

A Bold Vision for Education: The Next Chapter of La Châtaigneraie

Ecolint La Châtaigneraie | CAMPUS HUB



Transforming La Châtaigneraie for the 21st Century

"The environment our children experience at Ecolint is critical to their academic success, as well as their mental and physical health. Our vision to create an iconic central Campus Hub and new Centres of Excellence for La Châtaigneraie goes beyond bricks and mortar. It's about inspiring confidence, collaboration and creativity. We want to set a standard that empowers students to aim higher in every aspect of life."



Soraya Sayed Hassen

Campus and Secondary School Principal



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Primary School Principal

Shaping the Future: A Sustainable Vision for La Châtaigneraie

Ecolint's excellence in education is the foundation from which we nurture tomorrow's global citizens. The physical environment in which our young people interact, learn and grow is critical to their future success. Good mental and physical health creates effective and innovative learners. It equips young people to aim higher and builds life-long resilience. At Ecolint, we adopt this holistic approach to life and learning for every child who walks through our doors.

Demand for La Châtaigneraie is rising, reflecting the confidence of parents and students in what we do. Today, we must transform our infrastructure to develop future-proof and sustainable spaces that meet current needs and are built to last, enabling us to accommodate school growth and adapt to changing educational practices.

The new Campus Hub is key to unlocking our wider redevelopment plans for La Châtaigneraie. The spaces that are freed up within our Leman, Lausanne and Alps buildings will allow us to transform existing pedagogical spaces and create new Centres of Excellence across multiple disciplines. Bringing together complementary academic subjects, these centres will foster greater collaboration and a transdisciplinary approach to learning, two key elements in ensuring our curriculum remains relevant to the challenges of the 21st century.

We are now at a pivotal moment. A new state-of-the-art hub at the heart of the campus will unlock the potential of the entire site and revolutionise La Châtaigneraie for students, parents and teachers, across both Primary and Secondary.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lay the foundations for a thriving community at La Châtaigneraie for generations to come.



Artist's impression of the new Campus Hub, viewed from Primary

Phase 1: a new Campus Hub

Imagine a **modern, multi-functional building** filled with space and light, and bustling with students, teachers and parents from across both Primary and Secondary.

A welcoming space where students are inspired and eager to reach their potential. A place for reflection and collaboration. A central hub for families to share breakfast; and experience sport, art, music and inspiring guest speakers. A meeting place for teachers across both schools that sparks new ideas for learning and growth.

With your generous support this vision will become a reality.



Artist's impression of the new main entrance foyer

A future-proof space to unlock opportunity

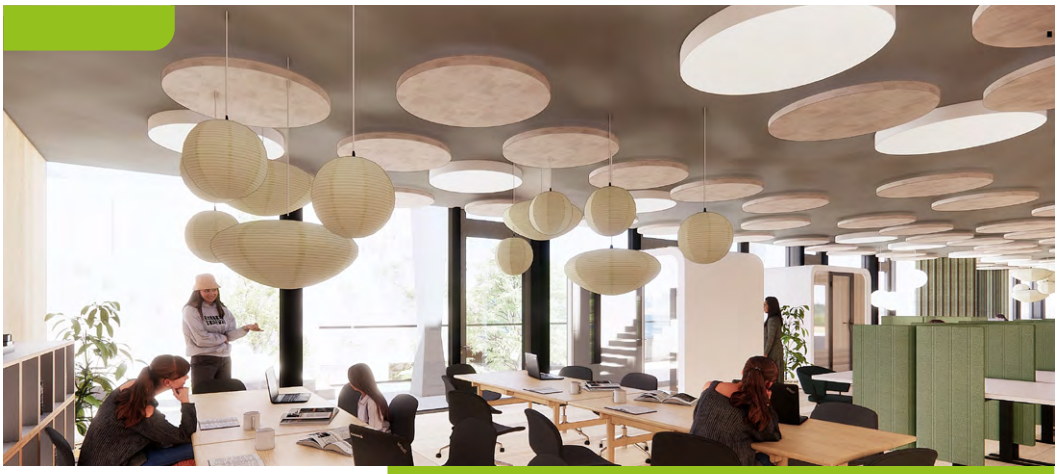
Situated opposite the Primary School, the new Campus Hub will transform the academic, social and wellbeing support we offer students across La Châtaigneraie and forge stronger links between Primary and Secondary.

A haven for collaboration and study

> **"Jean-Jacques Rousseau (a philosopher of Swiss origin) said, `Education must be a reflection of human nature´. Today, the school is equipping itself with versatile spaces to offer our students what their learning embodies: sharing, collaboration, creativity, and success at every stage of the Matu."**
>
> ***Aurélie Darre, Assistant Principal and Maturité Coordinator***

A new, **flexible and multi-purpose student study centre** will foster teamwork, cooperation and communication. Divided into four interlocking zones, the centre will provide dedicated spaces for students to engage in focused, quiet study, alongside spaces for collaboration and socialising. A series of soundproofed pods will provide additional opportunities for small-group discussions, helping to foster the exchange of creative ideas for teachers and students alike. The flexible design of the study centre will echo the best co-working spaces in leading universities and companies, allowing our students to innovate and think big.

> **"With a space dedicated to collaborative work, our students will be able to make time to work on CAS projects and group presentations and also provide peer-to-peer support in an environment where they have access to charging stations, comfortable seating and flexible room sizes. Having a study space designed specifically for them will be a hugely positive change."**
>
> ***Michael Winter, Assistant Principal and IB DP Coordinator***



Artist's impression of the multi-functional study & collaboration spaces

A thriving and inclusive community

The **multi-functional cafeteria and open spaces** will create a vibrant social hub, **growing capacity from 280 to 450 students at any time**, and providing a welcoming space for parents. Surrounded by outdoor green areas, this space will nurture friendships across schools and foster a stronger sense of identity, unity and belonging at La Châtaigneraie.



Artist's impression of the patio outside the new cafeteria



Artist's impression of the new multi-purpose sports and exhibition hall

A vibrant hub of health, wellbeing and creativity

The space and timetable time unlocked by the Campus Hub will enable children to aim higher in their extra-curricular activities, both in Primary and Secondary. Through it, we'll foster core skills of concentration, performance, discipline, sportsmanship and creativity.

At the heart of the space will be an **outstanding 1,400m² multi-purpose sports and exhibition hall**. Efficient heating, acoustics and a new sprung floor will create a safe, calm and temperate space for children to focus on their physical and mental health and wellbeing. Thanks to new retractable bleachers, over 450 guests can join us to enjoy year-round sports, visual and performing arts shows; attend our prestigious guest speaker events; and celebrate student success.

> **"The new sports facility will make a huge difference to our training and competitions. It's exciting to know we'll have better spaces to develop our skills and work as a team, which will definitely help us improve and enjoy sports even more."**
>
> ***Robyn, girls' competitive volleyball team***

A specialist fitness room and **flexible combined dance studio and martial arts space** will inspire healthy practices that last a lifetime. We will rebuild a high-specification outdoor **basketball court** to give our teams a competitive edge and we will add seating to allow many more spectators to share in their celebrations.

The creation of **dedicated sound-proofed music rooms** will allow budding young musicians to further develop their art.

> **"It will be a revolutionary space that will make learning music at Ecolint even more exciting."**
>
> ***Jasper, violin student***

A one-stop shop for everyone

The main campus reception will sit at the heart of the Campus Hub, along with a **centralised health centre and key student services**. This seamless and secure flow of people, information and resources will allow parents at both schools to access everything they need in one place.

Primary students will benefit from extra-curricular activities and opportunities across the state-of-the-art facilities.



Artist's impression of the main entrance foyer



Artist's impression of the view of the hub from the new footbridge over the Greny

Pupils across La Châtaigneraie will come together for art and sport, building aspiration and confidence among our Primary students. Together, we'll create a more positive experience for students, teachers and parents across the entire school community.

An exemplar of sustainability

Ecolint is committed to integrating sustainability into the heart of our mission. To model a sustainable future to our students, the building will be powered by **new photovoltaic panels** and utilise green energy from the **existing geothermal installation** in the Geneva building. Its smart architectural design will bathe spaces in natural light and ventilation. Our energy-efficient campus will create a surplus that can be used to enhance learning programmes across La Châtaigneraie.

With support from students and parents, we'll also enrich the natural environment along the Greny, build a new footbridge, and plant 200m^2 of additional trees on campus.

> **"Sustainability in schools is all about promoting vitality within the school community and the surrounding landscape. The best way to engage with the challenges of the future is by making the community more fully alive!"**
>
> ***Jan Dijkstra, Teacher and Sustainability Coordinator***

Phase 2: Centres of Excellence

As plans for the Campus Hub come to life over the next two years, the project will release existing spaces across the Léman, Lausanne and Alps building that we would like to reimagine with the creativity of our school community.

We envisage grouping related academic disciplines together to create Centres of Excellence and foster greater multidisciplinary learning, in line with our pedagogical approach. Our plans currently anticipate the following:

> Leman

Centre of Excellence for English, Maths and Music

Key developments will include the optimisation of our Mathematics and Music zones, and the creation of a dedicated Learning Support Services space.

> Lausanne

Centre of Excellence for Technology, Science, Performing and Visual Arts

Key priorities will include the creation of new science labs, an expanded Art and Design centre, the relocation of the Design and Technology Department and a new "Maker Space".

> Alps

Centre of Excellence for Modern Languages and Humanities

Key priorities will include creating more classroom spaces, optimising modern languages and relocating humanities.

Throughout 2025 and 2026, we will invite you to contribute your ideas to further shape the next phase of these spaces.

Let's build a better future together!

Ecolint has always flourished thanks to the commitment and generosity of its community. Together, we have developed our facilities to provide a **modern, inclusive and world-class education**.

The Campus Hub is part of this collective effort: an ambitious project driven by our shared vision for the future of the school. Designed to enrich the daily lives of our students, facilitate connections between community members and strengthen the link between our Primary and Secondary Schools, it will become a valuable part of our campus.

A **budget of CHF 41.5 million** has been allocated to ensure this project is completed under the best possible conditions. Throughout the project, there will be opportunities for those who wish to support this transformation and contribute to its success.

This new place, full of life and learning, will be the result of a collective effort, an important milestone in the history of La Châtaigneraie, demonstrating our commitment to future generations.

Experience the future, virtually…



Take a sneak preview of the future Campus Hub with this immersive video created by our architects. While some ideas may evolve further, this film provides a clear overview of the building's design and purpose.

Scan the QR code or click on the video image to take a virtual tour of the building.

Provisional schedule – Phase 1 of the Campus Hub

Preparation and start of the construction

Summer 2025

Preparation for construction over summer holidays.

External construction and structural work

September 2025 - March 2027

Earthwork and external construction begins, with most disruptive activity timed across school holidays.

Interior transformation

April - July 2027

Internal spaces created, fostering collaboration, wellbeing and creativity.

Opening of the Campus Hub

Start of the 2027 academic year

The opportunity to contribute financially to the project will be announced in early 2026.

Break new ground with us

Together, let's create the future we want for our children.

This new Campus Hub is designed to foster creativity, well-being and collaboration and will benefit more than 1,500 students directly every year. This project reflects our vision for 21st-century education.

We would like to thank everyone who has already supported the Campus Hub, making this project possible and we look forward to continuing to work with those who will help us build a **lasting legacy for La Châtaigneraie and its future generations.**

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