



Dear friends

2009-2010 has been a pivotal time with the formalisation of our Past Pupil's Association. We have now joined up with Past Pupils' Associations of the French overseas schools network. This network, which annually welcomes an ever-increasing number of pupils, has contributed to and continues to contribute to the development of people in a rich variety of fields.

Many designers, artists, politicians and entrepreneurs are past pupils of this network and are witness to the quality, openness and values of the education they have received.

The LFIPPA continues to grow and develop with an increase in the number of members, volunteers, services offered, debates. 2009-2010 will also be marked by a strong growth in the number of volunteers, the development of our website; the increase in the number of administrators in different countries as well as in the various projects which are of benefit to our past pupils.

The LFIPPA is "The Lycée Français d'Irlande's Network", with an 3,000 strong membership spread throughout all sectors of industry and at every level, on every continent; a network that is there to bring you the support you need and, with your continued commitment, is growing from strength to strength. It is your commitment and your energy that makes the Association the successful support structure open to all.

The Association is also open to current pupils of the LFI who are the future of the Association and will ensure the continuity of the good work already undertaken by the past pupils. We are appealing to current pupils to bring their vision, their foresight and dynamism to the Association.

We have, to date, supported the many improvements within the school and will continue to do so into the future. These improvements under the direction of our past headmaster, Denis Bouclon, and our current headmaster, Alain Harvet, have seen the creation of the new Eurocampus building, the development of a bi-lingual programme from Kindergarten to Terminale (projects which attract more and more pupils from the four corners of the world), our Host Family Programme (which promotes access to studying abroad), the quality of our teaching, all with the goal of the best value and the strongest recognition of our diplomas.

All these signs are not misleading – yes, the LFI intends to embrace its future with ambition and play an essential role in the educational landscape which is being formed today.

The LFIPPA needs to be strong to support these changes. The fantastic team, which I have the pleasure of leading, works tirelessly for your Association. But the LFIPPA should not be just a small group of volunteers; it is open to everyone. We welcome and need your ideas, your enthusiasm, and your know-how. Your commitment will make the LFIPPA an interactive platform of exchange, assisting your future whether at third level or in your professional life.

Thank you.

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