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## History and Philosophy

### A short history:

In 1989, La Tour's Anglophone Section, inaugurated with 20 bilingual students, was originally a single program, now called **Etudes Anglophones**, designed to provide a bilingual and bicultural education for students entering La Tour with a fluent level of spoken and written English.

We soon realized however the importance of giving ALL La Tour students the opportunity to perfect their English skills and introduce them to the many cultures of the English-speaking world.

**Anglais Avancé**, an honors program for top students in *Anglais académique*, created a second level adapted for non-bilingual level students.

The **Step Programs for pre-primary and primary students** were established to begin the learning process even earlier.

**Today**, there are over 800 students in two distinct programs in the *collège/lycée* including our newest program **Anglais Renforcé** to help as many La Tour students as possible make the jump in to *Anglais Avancé* and over 200 students in the Wednesday Step Programs for primary-aged children.

### Our Philosophy:

As globalization has made the world a smaller place, our curriculum has evolved. While the program in *collège* concentrates primarily on the **United States** and **Great Britain**, the *lycée* literature and civilization courses introduce students to **Anglophone countries** outside of Great Britain and the United States. Since French students have little time to participate in extra-curricular activities, our *lycée Electives* program enables students to choose from subjects such as **film-making, debate, journalism, social responsibility and marketing**. Our **New Student Orientation Program** helps students from around the world adapt to life at La Tour and our **Higher Education Adviser** provides aid to students who wish to apply to universities around the world.

If the curriculum has evolved over the years, our fundamental mission has never faltered: **to provide an academically rigorous and supportive environment which enables students to achieve academic excellence in English and experience an Anglo-Saxon learning environment**. Our aim is to help students broaden their horizons by developing an awareness of the world around them and the confidence to meet their full potential and find their place in an ever-changing world.

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## The Five Anglophone Section Programs

**Etudes Anglophones (EA):** For **bilingual** students from 6<sup>ème</sup> through *Terminale*.

**Class hours:** Official *Anglais Académique* hours plus additional classes according to grade.

**Curriculum:** Anglophone literature and history in English through age- and grade-appropriate textbooks and materials taught by highly-qualified, native-speaker teachers.

**Anglais Avancé (AA):** For students from 6<sup>ème</sup> through *Terminale* at the top of their *Anglais Académique* classes with excellent overall academic results.

**Class hours:** one or two classes (depending on the grade level). Taught by highly-qualified, native-speaker teachers.

**Anglais Renforcé (AR):** To give students in 6<sup>ème</sup> and 5<sup>ème</sup> that extra push and encouragement to open up and develop their skills in English in preparation for a possible entry into *Anglais Avancé*.

**Class hours:** two classes. Taught by highly-qualified, native-speaker teachers.

**Step Ahead:** For bilingual and non-bilingual children in CE1 through CM2 from primary schools in the Paris area.

**Class hours:** 2.5 hours on Wednesday afternoons.

**Curriculum:** two tracks: Bilingual and non-Bilingual. English immersion workshops with highly-qualified, native-speaker teachers.

**Step One:** For bilingual students in *Grande Section Maternelle* and *CP* from pre-primary schools in the Paris area.

**Class hours:** 2.5 hours on Wednesday afternoons.

**Curriculum:** An all-English school experience with highly-qualified, native-speaker teachers.



## EA and AA Collège and Lycée Curriculum

<i>Etudes Anglophones (EA)</i>	<i>Anglais Avancé (AA)</i>
<p><b>6 Prep</b> British History &amp; Literature/ Grammar &amp; Writing 6 classes per week</p> <p><b>6EA</b> British History &amp; Literature 6 classes per week British History Day Trip in October</p>	<p><b>6AA</b> British civilization &amp; Literature 2 classes per week</p>
<p><b>5EA</b> British History &amp; Literature 5 classes per week British History Trip</p>	<p><b>5AA</b> Discovery of Anglophone Africa 2 classes per week Trip to Ireland</p>
<p><b>4EA</b> American History &amp; Literature 5 classes per week Year-long theatre project Middle School Model UN Conference (PACMUN)</p>	<p><b>4AA</b> American Civilization &amp; Literature 2 classes per week Exchange in United States</p>
<p><b>3EA</b> American History &amp; Literature Cambridge First Certificate Exam 5 classes per week Harvard Model Congress Europe (HMCE)</p>	<p><b>3AA</b> Anglophone World Literature Theme: Detective and Mystery Stories, Trials 2 classes per week</p>
<p><b>2EA</b> Anglophone World Literature+ Art History + elective 5 classes per week Harvard Model Congress Baltimore and Australia Exchanges</p>	<p><b>2AA</b> <i>Facing the Fear Public Speaking: Conveying your Message with Confidence</i> 2 classes per week Baltimore and Australia Exchanges</p>
<p><b>1EA</b> Anglophone World Literature + elective 4 classes per week IELTS Exam Preparation (optional) SAT Exam Preparation (optional) Harvard Model Congress Europe Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build</p>	<p><b>1AA</b> <i>Who is right? Debate: Learning to Speak Your Mind</i> (FCE required) 1 class per week IELTS Exam Preparation (optional) SAT Exam Preparation (optional) Harvard Model Congress Europe Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build</p>
<p><b>TEA</b> Anglophone World Literature Baccalaureate preparation IELTS Exam Preparation (optional) 3 classes per week Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build</p>	<p><b>TAA</b> <i>The Art of Presenting Yourself: Professional Personal Expression</i> (FCE required) 1 class per week Baltimore Exchange Habitat for Humanity Global Village Build</p>



## Anglophone Section

### Step Programs on Wednesday Afternoon

For pre-primary and primary-aged children in the Paris area

The Anglophone Section Wednesday Afternoon Step Programs are English-immersion workshops to help children develop and maintain their oral skills as well as learn and build the foundations for reading and writing in English through hands-on, entertaining activities.

#### STEP ONE for bilingual children

Ages 5 and 6

(Grande Section Maternelle and CP)

Wednesdays, 1.00 -3.30pm

For **bilingual GS and CP children**. A dynamic cross-curricular program of pre-reading, phonics and comprehension including creative learning and artistic workshops in an all-English environment.

#### STEP AHEAD for bilingual and non-bilingual students

Ages 7 to 10 (CE1-CM2)

Wednesday, 1.00 -3.30pm

**For CE1 children:** A dynamic cross-curricular program of reading and comprehension including creative learning and artistic workshops in an English-immersion environment.

**For CE2, CM1 and CM2 children:** Successive workshops focusing on reading, writing, music, arts and crafts, and theater.

**Two tracks: bilingual and non-bilingual.**

For further information:

<http://www.latourparis.com> Anglophone Section Wednesday Programs

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## Anglophone Section Admissions

### *Etudes Anglophones*

- Students educated in France in a bilingual environment at home or in school
- Students returning from a French *lycée* abroad
- Students returning from a bilingual school or one with an Anglophone Section
- **Students having followed CNED courses while studying in an Anglophone or international school**

La Tour *Etudes Anglophones* candidates must be capable of following the *Education Nationale* curriculum that prepares the French *Baccalauréat* in addition to having an excellent or bilingual-level of English.

### *Anglais Avancé*

- Students at the top of their *Anglais Académique* classes in *collège*
- Students who have lived abroad or in a bilingual family with good oral and comprehension skills but lack training in reading and writing
- Students who have developed strong English skills through summer programs and/or international experiences and diligence
- Students working up to *Etudes Anglophones* by perfecting their skills

*Anglais Avancé* candidates must not only have excellent English comprehension and expression skills but **must also excellent overall academic results** so as to take on two more classes a week with Anglophone Section teachers in an all-English-speaking environment as a complement to their *Anglais Académique* program.

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## Anglophone Section Entrance Exams

### Entrance Exams take place:

Mid-March	for in-coming <i>6èmes</i>
Early July	for in-coming <i>6èmes</i> to <i>Terminales</i>
Late August	for those unable for professional reasons to attend other sessions

### **Etudes Anglophones (EA) Exam**

A two-hour exam including dictation, grammar, reading comprehension, writing sample, and interview designed to determine whether candidates have the necessary English skills to spend all their English classes with Anglophone Section teachers working on grade-appropriate Anglophone literature and history. Students who successfully pass this exam are invited into EA. Students who demonstrate good English skills, but do not meet the level requirements of EA may be invited to attend AA classes.

### **Anglais Avancé (AA) Exam**

A ninety-minute exam including dictation (for 6AA), reading comprehension, writing sample and interview designed to determine whether candidates (who continue in *Anglais Académique* with *Education Nationale* teachers) have the necessary skills to perfect their English through two classes with Anglophone Section teachers. They must be top students in their *Anglais Académique* classes.

**New students and families who are uncertain of which test to take should contact the Anglophone Section office before registering at [anglophonelatour@latourparis.com](mailto:anglophonelatour@latourparis.com).**



## Anglophone Section Admissions Procedures

### Candidates to La Tour:

New candidates to La Tour must first be accepted to La Tour.

Applications to La Tour begin mid-October for incoming-6ème and March for 5ème – Terminale.

Students accepted to La Tour may request to test for *Etudes Anglophones (EA)* or *Anglais Avancé (AA)*.

### Current La Tour students:

#### **Promotion Interne to Anglais Avancé**

Requirements: excellent results in English and very good results in other academic subjects

**6AA:** Invitations are extended after the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester *conseils de classe* for entry in December.

There is no entrance exam. Students may also be interviewed in the spring for the following school year.

**5AA – 2AA:** Invitations are extended after the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester *conseils de classe* for entry in September of the following year.

#### **Promotion interne from AA to EA**

Each year a few particularly strong AA students from 5ème to 3ème are selected by the AA teachers to enter the EA program. Students are invited in the spring after the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester *conseil de classe* for the following school year. Selection is based on students' results in AA throughout the year, particularly the results on the series of mock entrance exams given during the year and the students' motivation in addition to strong overall results in other academic subjects.

**Admission into *Etudes Anglophones* for students not in *Anglais Avancé* is quite exceptional and necessitates an interview with the Head of Section and a complete entrance exam.**





## Anglophone Section Higher Education Advising

The Anglophone Section provides counseling for students wishing to apply to Anglophone universities and programs. Over the past fifteen years, graduates of the Anglophone Section and La Tour have studied in universities such as Cornell University, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth College, NYU, and UVA in the US; University of Warwick, London School of Economics, Imperial College, King's College, Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the UK; McGill University, Concordia University, University of British Columbia and Bishop's University in Canada and Anglophone programs in Europe such as Bocconi, ESADE, IE and the *Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne*.

**This paying service is available to all La Tour students** and includes aid in the following areas:

- Choosing universities and courses in relation to student's interests
- Obtaining teacher recommendations
- Translation of teacher recommendations and transcripts
- Writing teacher references and college guidance counselor recommendations
- Editing of student personal statement, college application essays and other application questions
- Guidance in completing application before deadline

The process begins in *Première* and it is important to respect the calendar for overseas application process.

If your child is interested in applying to universities in the US, UK, CA or Anglophone programs in Europe, please contact our Higher Education Adviser:

**Andreas Bonetis** at [highereducation@latourparis.com](mailto:highereducation@latourparis.com)

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## The Anglophone Section PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

**Our members:** Anglophone Section parents and teachers are de facto members of the PTA. *Etudes Anglophones* and *Anglais Avancé* are both part of the Anglophone Section.

**The Board:** The PTA Board is comprised of parents of Anglophone Section students who hold the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary in addition to the Head of the Anglophone Section.

**The Meetings:** PTA meetings are held regularly throughout the school year and are open to all members of the PTA. We encourage parents to attend our convivial and productive meetings and activities. If you cannot make the meetings, minutes are sent out following the meetings. The PTA is a particularly interesting way for new parents to participate in their children's Anglophone Section experience.

### **Our Mission:**

- to reinforce our families' diverse Anglophone cultural experiences through holiday celebrations and gatherings;
- to facilitate the transition of new families into the Anglophone Section and La Tour;
- to provide information about the events and developments in the Anglophone Section through a newsletter and PTA meeting minutes;
- to improve the practical aspects of the educational experience by purchasing second copies of textbooks to be available at school and audiovisual equipment;
- to contribute financial assistance for trips and various extracurricular activities;
- to keep abreast of the ways the PTA can contribute through volunteer work, fundraising or financial assistance to enable the teachers and the students to continue the many extra-curricular activities and events that make the Anglophone Section so unique.

**For more information feel free to contact us at [pta.latour@latourparis.com](mailto:pta.latour@latourparis.com)**

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