

# HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE **2019 – 2020**

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## CAMPUS DE LA CHÂTAIGNERAIE, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF GENEVA

**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY:** La Châtaigneraie is one of the three campuses of the International School of Geneva in Switzerland. Founded in 1924 on principles of global peace and in the service of the League of Nations, 'Ecolint' is an independent non-profit foundation with an elected governing board which includes representatives from the cantonal and federal authorities, and the United Nations. The world's first international school, Ecolint remains its oldest and largest. It co-founded the International Baccalaureate in 1968 and remains at the forefront of educational dynamism (developing new IB courses, for example). Ecolint educates the children of international and Swiss families in the greater Geneva area, providing instruction in both English and French. There are just over 1000 students in La Châtaigneraie's secondary programme with approximately 80 nationalities represented. For many, English or French is not their first language. Students are admitted on a non-selective, first-come, first-served basis and 95% of graduates go on to higher education, primarily in the UK, Switzerland, USA, Canada, and the Netherlands.

**ACCREDITATION:** La Châtaigneraie is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the Middle States Association (MSA). It is a founding member of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and a member of the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) and the Swiss Group of International Schools (SGIS).

**FACULTY & FACILITIES:** The 100 teachers and learning support staff are drawn from all parts of the world with well over a dozen nationalities represented, including but not limited to Australian, American, British, Canadian, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Trinidadian, Spanish, and Swiss. The ratio of staff to students is 1:10 in the secondary section. Facilities include three main buildings, twelve science and computer labs, a large library, a theatre, performing arts studios, art studios, two sports halls, a gym, playing fields and an artificial pitch.

### **CURRICULUM UK** *Years 7-13 / US Grades 6-12:*

Years 10-13 follow a rigorous university preparatory curriculum. This leads to external IGCSE or internal examinations at the end of Year 11, a high school diploma at the end of Year 12, or the IB Diploma, IB Courses, or Swiss Maturité at the end of Year 13. The curriculum includes integrated science in Years 7-9, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry in Years 10-11, and IB Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in Years 12-13. Three years of language other than English and French are required to graduate: Spanish, German and Italian are offered, plus many mother tongue courses. Social Sciences include Geography and History in Years 7-13 with the addition of Economics plus Business and Management in Years 12-13. Computer Programming, Video Editing, Web Design, Visual Arts, Music, and Theatre Arts are available as internally or externally examined courses across Years 7-13. La Châtaigneraie has been a laptop school since 2015.

**International Baccalaureate Programme (Years 12-13):** Subjects offered (by IB group) include: (1&2) English, French, German, Spanish (plus many mother tongues); (3) Business & Management, Economics, Geography, History; (4) Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Systems & Societies, Nature of Science (an IB pilot course), Physics; (5) Mathematics (all levels); (6) Music, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts.

**Swiss Maturité Programme (Years 10-13):** Approximately 10% of students choose to follow this francophone programme with examinations at the end of Years 12 and 13. A very broad range of subjects are included and students are able to complete a bilingual French-English Maturité programme if they so wish. *We can provide a concise document explaining the Swiss Maturité, including how to convert scores to IB points.*

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES:** Interscholastic and intramural sports, drama club (offering LAMDA qualifications and ISTA competitions), debating club, printed and online newspapers, elected student council, peer counselling, Student League of Nations, Amnesty International, Global Issues Network, and the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. Many student council activities are social service projects for and in developing countries.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** 24 credits (minimum), including 4 in the mother tongue (usually French or English); 3 in another language; 3 in laboratory science; 3 in mathematics; 3 in social sciences; 1.5 in aesthetics (art, music, and/or theatre, in any combination); 1.5 in physical education; and 5 from elective courses.

**GRADING & DISCIPLINARY Policy:** Only year-end grades are transcribed. Students are graded on a scale of 1 to 7 in IB courses and on a scale of 1 to 6 in Swiss Maturité courses. Marking standards are very rigorous. Students are elected to the Honour Roll in the IB programme with a 6 average and to the Excellence Roll with a 6.5 average; for the Swiss Maturité programme, a 5 elects to the Honour Roll and a 5.5 to the Excellence Roll. GPAs are not weighted and there is no ranking. Any disciplinary actions including suspensions are only reported to US colleges and universities if the probationary period is active at the time of application. We believe that error leads to learning, and so we strongly encourage students to report any serious disciplinary infractions on their application forms.

## > Grade Distribution for Junior Year (June 2019) for the Class of 2020

Highest GPA: 6.79

Lowest GPA: 3.94

Median GPA: 5.71

IB SUBJECTS	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2	1
Biology	5	12	10	17	14	5	1	0	0	0	0
Business Management	0	7	3	11	8	1	3	0	0	0	0
Chemistry	4	9	10	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science	3	4	2	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Economics	6	5	13	5	9	4	4	0	0	0	0
English	15	13	38	30	28	11	0	0	1	0	0
Environmental Systems (ESS)	3	2	7	4	7	3	1	0	0	0	0
French	21	10	29	24	7	2	2	1	0	0	0
Geography	11	14	8	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
German	2	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
History	2	17	17	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	17	22	20	20	19	14	14	4	6	0	0
Music	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nature of Science (NOS)	1	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Physics	5	3	7	7	6	2	4	0	0	0	0
Spanish	9	12	12	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theory of Knowledge (TOK)	8	15	45	31	17	9	6	1	2	0	0
Theatre Arts	1	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Visual Arts	0	1	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

## > Résultats de Maturité Suisse

RÉSULTATS ACTUELS & HISTORIQUES						
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Inscrits	11	11	10	10	14	13
Reçus	9	11	9	10	13	13
% de Réussite	82%	100%	90%	100%	93%	100%

RÉPARTITION DES NOTES 2019											
	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1
Fréquence	11	23	34	30	26	12	4	2	0	1	0
% du Total	7.7	16	23.8	21	18.2	8.4	2.8	1.4	0	0.7	0

## > SAT Results

SAT I & II MIDDLE 50% RANGES 2019	
Candidates	33
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	570-710
Mathematical Reasoning	560-690
Writing	29-35
Math 1	610-610
Math 2	660-740
French	750-800

HISTORIC SAT I & II MIDDLE 50% RANGES					
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Candidates	24	24	33	37	28
EBRW / Critical Reading	590 – 700	580 – 690	530 – 710	550 – 650	560 – 680
Mathematical Reasoning	550 – 720	560 – 670	540 – 700	550 – 650	560 – 680
Writing	33 – 44	30 – 35	510 – 660	560 – 660	560 – 680
Math 1	660 – 720	600 – 660	620 – 690	550 – 620	640 – 700
Math 2	600 – 740	600 – 700	590 – 730	580 – 750	710 – 750
French	760 – 800	780 – 800	660 – 800	680 – 800	690 – 800

## > International Baccalaureate Results

IB EXAMINATION RESULTS 2019		
Number of candidates registered in the session	130	
Number of subject entries in the session	1012	
Number of candidates who successfully passed the Diploma	123	
Average points obtained by candidates who passed the Diploma	36	
Average grade obtained by candidates who passed the Diploma	5.6	
Highest Diploma points awarded to an individual candidate	45	x2
Total number of candidates excluded from above statistics	0	

## CURRENT & HISTORIC IB EXAMINATION RESULTS

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Diploma Candidates</b>	126	123	126	122	111	105
<b>% Pass Rate</b>	98%	93%	98%	99%	95%	96%
<b>Scoring 40-45</b>	24%	25%	24%	14%	16%	26%
<b>Scoring 35-39</b>	33%	35%	28%	39%	29%	25%
<b>Scoring 28-34</b>	39%	25%	36%	40%	50%	35%
<b>Scoring 24-27</b>	3%	10%	8%	7%	5%	9%
<b>Average Points</b>	36	36	35	35	34	35
<b>Average Grade</b>	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.5

## > Worldwide University Matriculations 2019

<b>AUS</b>	University of Melbourne	1	<b>UK</b>	University of East Anglia (UEA)	1
<b>CAN</b>	University of British Columbia (UBC)	1	<b>UK</b>	University of Edinburgh	2
<b>CAN</b>	Concordia University	1	<b>UK</b>	University of Exeter	5
<b>CAN</b>	McGill University	8	<b>UK</b>	University of Glasgow	2
<b>CAN</b>	University of Ottawa	1	<b>UK</b>	Glasgow School of Art	1
<b>CAN</b>	Queen's University	1	<b>UK</b>	Heriot-Watt University	1
<b>CAN</b>	Vancouver Film School	1	<b>UK</b>	Imperial College London	1
<b>CH</b>	Ceruleum Ecole d'Arts Visuels	2	<b>UK</b>	Lancaster University	2
<b>CH</b>	Université de Fribourg	2	<b>UK</b>	University of Leeds	1
<b>CH</b>	Haute Ecole d'Art et de Design (HEAD)	1	<b>UK</b>	University of Liverpool	1
<b>CH</b>	Université de Genève	5	<b>UK</b>	Loughborough University	2
<b>CH</b>	Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)	9	<b>UK</b>	University of Manchester	2
<b>CH</b>	Ecole Polytechnique Féd. de Lausanne (EPFL)	6	<b>UK</b>	Oxford Brookes University	1
<b>CH</b>	Université de Lausanne	2	<b>UK</b>	Queen Mary, University of London (QML)	2
<b>CH</b>	Université de Saint-Gall	2	<b>UK</b>	Queen's University Belfast	1
<b>FRA</b>	Aix-Marseille Université	1	<b>UK</b>	Regent's University, London	1
<b>FRA</b>	American University of Paris	1	<b>UK</b>	Royal Holloway, University of London (RHL)	2
<b>FRA</b>	KEDGE Business School (Bayonne)	1	<b>UK</b>	University of St Andrews	1
<b>FRA</b>	Parsons Paris, The New School	1	<b>UK</b>	University of Surrey	1
<b>FRA</b>	Université de la Rochelle	1	<b>UK</b>	University of Sussex	3
<b>ITA</b>	Bocconi University	1	<b>UK</b>	University College London (UCL)	5
<b>ITA</b>	Humanitas University	1	<b>UK</b>	University of Warwick	1
<b>NED</b>	Erasmus University	1	<b>USA</b>	American University	2
<b>NED</b>	Erasmus University College	1	<b>USA</b>	Berklee School of Music	1
<b>NED</b>	Inholland University of Applied Sciences	1	<b>USA</b>	Brown University	2
<b>NED</b>	Maastricht University	2	<b>USA</b>	University of Colorado (Boulder)	2
<b>NED</b>	Royal Academy of Art, The Hague (KABK)	1	<b>USA</b>	Columbia University	1
<b>NED</b>	University College Utrecht	1	<b>USA</b>	George Mason University	1
<b>NED</b>	Utrecht University	1	<b>USA</b>	University of Miami	1
<b>SPA</b>	IE University	3	<b>USA</b>	Pennsylvania State University	1
<b>UK</b>	Arts University Bournemouth	1	<b>USA</b>	University of Southern California	1
<b>UK</b>	University of the Arts (Central Saint Martins)	1	<b>USA</b>	Southern Methodist University (SMU)	1
<b>UK</b>	University of Bath	7	<b>USA</b>	Stanford University	1
<b>UK</b>	University of Bristol	1	<b>USA</b>	University of Virginia	1
<b>UK</b>	University of Cambridge	1	<b>USA</b>	Wesleyan University	2
<b>UK</b>	University of Cardiff	1	<b>USA</b>	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	1
<b>UK</b>	Durham University	11	<b>USA</b>	University of Wisconsin (Madison)	1
<b>UK = 62    Switzerland = 30    USA = 19    Canada = 13</b> <b>Netherlands = 8    France = 5    Italy = 2    Spain = 2    Australia = 1</b>					
<i>142 students went on to attend 74 institutions in 9 countries (this number includes some alumni who applied after graduating from the school). 11 of this year's graduating students will apply next year.</i>					