

Your boarding experience

# Home\*

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COLLÈGE  
CHAMPITTET  
FONDÉ EN 1903







## What makes our school special:

Since 1903, Collège Champittet has been educating, empowering, and inspiring students from early childhood through 12th grade. On our picturesque campus, we provide a nurturing family environment in order to accelerate the academic achievement as well as individual growth of each of our students, equipping them with the skills to pursue their passions and interests, and to find success that is meaningful to them.

Ours is a dynamic community of up to 80 girls and boys, aged 11 to 18, from around the world. Caring for such a small group enables us to create an intimate, family-like environment that's uniquely nurturing, entirely focused on your child's educational success and personal wellbeing.

### A Swiss School, open to the World

Our school offers students the best of both worlds. Unique among Swiss boarding schools, we offer a truly bilingual French/English education. So our students enjoy the full benefit from their time in Switzerland, getting immersed in the French language and Swiss culture along with the local day school students, while also enjoying their IB (International Baccalaureate) studies and making lifelong friends in our multicultural boarding house. And while our Swiss heritage stretches back in time over 100 years, our exacting Swiss standards demand that we always look forward to take on new challenges, master new skills, and open up to new people, places and cultures.

### The Best of Switzerland

Renown throughout the world for its fresh air and spectacular scenery, Switzerland provides our students an incredible playground and quality of life. And our school's location is particularly idyllic, offering both nature and culture. Nestled here in the friendly, French-speaking part of Switzerland, we have the lovely city of Lausanne to our back, Lake Geneva at our feet (just a 5 minute walk!) and the stunning view of the Alps stretching out before us. Whether it's taking in the view over the clear waters of the lake, carving down the snowy white slopes of the Swiss Alps, or strolling through the bustling cobblestone streets of charming Lausanne, the very best of nature and culture awaits our students beyond our campus grounds.

### Family Values

In our school, every child matters. Thanks to the small size of our boarding school, we can offer highly personalised support for every child in our care. This intimate setting also facilitates our students in getting to know each other and forming friendships that in many cases will last throughout their lives. Originally founded as a Catholic school, we still today retain our traditional values—like responsibility, teamwork, and commitment. And we extend our warm family welcome to students of all faiths and cultural backgrounds. Our care stretches well beyond our close-knit family here in the boarding house, as evidenced by the students' strong commitment to the Champittet Foundation and its humanitarian initiatives around the globe.



**"Weekend trips include activities you never thought you'd be doing in your life, with friends you just made. You will make great friends here and have so many opportunities to grow as a person and in a group."**

- Vanessa, Brazil

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We don't want your children to come to Collège Champittet just to live. We want to provide them opportunities to flourish. So we have integrated three new bespoke programmes into our boarding offering, which we have co-developed with leading experts with the express goal of preparing our students for a successful transition to life beyond our campus.

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### International Leaders

Our Leadership programme has been developed together with the Swiss Leadership Academy in response to popular demand following our sold-out summer Leadership camps. This exciting new programme offers students the chance to learn about leadership, first through the study of theory, and then through many fun and challenging outdoor activities. These provide practical opportunities for our boarders to take initiative, gain self-confidence, and develop real-world leadership skills. Students are coached by professionals from beginning to end, and receive a thorough evaluation following each activity to help them glean the richest possible learning from each experience

### Skills

- Communication
- Goal setting
- Time and stress management
- Teamwork

### Challenges

- Climbing
- Ziplining
- Camping
- Orienteering
- First aid





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### Communication Effectiveness

Successful careers are no longer confined to the boardroom environment, and successful leaders criss-cross the world and encounter all range of cultures. At Collège Champittet, we strive to equip our students to operate with ease and effectiveness regardless of the leadership situation or environment. Co-developed in partnership with our colleagues at the Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (EHL)— cited by many ranking as the best hospitality school in the world—this program addresses all aspects of effective personal and professional presentation.

### Skills

- Manners
- Posture
- Elocution
- Presence & presentations
- Cultural awareness



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### Bespoke Health & Wellness

In partnership with the University of Lausanne/École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne Sport and Health Center (UNIL-EPFL CSS), we have developed a bespoke health and wellness programme for the benefit of our boarding family. The programme is entirely personalised to the needs of each student. Our ambition is that every student feels good in their own skin and enjoys a balanced & healthy lifestyle at school. More importantly they will be able to establish the health and wellness habits which will help fuel their success throughout their lives.

### Includes

- Full annual checkup
- Personalised nutritional plan
- Personalised sports/activity plan
- Goal tracking
- Regular check-ins
- Access to wellness experts



Your Home in Switzerland

Students will feel immediately at home in our boarding house. With two students per bedroom, our house is well-furnished with lounges and common areas, multiple designated study rooms, a fitness suite, and wi-fi among other amenities, all designed to foster a sense of home. Students can personalise their rooms, which are well equipped with bedding, individual storage units and safes for valuables. Our students enjoy the convenience of a daily cleaning service and laundry service twice per week.

The Picture of Health

Our experienced boarding house team cares for our students like family, providing them with the support they require to progress academically and socially. Students can access an on-site nurse and school counselor, and the state-of-the-art CHUV hospital in Lausanne is minutes away in case of any more serious health concerns. The school's Swiss medical insurance covers all students and guarantees them rapid and high-quality care. And of course if parents have any questions or concerns, they can always reach out to our boarding house team.

Food for Thought

At Collège Champittet, we understand that balanced meals and good nutrition are key components of student success, both inside the classroom and beyond. Like in any home, close relationships are formed over meals, and so time together at the table is highly prized. We offer a variety of healthy food options that cater to our students' dietary requirements and provide for special needs upon request. Better yet, cooking classes and themed meals let our students learn from each other and celebrate our diverse cultures.



"I now have friends from all over the world. They are like my family and our friendship means a lot to all of us"

- Maria, Mexico

A typical day

- 07.30 Breakfast
- 08.00 Class starts
- 12.10 Lunch and free-time
- 13.15 Class starts
- 16.30 After class activities
- 18.00 Supervised study time
- 19.00 Dinner and free time
- 20.00 Supervised study time
- 21/22.30 Bed time (depending upon age)







### Work and Play

Entertainment aplenty awaits our students once classes end. Whether it's using their free time to go for a swim in the lake, a hike in the mountains or a visit to the Olympic Museum next door, students will never lack opportunities for fun and adventure. Our structured extra-curricular activities—mandatory for all students—offer an ideal balance between sports, culture & leisure. Both local outings and overseas excursions are planned with students' interests in mind and offer great opportunities for residents to deepen friendships and strengthen their close community.

### Sports & Outdoor Adventures

- Hiking & mountaineering
- Skiing & snowshoeing
- Mountain biking
- Thermal baths
- Stand up paddling

### Area Leisure & Tourism

- Evian or Yvoire by boat
- Annecy
- Zermatt
- Zurich
- Lyon Festival of Lights

### Culture, History & Art

- The Olympic Museum
- The Chateau of Chillon
- Gianadda Art Foundation
- Red Cross Museum
- Cailler Chocolate Factory
- Gruyere Cheese Museum

### Holidays Excursions & Humanitarian Expeditions

- Tanzania
- Madagascar
- Cambodia & Thailand

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