

# COLLÈGE DU LÉMAN

International School – Geneva – Switzerland



Nestled in the outskirts of Geneva, [Collège du Léman](#) is an international learning community dedicated to inspiring our students' individual growth & academic excellence.

# UNMATCHED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Collège du Léman's wide breadth of academic offerings and world-class faculty foster engaged global citizens, ready for success at their top choice universities and beyond.

## BILINGUALISM

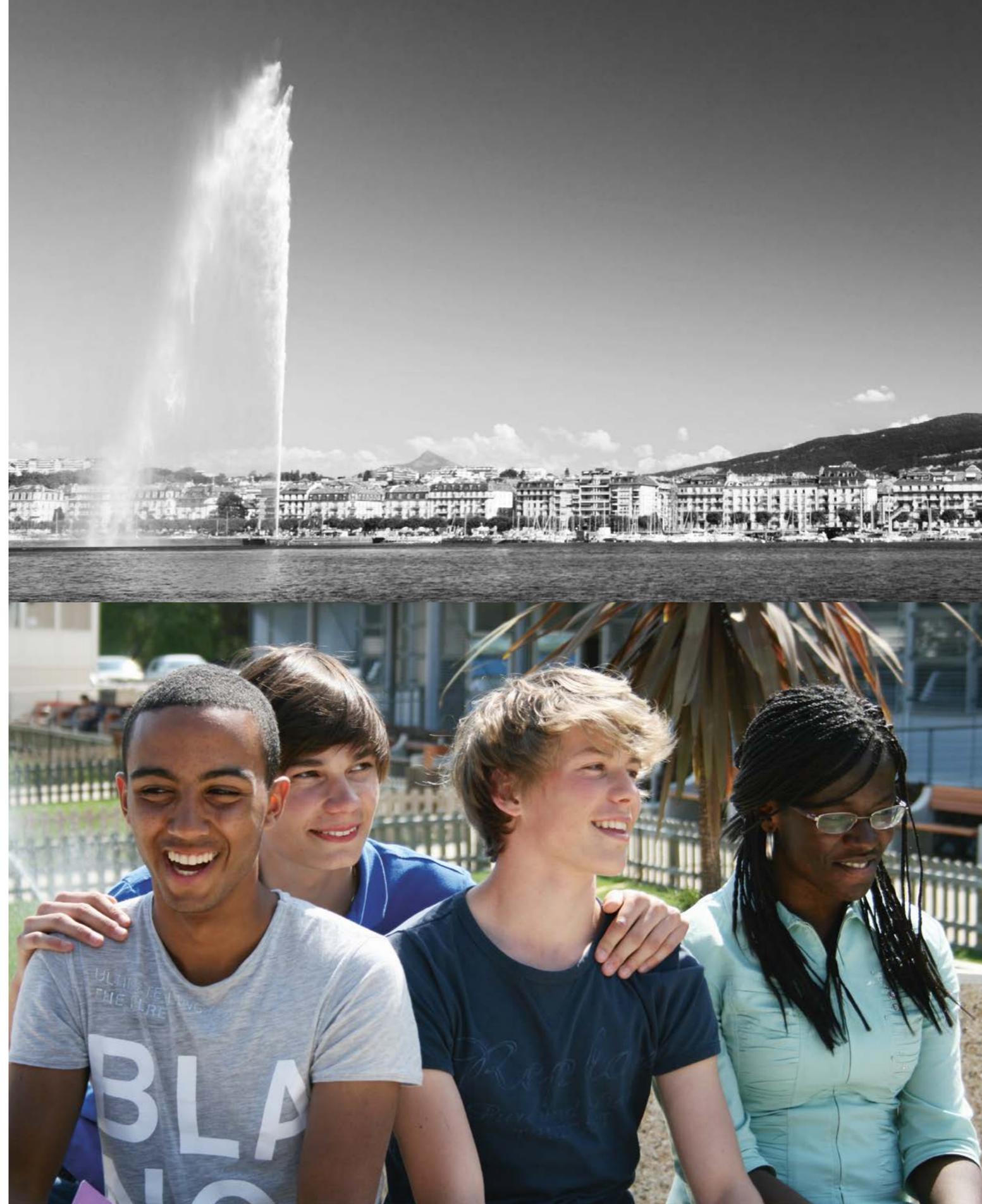
We believe a multilingual education enhances cognitive potential and cultural understanding. At Collège du Léman, students as young as 2 years old can enroll in our bilingual programmes.

## A PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE

We understand great minds don't always think alike. Through our distinctive Personal Learning Plans, we teach to each child's strengths and aspirations to propel individual growth.

## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

With a student body that represents over 100 nationalities and international learning opportunities through our global family of schools, students at Collège du Léman are well prepared for success in an increasingly global society.





## ABOUT COLLÈGE DU LÉMAN

### Co-educational Preschool-12

Preschool, Primary, Middle and High School serving students from early childhood through to 12<sup>th</sup> grade

### An extensive diploma offering

Our U.K., U.S., French or Swiss learning programmes allow our students to go on to top-tier global universities

### Small Class Size

9:1 student - teacher ratio

### 8 Hectare Campus in Geneva

Boasting state-of-the-art classrooms, art and athletic space

### Thriving Professional Network

With more than 20,000 members of the Collège du Léman Alumni Association connected across the globe

### A Nord Anglia Education School

Nord Anglia Education educates more than 32,000 students globally between the ages of 2 and 18 years old



## WELCOME TO **THE COLLÈGE DU LÉMAN**

Dear Parents,

As digital technology evolves and our planet gets seemingly smaller and flatter, the future of education will require more agility, mobility and an expansive worldview.

CdL intends to lead the way for its students.

Our curriculum, our methods of teaching, and the diversity of programmes and our staff are all carefully assembled to help educate and form the future “movers and shakers” of the world. We shape our students to be globally dedicated citizens, eager to make a deep and long-lasting contribution to society. CdL students are problem solvers, who pause for thought, appreciate different perspectives and seek common ground with those they encounter.

When students graduate from CdL, they know that humanity and compassion are as necessary as the understanding of science, math or history. They possess a resilience that gives them the courage to take risks, the stamina to succeed in a highly competitive world, the ability to think critically and the will to challenge existing assumptions.

At CdL, our aims are high and our goals are demanding, but those always seem to be the most exciting to achieve.

We look forward to welcoming you on campus and meeting you in person.

Sincerely,

**Thomas Schädler**  
Director General

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## Igniting students' passion for learning through superior teaching

With over 50 years of experience educating children, Collège du Léman is a benchmark institution among leading international schools and attracts the world's most dedicated and talented teachers.

Our experienced faculty leads, inspires, ignites a passion for learning within our students, and guides them in achieving tremendous academic results. Our faculty uses a system of proven best practices to help students reach their fullest potential.



### DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

Focusing teaching on each child's interest and ability level every day and in every lesson, differentiation ensures that each student masters the skills and concepts needed to achieve progress towards individual goals.

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Displayed at the beginning of each class, these higher-order learning questions help teachers shape the lesson, focus students' minds and promote critical thinking.

### CURRICULUM MAPPING

This method of writing and managing school curricula guides teachers in their lesson planning, tracks gaps and repetition in instruction and ensures skills and concepts are being introduced in a correct yet challenging manner to achieve the desired learning outcomes.

### NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Nord Anglia University connects our teachers in an international staffroom and provides extensive professional development opportunities. Every teacher from Collège du Léman is part of an international community of educators serving more than 32,000 students each day across the Nord Anglia Education family of schools.





## PERSONALISED LEARNING PLAN

### Providing a bespoke experience to every child

Through a diverse range of academic programmes and our personalised approach to learning, students at Collège du Léman are empowered to achieve academic excellence, creative growth, self-confidence and an understanding of their own responsibility towards their individual progress.

In our international school environment, we embrace the many languages spoken by our students. We offer students the opportunity to learn through English and French while supporting the use of their mother tongue. Developed according to rigorous academic teaching methods, the Collège du Léman faculty is continuously exploring ways to make improvements to our bilingual programmes so that students can benefit from the best bilingual education possible.

The Learning Support Department also welcomes students with mild to moderate learning differences as well students with higher IQ ability. We recognize that individual needs vary, and therefore provide an individual approach in which support is tailored to the student's needs.

The Global Campus programme fosters collaboration between Collège du Léman students and students at Nord Anglia Education schools around the world, bringing our international philosophy to life. Global Campus allows your child to explore the world and develop a truly international perspective through outstanding online, in-school and worldwide experiences.



*“Through Personal Learning Plans, which encourage full participation in the school’s rich array of opportunities, and with guidance from our dynamic and engaging teachers and advisors, students take centre stage and assume increasing responsibility for their development into respectful, responsible and well-rounded citizens, fully equipped and qualified to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world of today and tomorrow.” – PAULINE NORD, ACADEMIC DIRECTOR*

### Ideally located between lake and mountains

The Collège du Léman campus was established in May 1960. Since its foundation, the philosophy and objectives of our institution have always been: “To educate and to teach in a spirit of openness and tolerance so that students can become citizens and leaders in a world respectful of differences.” In addition to academic excellence, our campus provides for its students an environment that corresponds perfectly with this philosophy. Indeed, the atmosphere that prevails on the site is calm, reassuring and fully supports the learning and individual development of each of our students.

In an idyllic setting conveniently situated on the outskirts of the city of Geneva, the Collège du Léman campus covers 8 hectares of beautiful landscape between the Jura Mountains and Lake Geneva. It offers welcoming and homely boarding accommodation and areas for leisure activities, with many opportunities for practising sports or enjoying recreation to suit every individual interest.

The great cultural and linguistic diversity represented in our institution contributes to defining our campus as an incomparable platform for exchange. This holistic atmosphere encourages students to develop an open and tolerant world vision.

Through this nurturing environment and shared experiences from so many academic and recreational pursuits on our campus, enduring friendships and unforgettable memories are founded.

### Location Suited Perfectly to Personal Development

- Natural and Secure Environment
- Easy Access to Geneva and Surroundings
- Sporting and Cultural Outlook
- Holistic Learning Experience





## Preschool

Our Preschool provides a joyful and supportive learning environment. Curriculum is focused on building strong, creative and critical-thinking skills, developing intellectual, emotional and social growth and promoting physical well-being.

Small class sizes allow teachers to develop individual interests and strengths, and guide students in finding their passions. As a result, our students become independent thinkers and competent decision makers who are excited to learn.

The Preschool offers curricula in English, French or combined English and French via our bilingual programme. The advantage of our bilingual programme allows our students to learn in French and English every other day. This lingual rotation from a young age is an effective way for our students to advance in both languages.

## Primary School

The Primary School programme applies a thematic approach to learning. With a focus on critical thinking, students come to understand that all subjects are interrelated and content becomes more meaningful.

Students at our Primary School learn in a multicultural and multilingual environment. We believe this enhances cognitive potential, fosters a profound respect for the nationalities and cultures of others and provides students with the ability to perceive and mediate the relationships that exist among languages and cultures.

Students can elect to take the French or English programme, with the opportunity to change between programmes. As well our strong bilingual programme benefits our students as they learn in subjects in French and English every day.

## Primary School Pillars

Bilingual Programme  
Hands-On Learning  
A Multicultural and  
Multilingual Environment  
Strong Arts Focus



## Fostering critical thought during their most formative years

Middle School is an exciting transition from Primary to High School and from childhood to adolescence. In a safe and happy yet challenging atmosphere, we encourage and monitor both the academic and personal growth of our students. Our students learn in French or English as well via our bilingual programme.

Our College, Study Skills and Life Skills (CSL) Programme provides students with the necessary tools to achieve academic excellence in Middle School, High School and beyond. Importance is placed on critical thinking, preparation for testing environments, strong communication, leadership and time management.

Our REACH programme encourages personal and social responsibility and our students are encouraged to further explore their passions and interests through the vast array of extracurricular activities on offer. International travel to academic and cultural events are available through Nord Anglia Education.

Learning Support for students with diagnosed learning challenges is available at Collège du Léman. Additionally, there is an after school Academic Support programme to help students who may require additional tutoring. Parents are kept informed of the progress of their children through our regular assessment and reporting procedures.

### Middle School Pillars

Bilingual Programme  
Careers, Study Skills, Life Skills  
Internationalism & Charity Work  
Critical Thinking  
Extracurricular Activities





## Preparing young adults for their top-choice universities and beyond

In High School, students study for one of a variety of internationally renowned diplomas: French Baccalaureate, High School Diploma (with or without AP classes), International Baccalaureate or Swiss Maturité. Students have the opportunity to take bilingual courses with the International Baccalaureate or the Swiss Maturité. As well CDL is planning to expand the IB to include the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) which incorporates the values of the IB into a unique programme addressing the needs of students engaged in career-related education.

Our curricula immerse students in university-level coursework and focus on building knowledge, independent research, creative and critical-thinking skills to help them make connections between areas of study.

A broad range of extracurricular activities are available allowing students to pursue their passions whether they be performing arts, visual arts, music or sports.

Collège du Léman's College & Careers Guidance team offers a first-class college counseling service to students beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Our counselors, with their vast knowledge of university requirements and standings, work closely with each student to determine the best possible choice of university based on interests and abilities, as well as offering on-the-spot advice. Additionally students are encouraged to attend university fairs and career days held annually at the school. Collège du Léman students are accepted into top-tier institutions such as the University of Oxford, Stanford University, University of Cambridge, Princeton University and the University of California, Berkeley.

Our Guided Gap Year is for students looking to spend a meaningful year between High School and university by doing internships, travel, leadership training and preparation for university studies.

2015 CDL PASS RATES	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>87%</b>
	Swiss Maturité	French Baccalaureate	International Baccalaureate	Advanced Placement

### High School Pillars

- Challenging Academic Curriculum
- Widest Choice of International Diplomas
- International Experiences
- Civic Engagement





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PRINCETON  
UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

OXFORD  
BROOKES  
UNIVERSITY

AMERICAN

MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY

IMPERIAL

University of London

UNIVERSITY OF  
OXFORD

### Inspiring each child to find an artistic voice

Our Performing and Visual Arts courses are an integral part of our curriculum; our talented teachers provide an outstanding programme that enriches the academic and social environment of our students and encourages development of the whole child by building self-esteem, inspiring creativity and enhancing academic performance. We believe artistic experiences provide students with a powerful vehicle to explore important learning tools such as critical thinking and self-expression.

We encourage our students to find and pursue the creative area of their choice, whether in visual arts or in music, drama or dance. Our signature programmes, such as the CdL Violin Programme, demonstrate our commitment to the arts as an integral part of education at Collège du Léman.

Our facilities and wide range of fine arts offerings reflect our commitment to fostering creativity and self-expression.



*"Offering curricular and extracurricular programmes in dance, drama, music and visual arts, the Fine Arts Department at Collège du Léman (CdL) provides meaningful opportunities for students to express themselves and demonstrate their creative and critical-thinking skills. Engagement in the artistic process throughout their enrollment at CdL creates a foundation for a life-long appreciation of the arts, central to their development as global citizens." – HEAD OF FINE ARTS*



## Building a balanced mind and body

The Athletics Programme is an important aspect of student life at Collège du Léman. Our programme plays an important role in our school's mission and objectives. Our "whole child" approach to education pays attention to learning both inside and outside the classroom. During the course of the year, students in physical education will participate in a wide variety of both individual and team activities.

An extensive Extracurricular Sports Programme is also offered, which includes competition, recreational, physical fitness and dance activities. Along with our objectives such as skills, sportsmanship and knowledge development, the foundation of our programme is to contribute and encourage our students to pursue their interests and to have positive experiences that will lead to a healthy and lifelong participation in physical activities.

Both the physical education staff and extracurricular teams are comprised of motivated and experienced teachers from a wide variety of backgrounds, both in terms of sports expertise and nationalities. The motivated team is dedicated to building a "common culture" through sports for our students arriving from various geographic horizons.

The strength of our programmes is team spirit, dedication and a long tradition of commitment to excellence that is deeply rooted in the entire Collège du Léman Sports Community. CdL Athletics has a long history of sports excellence with football and basketball as the pillars of the competition programme. In basketball, CdL's all age group boys' and girls' teams, have won more 1st place titles than all other fellow member Swiss Schools combined. Football has also achieved remarkable results in CdL's history, including 2 recent Swiss national level titles by the girls' teams.



*"CdL has tremendous school spirit and a great sense of community, thanks in large part to our sports department. Our coaches are experienced, enthusiastic and just plain fun. They bring the school together for favorite events like the Grand Prix road race, and they lead our kids in sports of all kinds, from football to gymnastics, volleyball to rugby. They are our kids' biggest champions, urging them on in French, English or both. They encourage our kids (and the rest of us) to play for the joy of the game, and that's the kind of spirit I love at our school."*

– DARLENE LYNCH, PARENT



### Providing an unparalleled educational experience

Collège du Léman started as a boarding school over 50 years ago, and our experienced House Parents provide a caring environment with a strong family spirit - making students feel safe and at home. Boarders join a community of over 200 young people from across the globe and are assigned to one of 14 boarding houses according to their age and gender. Students from age 9 may apply to CdL's boarding programme. Two or three students of different nationalities room together, allowing them to share a truly international experience. Boarders are not a minority at Collège du Léman, rather they have a central part to play in student life, and work together with day students in a truly vibrant student community. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided in the main dining hall by Collège du Léman's professional culinary team.

We set out to create an environment where responsibility and self-discipline are in line with academic success and where culture, respect and tolerance for others are mutually perceived. We equip our students with the skills necessary for success at university and beyond by promoting teamwork, leadership and internationalism in its broadest sense.

Involvement in activities both on and off campus develops community spirit, lifelong friendships, self-identity and emotional and social well-being. In High School, students in grades 9 and 10 have three periods per week assigned to extracurricular activities, and students in grades 11 and 12 are assigned two periods along with an afternoon outing to Geneva.

Collège du Léman's close proximity to Geneva, Lake Geneva (Lac Léman), and the Jura and Alps mountain ranges provides endless year-round weekend activities for boarding students. Students can enjoy outdoor pursuits such as sailing or skiing and the many museums and cultural institutions located in Geneva, just five miles away. High School students enjoy Friday night outings to Geneva, transported by a Collège du Léman bus, with students returning to campus at 9.30 pm.



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Leading, advocating, doing... At Collège du Léman, students forge their own experiences.

Collège du Léman's attractive 8 hectare campus offers a safe and secure environment with excellent academic, recreational and residential facilities. A comprehensive bus service run by the school ensures a personalized system of pick-up and drop-off throughout the surrounding region.

#### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Allowing students to develop into well-rounded individuals is encouraged at Collège du Léman. Students can choose from 79 activities and weekend excursions throughout Switzerland.

#### CUISINE

Our school cafeteria is staffed with professional chefs who create varied, nutritious and well-balanced meals. Our on-site café, Panther Sports, is open all day and serves light refreshments to students.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Technology is an essential part of a student's life at Collège du Léman and is integrated throughout the curriculum to support our students' path to digital responsibility and global citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our 1:1 iPad Programme enhances in-classroom learning by accessing subject matter research as well it allows our students to do presentations and submit homework. The student newsroom (Student Voice) gives an opportunity for students to express themselves by writing in-depth articles, creating interactive videos and using all major social media channels.

#### CHARITABLE OUTREACH

Over the years, Collège du Léman has developed an outstanding tradition as a school that cares about those less fortunate residing in disadvantaged communities. There are four permanent charities at Collège du Léman's Secondary School and one at the Primary School; in addition to this, students at the Secondary School vote on two new charities to sponsor each year.

#### CAMPS

**WINTER SKI CAMP** – At Collège du Léman, we encourage our students to keep an active mind in a healthy body. Students aged from 7 to 18 may participate in one of our many ski weekends, as well as our week-long ski camp during the winter break at the renowned Crans-Montana ski resort in Valais, Switzerland.

**EASTER CAMP (Exam Prep Week)** – Our experienced International Baccalaureate teachers provide prep courses on all major parts of the syllabus, focusing on areas particularly challenging to the students who attend. Students will practise past paper questions under teacher guidance and work together in small groups of 8-10.

**SUMMER CAMPS** – At the Collège du Léman Summer Camps, children aged 8 to 18 have the opportunity to spend two weeks at the idyllic Collège du Léman campus perfecting their French or English, as well as participating in a myriad of athletic, artistic, technological or cultural activities.





## A WORLD VIEW FROM EVERY CLASSROOM

### A Global Family of Schools

Collège du Léman is a member of the Nord Anglia Education network of schools. Nord Anglia Education is the world's leading premium schools organisation with 42 international schools located in 15 countries across China, Europe, Middle East, North America and Southeast Asia. Together Nord Anglia Education schools educate more than 32,000 students between the ages of 2 and 18 years old.

Nord Anglia Education is driven by one unifying philosophy – being ambitious for our students, our people and our family of schools. Nord Anglia Education believes there is no limit to what our students can achieve, so the approach supports every child to succeed, academically, socially and personally.

#### PERSONALISED LEARNING

Small class sizes mean our teachers know every child individually and can respond to your child's strengths, adapting our learning model to help them overcome challenges. We nurture essential skills to equip your child to succeed in every aspect of their education.

#### A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

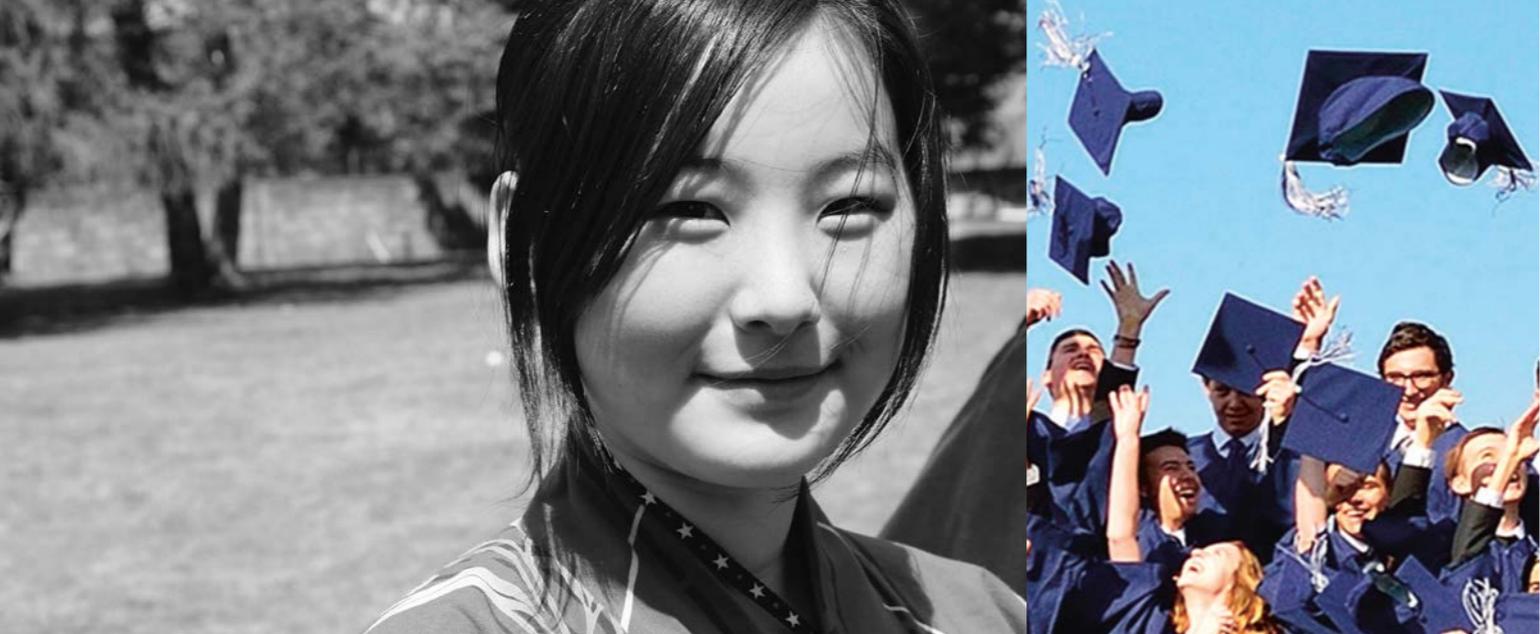
We enrich your child's learning experience with opportunities beyond the ordinary. From online debates and challenges, to expeditions to the savannah of Tanzania or performing in our Global Orchestra in New York, our Global Campus connects our students around the world to learn together every day.

#### LEARN FROM THE BEST

We know the difference that great teaching makes to your child's success at school. That's why we have developed a unique approach to teacher recruitment, training and support that ensures your child learns from the best. We also partner with world-leading organisations to ensure that our curricula and initiatives are second to none.

#### SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT

Nord Anglia Education academic results are a testament to this approach, with one in three of Nord Anglia Education school students going to the world's top 100 universities. And for us, academic success is just the beginning. Our school will nurture your child's talents so that they can succeed in every aspect of their education, from sports to arts, languages or technology. We encourage every student to love learning, to try something new, and, above all, to be ambitious.



# YOUR CHILD WILL BE PREPARED

For life at university and beyond, with valuable critical-thinking skills and a creative approach to problem solving. Students graduate from Collège du Léman with a strong academic foundation and an enthusiasm for learning that lasts a lifetime.



# YOUR CHILD WILL BECOME A GLOBAL CITIZEN

Collège du Léman's innovative international experiences prepare each student to be a standout at their top-choice universities and beyond. Regular collaboration with other students from across the globe fosters cultural understanding that is essential to succeed in today's global society.



# YOUR CHILD WILL THRIVE

As a result of Collège du Léman's Personal Learning Plans, students graduate as critical thinkers who are respectful of themselves and others, able to make decisions and communicate beliefs with a sense of confidence and purpose. Collège du Léman students are leaders, advocates and doers.

Give your child the world. We invite you and your child to visit our campus and experience what it is that makes Collège du Léman a magnificent place to be.



For more information or to schedule a school tour, contact us at 022 775 55 55 or [admissions@cdl.ch](mailto:admissions@cdl.ch).

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