# The British School System

## The Key Stages

| | | UK | Age before September 1st | France | USA |
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| Early Years | LAUNCHPAD | Nursery | 3 | Petite Section | Nursery |
| | | Reception | 4 | Moyenne Section | Pre-Kindergarten |
| Key Stage 1 | PRIMARY SCHOOL | Year 1 | 5 | Grande Section | Kindergarten |
| | | Year 2 | 6 | CP | Grade 1 |
| Key Stage 2 | | Year 3 | 7 | CE1 | Grade 2 |
| | | Year 4 | 8 | CE2 | Grade 3 |
| | | Year 5 | 9 | CM1 | Grade 4 |
| | | Year 6 | 10 | CM2 | Grade 5 |
| Key Stage 3 | SECONDARY SCHOOL | Year 7 | 11 | 6ème | Grade 6 |
| | | Year 8 | 12 | 5ème | Grade 7 |
| | | Year 9 | 13 | 4ème | Grade 8 |
| Key Stage 4 | | Year 10 (IGCSE) | 14 | 3ème | Grade 9 |
| | | Year 11 (IGCSE) | 15 | Seconde | Grade 10 |
| Key Stage 5 | | Year 12 (A-Levels) | 16 | Première | Grade 11 |
| | | Year 13 (A-Levels) | 17 | Terminale | Grade 12 |