

# Introduction booklet Third Year Bilingual Students



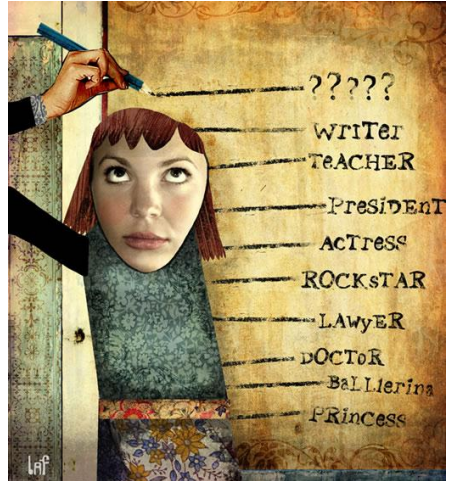
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## When I grow up I want to be a.....

The third year is a year in which you have to choose your “profiel”. Depending on what you would like to be, or what you would like to study after school or what subjects you enjoy at school, you can choose between the “profielen”, *Economie en Maatschappij, Cultuur en Maatschappij, Natuur en Gezondheid, Natuur en Techniek*. This decides in which subjects you will be doing exams in year 6.



Taking a decision might be daunting. Fortunately you will be prepared for it during the mentor lessons. Mr Thijs, the Careers Advisor (*decaan*), will inform you about the possible choices, you will be doing tests on the computer and you will get some introductory lessons of subjects that are given in the upper years.

The process of choosing your profile begins after the autumn break. In the first lesson you will receive a booklet and a timetable. About eight mentor lessons will be spent on this. After the Christmas break your parents will be invited to attend an information evening.

## Community Service Work (maatschappelijke stage)



During this work experience you will do voluntary work for others by participating in and helping out at non-profit organisations. After all you have quite a lot of talent and enthusiasm you can use to make other people happy.

Last year students worked at places like sports clubs, nursing homes, primary schools, day care centres for disabled people, after school care centres and hospitals. Helping out in those institutions will give you a glimpse of the organisation and their needs.

Students are expected to find a placement themselves. You can do the work experience on your own or in pairs. Four days will be reserved in school time for you to do half of your hours, the rest has to be done in your own free time. Make sure to have your address approved by your class teacher before you contact people.

In **week 41** (Tuesday 11 October till Friday 14 October) you will be given the opportunity to help out at your placement for twenty hours. You won't have any classes on those days.

## **Study and Planning skills**

This year is the final year of the foundation years “onderbouw”. Next year you will be going on to the upper years “bovenbouw”, in which you are required to plan your own study and assignments over a longer period of time. In order to prepare you for the transition you will get a booklet containing Study and Planning Skills assignments this year. These assignments, which you have to do in your own time, have a strict deadline and will count for a grade.

**If you have problems adhering to the deadline, make sure to notify your form teacher in advance.**

## **HWT hours**

To make the HWT hours successful and useful for you this year and to make sure that you will save time at home, every TTO-3 student is going to have a homework school diary that will be used as a work planner during the HWT hours. Your HWT teacher will have access to this schedule.

## **Anglia exams**

In April 2012 all third year bilingual students will sit their Anglia exams. The Anglia exams consists of two parts: the first exam on 12 April consists of a writing, listening and reading part. The speaking part takes place in the week after the May break. Preparation for these exams will take place in your English classes.

All students are registered at *Proficiency level*. However, your English teacher might advise you to take the exam at *Masters level* if she has reason to believe you are good enough to do so. In order to be able to continue with the IB-programme in the upper years you will have to pass the exams with the qualification “merit”.

Registration takes place at the beginning of March, so you will be consulted about your level in February.

## **Bilingual Attitude**

In the third year your Bilingual Attitude will be assessed again by an English teacher and two CLIL teachers in the same way as it was done in the previous two years. You should now be at level A, True Bilingual: speaking English in the CLIL classroom and addressing the CLIL teachers in English at all times, without being reminded. Be aware that your attitude is one of the aspects that

the English teachers and the TTO 123 team take into account at the last report card meeting when deciding on your continuation in the Bilingual English- Pre IB, VWO4 TT0.

## Assessment for Pre-IB

Towards the end of the year your English teacher will assess your English Language skills to see whether you can continue the bilingual education at the HWC. The English in the Upper years (IB) requires a lot of work and we want to be sure your input leads to a positive result. If you haven't reached a certain level in English it will be too hard and then you might also jeopardize the subjects that count for your VWO exam.

The assessment is based on your English grade, your bilingual attitude, your Anglia grade and your overall grade for the other subjects. The exact requirements will be announced in October 2011.



## International Awareness and Cross your Borders

You might have had some international awareness projects in year two. In the third year International Awareness will be a



separate subject for two periods. Some V3 classes start in period 1, others in period 3.

In the last week of the year all third year students will participate in the “**Cross your Borders Project**”. The project is organised by an external institution. **The outcome of the project will count as a grade towards International Awareness (please contact your IA teacher for exact information about the weight of this result).**

## **Catch-up tests**

A new procedure is the way in which you have to catch up on tests you missed: “Centraal Inhalen”. Whereas before you could arrange dates with your teacher, now you will have to apply for permission to do the test on one of the set dates (**check Teletop-leerlingen for dates and other information on catch-up tests**).

You submit your request via an internet-form on the HWC-site. It will be sent to Mrs Smits and she will inform you within a week whether you get permission to catch up.

One of the conditions is that all Abs, TIs and VWs have to have been dealt with in time (**within five days of having been absent, late or removed from class**). Always apply **straightaway** when you have missed a test.

There are five dates in a year. You can't sit for more than two tests. If it so happens that you have more

tests you missed, please contact Mrs Smits personally to make special arrangements.

## Teletop in year Three

More teachers will put their planners and resources on Teletop. You will also find the most up-to-date **test planner (under Information)** and the submission dates of test catch- up days for tests on Teletop. So be sure to remember your user's name and password. These are not the same as the ones for Magister.

## Gymnasium

Unlike Atheneum students, students who take Latin and Greek only have 1 HWT hour. This hour will be used both as a mentor hour and study hour.

Note that your grades for Latin and Greek **count** when it comes to graduating to year four, even if you want to stop doing Latin and Greek after year three. So make sure to get a sufficient for the two subjects.



## Europe trip

All third year students will be going on a Europe trip. V3A and V3C will go to England from Sunday 3 June up to and including Friday 8 June. V3B will take part in exchange with a school in France. The French students will come over to Amstelveen from 26 March up to and including 1 April. V3C will pay a return visit from 7 May up to and including 13 May. More information about contents of the programmes will follow.

## Skiing and Snowboarding trip



It is now possible for you to join the Skiing trip which is organized annually by the HWC. The trip takes place during the spring break in February and all participants must follow a skiing or snowboard lesson during this week. There are beginners and advanced groups. On the last day you have time to ski or snowboard on your own without an instructor.

In the weeks leading to the break it is obligatory to participate in the ski training which is organized in school. This is of course to prepare you for an intense week of skiing.

The organizers will notify you through the school monitors when to collect a registration form at the administration.

Note that a restricted number of students can participate. So be sure to hand in your form and pay an advancement quickly as it is first come first serve.

If you have any questions regarding the skiing trip you should ask Mrs A. Snijders-Blok, one of the organizers. Your form teacher does not have the information.

## **Graduation at the end of year Three**



In the last week of school the TTO 123 team will organize the third year graduation. This is to mark the end of the three truly bilingual years with all the subjects that are taught in English. In year four the bilingual element is reduced to Pre-IB English, history or chemistry, Social Studies and Science for Public Understanding (SPU) and some PE modules.

All third year students will get a TTO certificate stating they have completed three years of bilingual education. Apart from that you will receive the Anglia certificate for the Reading, Writing and Listening components. The certificate for the

Speaking component will be handed out on a later date. (September year four)  
Friends and family are invited for the evening.

## **Cultural Activities**

Each student will receive a *cultuurkaart* from the government at the start of the school year with € 12.50 on it. You need to activate this pass during a computer lesson. This money will be used for three activities:

\* A music workshop on September 27. You will participate in three workshops that day. A list will be handed out in advance. You can choose between tumbler, cajon, samba, saxophone, tap and didgeridoo. See [www.swingweb.nl](http://www.swingweb.nl) for information.

\* Museum visit

\* Songfestival project.

## **Guest speakers**

Getting things Done: an interactive workshop about getting organized.

Boom Chicago: workshop Improvisation Theatre

## **NEW THIS YEAR:**

1. Your telephone is turned **OFF** in class and **IN** your bag (which is on the floor).  
A teacher has permission to take your phone away from you if you do not adhere to these rules.
2. All your work/assignments/projects are handed in **ON TIME**. Work not handed in on time means that you will have to stay after school to finish it that **same day**.
3. Whenever you hand in an assignment you do so by putting your work in a binder. Your name and class are clearly indicated on the front page.

**HAVE A GOOD YEAR!**



Mr Van der Meer, Mr Riedstra, Mrs Garcia, Mrs Ilangwa, Mr Rot, Mr Thompson II and Mrs Smits, August 2011