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CNED Handbook 2019-2020



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ELIGIBILITY

The Centre National d'Enseignement à Distance (CNED) is offered to students from pre-school senior through grade 8 who are fluent in the French language. From grade 9, students can follow the CNED independently during their study halls as well as attending a weekly hour support session with a French native teacher.

WHAT IS CNED?

The Centre National d'Enseignement à Distance in France has created a programme for the French Language, History and Math. The aim of the programme is to enable French speaking students, who live outside of France, the opportunity to keep up with their studies at an equivalent level as their peers in France. The Curriculum for instruction in the CNED is determined by the French Ministry of Education and can change on a yearly basis. The CNED issues certificates to students who successfully complete the programme.

ISA INSTRUCTION FOR THE CNED

ISA primarily provides CNED lessons in the French language. (History lessons are partially taught if an additional agreement is made between a family and the school.) While the CNED is designed for distance learning, ISA recognises its role in providing actual instruction to help students manage new concepts and in many instances a different style of education. The CNED is considered a course of studies at ISA and the teachers will provide regular assessments to parents using an internal CNED evaluation form. When reports are issued, the CNED teacher will write detailed comments in French assessing the child's progress. These are useful especially where a student is intending to go back to the French educational system.

MS INSTRUCTION FOR THE CNED

In Middle School, the framework for study comes from the CNED textbooks and there is likely to be a range of abilities within the scheduled class. As with Elementary, the teacher works with individual students or small groups giving instruction to ensure the students are prepared for the rigorous assessments. The teacher will assist individual students in achieving their goals with the primary focus being the French language component. Feedback on progress will be shared by the teacher at reporting dates, parent teacher conferences and through additional communication as appropriate. Students will have the option of joining after school sessions to work on this, and other strands of the program.

SMALL GROUPS

Our CNED classes are taught in very small groups, usually from 1-6 pupils maximum. This enables the teacher to follow every single child very closely and it also creates a close bond within the teaching group. Please note that this sometimes leads us in having multi-level CNED groups.

CLASS CORRESPONDENCE

The usual class correspondence is as follows:

GSM =	Kindergarten
CP =	Grade 1
CE1 =	Grade 2

CE2 =	Grade 3
CM1 =	Grade 4
CM2 =	Grade 5
Sixième (6ème) =	Grade 6
Cinquième (5ème) =	Grade 7
Quatrième (4ème) =	Grade 8

END OF UNIT TESTS : “ÉVALUATIONS”

The *évaluations* take place at the end of a unit and are compulsory. They allow us to assess the learning and the skills of the child throughout the year. The *évaluation* is then sent to France to be marked by an official examiner who will follow the child for the school year. They are kept in an individual folder for the year, which is then sent home at the end of the school year with the ISA certificate letter of validation.

Depending on the class, overall each year there are 6 or 8 *évaluations* in primary, and about 10 in *collège*. However, the programme is extremely content ‘heavy’, so it may happen that a group does not complete every work unit, especially in *collège* or *lycée*. This is another reason why we constantly keep our expectations very high, because then a student who may not have completed every aspect of the programme, would not be prevented from re-entering the French educational system. In that case, the teacher only makes sure that every student reaches the requirements needed to follow the next year’s programme.

EXPECTATIONS

The CNED programme of studies is very demanding with rigid timetables and frequent assessments. While every attempt is made to meet the demands of the programme during class hours, homework will often be required if students are to achieve the expectations for a CNED certificate. The pupils must display an appropriate learning attitude during lessons and the books (cahiers) must remain very neat. For instance, the children should write using blue friction pens to avoid crossing. Also, the homework is considered very important and should always be completed in due time. There are high expectations regarding handwriting and presentation is always important.

WHEN WILL THE LESSONS TAKE PLACE AT ISA?

Students will have CNED lessons during the regularly scheduled modern language class periods. In the Middle School lessons occur up to three times a week. In the Elementary School lessons occur during the modern language blocks scheduled for each grade level, also usually three times a week. There is also a provision for after-school instruction on a Monday and Wednesday. Students wishing to receive additional support for history coursework, not taught during school hours, might use this.

ACCREDITATION

ISA has an accreditation from the CNED, authorizing us to use their resources to deliver this specialised programme for learning French as a first language.

REGISTRATION, FEES AND NOTICE

Parents should register their children directly with the admissions officer.

The fees are considered on a yearly basis and the CNED lessons are timetabled like any other subject. It may happen on occasion that a lesson is missed (activities day, concert etc.) but it cannot be recovered if that is the case.

For 2019-20 students taking lessons in the CNED will be charged £1,500, which includes the cost of enrolment for the language component, but not history or math.

REPORTS AND END OF YEAR ISA CERTIFICATE

At the end of the school year, each pupil will be given his folder of the year, which will hold all his/her *évaluations*, as well as an ISA certificate which validates the level reached in CNED. This establishes that, according to us, the child could follow the subsequent year's French programme if he/she were to return to the French educational system. Pupils will also be given a "*livret de compétences*" from the CNED stating that they officially followed the French programme for the year.

IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

Admission office : admissions@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

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