

SEPTEMBER 2020

Back-to-school 2020! Dear parents, Dear students

I wish you an excellent start to the new school year 2020. This online classes, certainly atypical, will not be an obstacle to the support you and work with you. You can count on my availability and my involvement. I am happy to present you the first Orientation newsletter.

For all those whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Karine Gaultier, I am a guidance counselor at the high school for the guidance and follow-up of students for their school path, from 10th to 12th grade. I am also in charge of the Post-BAC orientations in France for students in 12th grade. Orientation is an important decision in the life of our children. I am here to help.

Every month, I will send you a newsletter to keep you informed of the latest news about Orientation. You will also find resources and information, by grade. The dates of the events will be communicated to you via the Rochambeau website, the newsletter and Pronote.

I look forward to working and guiding your children during this new school year. I am at your disposal for any further information, via email gaultierk@rochambeau.org or by phone at 301-530-8260 ext 254.

Wishing you a great back-to-school and hoping to have the pleasure to meet you soon!

CALENDRIER – RÉUNIONS

September

Elèves de Terminales 1, 2, 3, 4

Post-BAC studies in France: Presentation

24 September – 9.00-11.00am

Parents – Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/93063545625?pwd=VmlyZFRsOU9sU1VFTRIVTBtR3k4dz09>

Back to School Orientation Breakfast - Presentation of the year 2020-2021 by class

30 September – 6.00-8.00pm

Parents – Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/95490309256?pwd=R3ZwTXVBN2w5UCtBYmJiem5QWi9VQT09>

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SECONDE

The 10th grade year is decisive for the orientation. It is rich in discoveries and knowledge of oneself and the world. My objective is to help your children to reflect and build their personal and professional project. We will therefore regularly work together, during this school year, on different themes, through three main areas:

- Self-knowledge
- Knowledge of the economic world
- Knowledge of higher education and different systems

Choice of “specialités” for 11th grade (school orientation): informative meetings and individual meetings to define each person's project throughout the year: different orientation path after 10th grade and after the baccalaureate.

Job shadowing program: 9 days of discovery of the business world (date and feasibility to be confirmed); preparation of two internship reports (May and June) and an oral exam, all three graded. I will regularly lead meetings (dates to be consulted in Pronote) to help students in their search for an internship (job shadowing). Thus, we will work on the choice of the sector of activity, the search for companies in the said sector, the motivation letter, the resume and the search for an internship.

Startup Week: an entire week dedicated to the virtual creation, in group, of a startup project.

Oral communication training: throughout the year (oral presentation) to succeed in the pitch of the Startup Week and the oral exam of the job shadowing program.

PREMIÈRE

For 11th graders, my ambition is to offer your children a more concrete and realistic vision of the world of work and to make them aware of the challenges and deadlines. In particular, we will work on self-knowledge (2) and their projections on post bac projects.

Meeting by class or entire level: Presentation of the different programs fields (Political Science, Business, Engineering, Law...)

Intervention of professional: Your involvement and participation (presentation of your sector of activity or your trade) are valuable and welcome. By involving parents in the orientation process, we improve access to information.

Schools visits: Throughout the year, schools/universities will present their programs. Depending on the circumstances, these meetings will be scheduled online.

TERMINALE

The focus for 12th graders is entirely dedicated to applications in higher education: choice of programs, selection of universities/schools, preparation of application forms, preparation for written and oral exams...

All students will be informed about the opportunities available to them in Post-BAC during the two meetings in September: Presentation of higher education in France, US, Canada and UK; calendar of post-baccalaureate applications, ...

I will meet students and parents in individual meetings at their convenience. Do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment: through zoom!

Class meetings will be organized once a month (i.e pronote) to work with students on their applications: wish list, university choices, cover letter, CV, career path, motivated training project...

FELICITATIONS!

Congratulations to the class of 2020 for its excellent results in the baccalaureate and its acceptances in prestigious French institutions: Lycée Sainte-Geneviève, Sciences Po Paris, Bachelor de Polytechnique, ESCP Europe, Sorbonne Université, Dauphine, Médecine, EFREI, ECE...

RESSOURCES

Rochambeau Website | [Rochambeau Website](http://www.rochambeau.org/page.cfm?p=666)
<http://www.rochambeau.org/page.cfm?p=666>

Parcoursup
<https://www.parcoursup.fr/>

Student lunch: lectures by speakers (professionals or schools/universities) at lunch time (schedule to be defined according to the speakers' availability). I strongly encourage your children to participate! Online to get started.

Brochures and booklets: available upon request.

Website for orientation: Accessible via the Library portal - CIDJ website.

Individual appointments: request an appointment by <mailto:gaultierk@rochambeau.org> for a Zoom Meeting

Communication of information via Pronote, Rochambeau News, Rochambeau website

Information meetings in the morning: orientation breakfasts (zoom)

What's new for orientation? Monthly press review on Pronote and Rochambeau newsletter