



For students and their parents, entering 11th Grade Swiss Maturité, and to future « Matu » students. For information to all others.

## Maturité exam dates being brought forward to February

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Dear Students and dear Parents,

The School Management and Maturité Teachers of Champittet are highly committed to your academic success and best personal balance. The Swiss Maturité is one of the best secondary diplomas in the world; it provides a vast general culture and a good foundation for university. The exam organisation does however have its faults: among others, the fact that students have to study over two summers.

Collège Champittet has taken leadership amongst a group of schools in the Canton de Vaud to obtain the permission of presenting an “internal” (or cantonal) Maturité. All depends on the cantonal authorities with whom we have been in contact over the past year. They have however informed us that their priorities lie elsewhere for the moment. Faced with this recent announcement, the school has decided to look for other solutions.

We wish to inform you that **students entering Grade 11 in August 2018 will be prepared for the Swiss maturity exams in February 2021, first session, and February 2022, final session** rather than in September, hence 6 months before.

The same will go for the following grades, as per the below schedule.

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 1 <sup>st</sup> session February '21	14 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Maturité in Feb' 2022			
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### Main questions:

1. **What advantages to having a maturity in February rather than September?** Students will have summer holidays rather than revision sessions. They will enter university rested.
2. **My child is entering 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> Grade: is it possible for him/her to sit the maturity in February?** No. It is too short a time for them to catch up 6 months of lessons and it would penalise their maturity. They will sit their exams in September like the previous sessions.



3. The 11<sup>th</sup> Graders will sit their exams after 3.5 years, 6 months less for preparation: **how will the school ensure the best preparation possible?** As of the start of this academic year 2018-19, 11<sup>th</sup> Graders will have more of lesson time per week. Course progression will be optimised.
4. **What will 13<sup>th</sup> Graders do after their first exam session in February 2021?** They will have a well-deserved 2-week holiday and come [back in March to prepare for their finals the following year in February](#).
5. **What will 14<sup>th</sup> Graders do who have passed their maturity in February 2022?** The four months from March-June is valuable time for these students. The school will put into place a complete programme which is outlined hereafter.
6. **If it is so simple, why was this change of exam date not done before?** It is not as easy as all that and only a [regular, high quality in exam results at Collège Champittet can allow us to embark on such a change](#).
7. **With other private schools of the Canton de Vaud be making the same change? The school has made this decision on an individual basis.** It is expected that other schools will follow suit

1. Preparation courses for university / EPFL : Maths, Physics.
2. Refresher lessons in foreign languages.
3. Refresher lessons in Economics & Law.
4. Work placement in local companies with the help the alumni network and school parents.
5. Internship in Tanzania, on Nord Anglia Education's humanitarian site, as a graduate assistant.
6. Entrepreneurship, leadership or IT coding courses with our partners.
7. Project Management at school as a graduate assistant: academic assistant or boarding section, Champittet Humanitarian Fondation, graduation and musical evenings.

8. **What is happening to the internal maturity project in June?** The School is actively continuing this project as it presents additional advantages for the students. All depends on the cantonal authorities' agenda. [It could be that the internal maturity is put into place a few years after the February exam sessions have started](#).

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