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Dear future pupils and parents,

Congratulations on passing the International Section entrance tests and a very warm welcome to Maurice Ravel OIB section. As you may have heard we have a lot of fun in the OIB section with exciting activities and projects in class and interesting outings and trips over the years. However we expect a lot of our pupils in return. There will be plenty of homework and we will expect you to go the extra mile by getting involved in all our projects and group activities.

At Ravel OIB/BFI section we value our parents and encourage you to get involved in your child's education : by volunteering to be a class representative and attending the *conseils de classe* ; sharing your expertise with the teachers (writers have come to speak on their work, historians have given conferences, artists have held workshops) ; or sharing your contacts (thanks to parents we have had a Hollywood producer, a Holocaust survivor and a well-known journalist come to address our pupils). Our section owes a great deal to the parents' organisation APÉSI Ravel who organise cultural and fun events such as Welcome Picnics, Movie Nights and school discos and who fund our cultural activities. Please consider getting involved by contacting them on [apesiravel@gmail.com](mailto:apesiravel@gmail.com) and adding your name to their mailing list so you can be informed of upcoming events.

To ease you gently into the International Section programme, I am providing you with a summer reading list from which you need to read two books. You should **ALL** read *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman and complete two challenges from the Reading Choice Board below. You can choose any second book from the list and again complete two challenges from the Reading Choice Board. For those of you feeling very enthusiastic, why don't you try our Reading Challenge and read all six books?

Please read at least **one** of the following books and complete two challenges from the reading choice board :

*The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes  
*The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars  
*Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman  
*A Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson  
*The Railway Children* by Edith Nesbit

**Please buy *Matilda* by Roald Dahl to read in class in September. No need to read it beforehand.**

#### Reading Choice Board

<p><b>Challenge 1</b> Doodle SKETCHES of four important characters. Below each doodle, write why the character is important.</p>	<p><b>Challenge 2</b> Give the book an AWARD (good or bad). Explain why the book deserves this award you created.</p>	<p><b>Challenge 3</b> Design a MOVIE POSTER for the book. Write 4+ sentences summarizing the book to accompany the poster.</p>
<p><b>Challenge 4</b> Write a pretend EMAIL to the author of the book. Share your thoughts on the story. Ask the author questions.</p>	<p><b>Challenge 5</b> Draw a MEMORABLE SCENE from your reading. Write a summary of the scene under your sketch.</p>	<p><b>Challenge 6</b> Make a TOP 10 LIST of the best parts of the book. Explain why you chose each part.</p>
<p><b>Challenge 7</b> Imagine that you have to give the main character a GIFT. Write about what you would give the character and explain why.</p>	<p><b>Challenge 8</b> Write a NEWS ARTICLE about an important event in the book. Be sure to answer the questions WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY.</p>	<p><b>Challenge 9</b> Sketch a POSTCARD from a setting in the book. Then, write a description of the setting and an explanation for its significance.</p>

Have a wonderful holiday and looking forward to seeing you all in September.

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