and Year 12 students were fully committed to their mission of providing information and passing on their knowledge. The quality of their carefully prepared presentations, supported by a variety of materials, enabled them to give clear, lively and accessible presentations based on their personal experience.

This interactive and friendly format encouraged discussion, questions and reflection, while strengthening mutual support between the different year groups. This highlight effectively supported Year 10 pupils in their thinking and enabled them to make more informed and thoughtful choices about their specialised subjects.



Storyteller Omar Youssouf Ali



Night of Reading



Speciality speed dating

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SCHOOL LIBRARY

PARENT'S COFFEE MEET-UP

The Parents' Coffee dedicated to choosing specialisations for entry into the Première class was recently held at

This opportunity for discussion allowed families to meet with teachers of specialised subjects, consult the information materials made available to them, and talk with the guidance counsellor and the PRIO.

This meeting provided parents with useful insights to help them support their children through this important stage of their academic journey.



THE ORIENTATION CAP AND SCHOOL CLIMATE



WORKSHOP ON EMOTIONS IN KINDERGARTEN

Year 1 (GSC) pupils actively participated in an activity on emotions, led by Ms Marilou Oumouri, school climate advisor, and Ms Mireille M'BUYI, nurse at Dolto. Through several workshops, they were able to discover and mimic different emotions: joy, fear, anger, disgust and surprise. Our nursery school pupils were very involved in the activities.



THE ASSOCIATION "ELLES BOUGENT POUR L'ORIENTATION" (WOMEN ON THE MOVE FOR CAREER GUIDANCE)

Promoting engineering and technical professions among young girls in mainland France, overseas territories and internationally in secondary schools is the goal of the speakers from this association, who came to encourage girls in particular to pursue their studies in science and technology. Each of them shared their own career paths.



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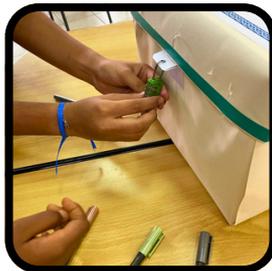
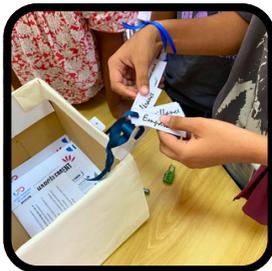


EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES TO PREVENT BULLYING AT SCHOOL

Since the beginning of the school year, the Lycée Français de Djibouti has been conducting regular prevention and awareness-raising activities to combat bullying among pupils of all levels.

Led by Ms Oumouri, the school climate advisor, these activities have taken various forms and have been adapted to the age of the pupils. Year 9 classes took part in an educational escape game, encouraging collective reflection on bullying situations. In primary and nursery schools, fun activities were organised, notably around 'trees' and games of rules, to address the concepts of respect, empathy and living together.

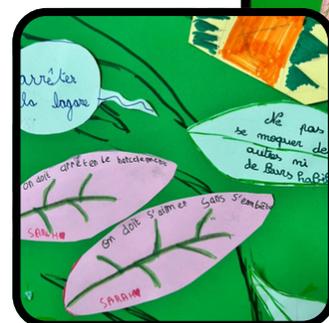
These actions are part of the school's ongoing commitment to preventing bullying and promoting well-being at school by giving pupils clear guidelines and opportunities to express themselves from an early age.



MSA



CE1B



CM2C



FOCUS ON A FEATURE

MARILOU OUMOURI, SCHOOL CLIMATE ADVISOR AT THE LFD

Since the start of the school year in September 2025, a new professional has joined our establishment. She works at the Dolto and Kessel sites and is now responsible for school climate, while also supporting our students in their career guidance.

Her main role is to contribute to a peaceful school climate and to support each student, from the youngest to the oldest, in their journey with kindness, discretion and high standards. Working closely with the teaching teams, the school life team, the nurse and the management, she offers a listening ear to students who feel the need. She also intervenes in the classroom on essential topics: prevention of bullying, managing emotions, self-confidence and stress management.

Ms OUMOURI also supports students with **their career guidance**. She meets with them individually, with or without their parents, to help them plan their academic and post-baccalaureate projects. She also leads classroom sessions and organises meetings with professionals or discussion groups to give depth to the Avenir programme.

For any enquiries or to make an appointment, please contact her at the following email address: marilou.oumouri@aefe.fr.



PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION



A MEDAL OF HONOUR FOR THE LFD

The Djiboutian Handball Federation, represented by its President, awarded a **medal of honour** to our Headmistress, **Mrs Annie COMBES**, in recognition of her commitment and support for the development of sport in Djibouti.

This distinction follows the provision of the school's sports facilities for the benefit of the Federation. Enabling a discipline to train, structure itself and grow is also a way of participating in the sporting life of the country. It was not a grand speech, but a concrete commitment.

This award recognises this spirit of cooperation. It is a way of reminding us that the school does not exist in a vacuum and that its facilities can also serve the sporting community.



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Djibouti, le 27 janvier 2026

Le Président,

Objet : Attribution de la Médaille d'Honneur (Or) de la Fédération Djiboutienne de Handball

Madame Annie COMBES,

La Fédération Djiboutienne de Handball a l'honneur de vous adresser le présent courrier afin d'accompagner la Médaille d'Honneur (Or) qui vous est décernée, sur décision de son Bureau Exécutif, en reconnaissance de votre action remarquable et de votre engagement exemplaire en faveur du sport.

Par cette distinction, la Fédération souhaite saluer votre soutien constant, vos encouragements sincères et votre contribution significative au développement du handball féminin, ainsi qu'à la promotion des valeurs éducatives, humaines et sociales portées par le sport.

Votre implication personnelle, votre disponibilité permanente, votre sens du dialogue et votre profonde humanité ont permis de faciliter les initiatives sportives, d'accompagner durablement un club féminin de handball et de créer un climat de confiance rare et précieux. À travers votre engagement en faveur de ce club, c'est l'ensemble du handball djiboutien que vous avez contribué à faire grandir, avec conviction et générosité.

Par votre action, vous avez incarné une vision ouverte, inclusive et profondément humaine de l'institution scolaire que vous représentez, faisant du sport un véritable levier d'épanouissement, de cohésion et de transmission des valeurs.

La Fédération Djiboutienne de Handball tient, par cette Médaille d'Honneur (Or), à vous exprimer sa reconnaissance la plus élevée, ainsi que sa gratitude la plus respectueuse, pour l'exemple que vous offrez et l'impact durable de votre engagement.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Madame la Proviseure, l'expression de notre très haute considération et de notre profond respect.

Fait à Djibouti, le 27 janvier 2026
Pour la Fédération Djiboutienne de Handball


Le Président P.I
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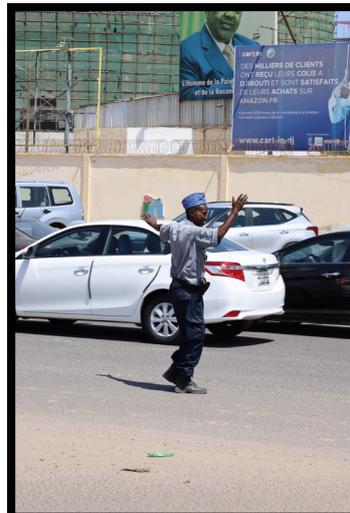
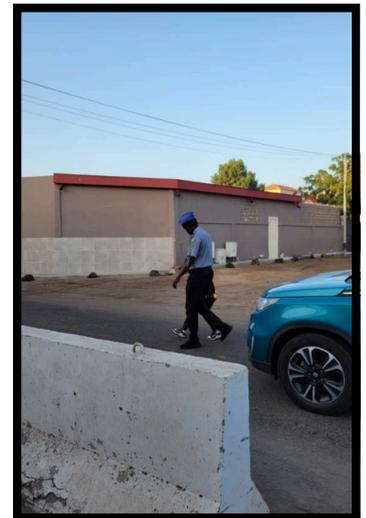
THE DJIBOUTIAN NATIONAL POLICE, BY OUR SIDE EVERY DAY

For several years now, the Djiboutian National Police have been present at the Kessel and Dolto sites. Officers are on duty from 6 a.m. and remain on call throughout the day. They secure crossings, organise traffic and intervene when the flow becomes too dense.

Their presence is part of everyday life at the school. It allows students to arrive and leave safely, and families to travel more peacefully around the school grounds.

This long-term work reflects the relationship of trust between the LFD and the Djiboutian authorities, within the framework of Franco-Djiboutian cooperation.

We thank them for their constant, discreet but essential commitment.





UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH
08

WOMEN'S RIGHTS DAY
INTERLANGUAGE DAY

MARCH
15-25

MATHEMATICS WEEKS

MARCH
22

FRANCOPHONIE DAY

MARCH
26

FRENCH ORAL EXAMS (MOCK)
and **WRITTEN EXAMS**

MARCH
30-31

**NATIONAL CERTIFICATE
OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
(DNB) MOCK EXAM**



NOS RENDEZ-VOUS À
VENIR

APRIL
05-07

**MOCK BACCALAUREATE
EXAM N°2**

APRIL
13

**DNB ORAL EXAMS
(AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
SECTION)**

APRIL
14

**DNL DNB (American
International Section)**

APRIL
15

CITIZENSHIP DAY

APRIL
19-23

**FRENCH ORAL EXAMS
YEAR 12 CLASSES**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL
19-23**

**ASSR
Year 10 classes**

**APRIL
20**

**DNB ORAL EXAMS
(AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
SECTION)**

**MAY
10-14**

**PIX ASSESSMENTS Year 10
classes and
ASSR
Year 08 classes**

**MAY
18**

**ASSESSMENT
OF EXPERIMENTAL
CAPABILITIES PHYSICS**

**MAY
19**

**ASSESSMENT OF
EXPERIMENTAL
SKILLS IN LIFE AND EARTH
SCIENCES**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY
24**

GRADE CUTOFF

The dates of the class councils will be communicated to you at a later date.

**JUNE
01-02**

END-OF-YEAR SHOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

**JUNE
01-04**

FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

**JUNE
04**

DNB ORAL EXAMS

**JUNE
07**

DNB ORAL EXAMS AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SECTION



UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE
08**

**EAF morning
EAM afternoon**

**JUNE
09**

BAC PHILOSOPHY

**JUNE
10-11**

BAC SPECIALITIES

**JUNE
15-18**

EAF ORALS

**JUNE
14-25**

**INTERNSHIPS
YEAR 11 CLASSES**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE
18-19**

DNB

**JUNE
23**

**BAC RESULTS
FIRST GROUP**

**JUNE
25**

**ORAL EXAMS AND
BAC RESULTS
SECOND GROUP**

**JUNE
26**

**DNB RESULTS
EAF/EAM RESULTS**

**JULY
01**

**BAC DIPLOMA AWARD
CEREMONY
END-OF-YEAR RECEPTION**

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