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Boulogne-sur-Mer,
College Pierre Daunou
International secondary school

Offer your child a complete bilingual education in France



*Just a stone's throw from England,
Boulogne-sur-Mer is a typical French town
that is renowned for a warm welcome!*

*Charles Dickens called 'Boulogne his 'favorite
French watering place', her beautiful
Notre Dame Cathedral is reminiscent of
St Paul's, her melted cheddar and ham speciality
is a 'rarebit' to be reckoned with, add a hint of
'Pudding de Noël', 'moules frites' and 'crème
caramel' and you have the delectable evidence of
a long lasting love affair between Boulogne and
England.*



*One can only become truly bilingual when one shares
both the language and the culture of a country.*

Generally a bilingual education in France is only available in private schools but the proximity of Boulogne to England and our shared history have encouraged the County Council for the Pas-de-Calais to develop an international section at the centrally situated Collège Daunou. English speaking children can now learn to speak and write French alongside French children of their own age in a truly French environment.

*Collège Daunou aims to follow the path of the much
acclaimed French education system*

France offers state-run and private schools at all levels and the educational standards are high. The rigorous curriculum is dictated by the Ministry of Education and is virtually the same across the country and in French overseas territories.

The French educational philosophy emphasises: the authority of the Teacher; individual competition including an absolute grading system; stress is on analytical thought and students are frequently expected to learn by heart. Academic expectations are high. Sports are encouraged in and out of school, the variety of after school sports is particularly wide.



Collège (6^e-3^e)

The first year of secondary school, called the 6^e, is called the 'cycle d'adaptation'; the 5^e and 4^e are the 'cycle central'; the 3^e is the 'cycle d'orientation'. The School Administrator is known as the Principal; secondary schools also have groups of Counselors, Teachers and parents known as a 'conseil de classe' (class council) that monitors students' progress and, advises if their progress is sufficient to enter the next grade. If it is considered insufficient, discussions with parents will ensue. A Head Teacher is responsible for students in each class and may contact parents at any time if a problem should arise.

At the end of the 3^e, students sit for nationally administered exams to obtain a diploma called the 'Brevet des Collèges'. The 'Conseil de Classe' advises about which 'track' a student should follow at the Lycée, whether regular studies leading to the Baccalauréat (A Level) or vocational studies at a Lycée Professionnel.



In the classroom

Subjects are generally the same as in English schools.

The system calls for 26 hours of class per week at secondary level.

There are roughly 158 school days per year, less than in many anglophone countries, but the school days are longer finishing at around 5-6pm. The school-day generally runs 6 hours with a 15 minute break mid morning and afternoon and an hour or ninety minutes for lunch. Children can go home for lunch or stay at school for a fee-based lunch service.

The traditional schedule calls for attendance Monday to Friday with classes on Wednesday mornings only.

All public schools have four two-week breaks in October/November, December, February/March and April/May.





Providing a supportive environment

We recognise that for parents, sending a child to study abroad is a major emotional investment. We aim to ensure the personal development and well-being of each pupil within our care.

Students are embarking on a new experience, far from home. The boarding school is a place of work but also a place for exchange and cohesion. Their individual abilities and differences naturally bring the group together; they help each other, take time to listen to one another and share experiences.



Accommodation

The boarding school is new and purpose built, it offers facilities to accommodate 40 children in the International Section. The building comprises bedrooms with on suite bathrooms... Three children share a room and dispose of a single bed with desk and chair. There are facilities for special needs, particularly for those physically challenged. The small number of pupils means that we can give them the individual attention they will need, particularly in the first weeks away from home.

Two teacher assistants, one male and one female, are on hand day and night in the boarding school to help with homework and offer moral assistance and help to ensure their well-being.





Outside the classroom

Boarding students have time for leisure activities and relaxing after lessons:
Music, table football, computer games, English television channels, reading, drawing, discussion.

6pm - 7.15pm : Homework

7.15pm : Dinner

8pm – 8.15pm : Showers

From 8.15pm to 8.45pm - they are encouraged to call parents if they wish.

9pm: Lights out for 6^e and 5^e

10pm : Lights out for 4^e and 3^e



On Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 5.30/6pm, educational, cultural and linguistic activities are also organized inside the boarding school on evenings and fully supervised. All educational visits are financed by the Pas-de-Calais County Council.

Wednesday afternoon activities include:

Sports for beginners : Kayak, badminton, archery...

French / English films or theatre

Trail games around the historical ramparts in Boulogne-sur-Mer

The Château Museum and Nausicaa (National Centre for Sea life)

Language games – improvisation of a dialogue in English / French on a piece of film or advert

Inter-school quiz games.





Financial matters

The average termly fee for boarding school in England is around **£7 353**

In College Daunou, the cost is much lighter at **1 500€** including everything : Education, boarding, four meals per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a mid afternoon snack). An extensive variety of extra-curricular activities are financed by the County Council .



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Eurotunnel 35 minutes

Eurostar 55 minutes (from London)

P+O and Seafrance 90 minutes from Dover.

Boulogne is just a 30 minute drive from Calais via the A16 toll free motorway.

