The following is a selection of activities which took place last year:

**SPORTS**

With a focus on increasing participation for all, the sports programme includes both recreational and competitive opportunities. Special events like the ‘Esplade’ race in Geneva, combine both a community building function and the sporting activity. Students also participate in a wide variety of competitive sports at the local, national and international levels (ADISR, SGIS).

**THEATRE**

The use of drama as a language for constructing and communicating meaning is well embedded in the PYP programme and extracurricular drama programme extends those opportunities for interested students. Secondary School productions included: As you like it, The Medici Succession and Commedia dell’Arte Performance “Pantalone goes wooing”.

**MUSIC**

A music programme is well articulated at all levels of study. From the Pre-reception to Year 13 classes. The programme supports work performance for the parents and extended La Châtaigneraie community. The annual “Unison” festival where students from across the Foundation work together is a musical highlight.

**VISUAL ARTS**

Visual Arts are at all levels of the programme. Class and specialist teachers introduce the students to a wide variety of media which shift the exploration of the units of inquiry under investigation. Students are also invited to community exhibitions such as “Rio +20” sponsored by the UN and Eduki Foundation and “LUC” sponsored by CERN.

**SERVICE LEARNING**

The school is involved in a wide variety of experience designed to help students learn that every small effort can make a difference. Students are encouraged to think beyond their classroom walls to consider how and where they might make a contribution.

**EDUCATIONAL TRIPS**

The programme of excursions, from one day to overnight and week-long trips takes students to destinations across the French and Swiss Riviera, Andorra, Strasbourg, Barcelona, London, Venice, Dubai and China. Year 11 students undertake a World of Work Week where they organise a placement with an employer.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Students publish the weekly Gazette and the termly Foundation Newspaper, Et Cetera.

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR:**

**KERMESSE**

In June our active Parent-Teacher Association presents its annual Kermesse. This community gathering is a great opportunity for Alumni to meet up with their former school friends.

**SCHOOL TRIPS**

The programme of educational excursions, from one day to overnight and week-long trips takes students to destinations around the world. Students also participated in a wide variety of media which enrich the exploration of the units of inquiry under investigation. Students also have the use of an all weather football pitch, a basketball courts and a number of green areas for their general recreation.

**EXPERIENCE: WHY CHOOSE LA CHÂTAIGNERAIE?**

We are an authorised International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school (PYP). The PYP is a rigorous and innovative, inquiry-based program recognized around the world. Two Secondary school programmes are available as final pre-university examination outcomes, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and the maturité suisse.

La Châtaigneraie is the only campus in the Foundation to offer the maturité suisse, the Swiss national diploma, and reflects the close link that exists between the school and the local community. It can be taken through the traditional single language route or as a bilingual programme (French / English). The maturité suisse is accepted by universities worldwide.

The International Baccalaureate began at the International School of Geneva in the late 1960s and is also available as a bilingual qualification. Most subjects are taught in English. The IB follows on from the IGCSE studied in Years 10 and 11.

In Years 7 to 9 students can follow courses in English, French or a combination of the two from the dual language programme.

We look forward to showing you around our school.

David Woods, Campus & Secondary Principal
In our Primary School, your child will follow the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate. All students follow this course of study in both English and French as our entire school is devoted to dual language study. Students have a wide range of opportunities to study about and through the medium of both languages. During the eight years of primary school we aim to develop all their skills and understanding in both academic and cultural aspects of life. Your child will be encouraged to develop an independent, responsible and competent learner. This is achieved through integrated programmes of study culminating in the Year 6 extended independent research project called the PYP exhibition. The teaching will be in English, French or in a combination of the two depending on the choice of course you make. Students whose mother tongue is neither of these languages are given support to bring them to a level where they can confidently learn in English or French.

MOVING TO THE NEXT STAGE

Developing your child’s independence and academic ability is critical to ensuring a smooth transition to secondary school. More opportunities for the realisation of these goals. We draw on a wealth of resources both local and international.

YOUR ROUTE THROUGH LA CHÂTAIGNERAIE

MULTI-AGE GROUPS

PRE-RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

In the first two years of the Secondary School your child will experience a broad based curriculum including languages, the arts, sciences, mathematics, information technology and physical education.

This marks an important change and children are excited about the increased responsibilities they will assume and the greater challenges they will face. Of course, being an international school, we welcome children from other schools each year.

The involvement of your child as a world citizen is fundamental to the International School of Geneva’s vision. Our Primary School provides many opportunities for the realisation of these goals. We draw on a wealth of resources both local and international.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Years 7 – 9

A SOLID START

The teaching will be in English, French or in a combination of the two depending on the choice of course you make. Students whose mother tongue is neither of these languages are given support to bring them to a level where they can confidently learn in English or French.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Years 10 – 13

CHOICES ABOUT THE FUTURE

From Year 9 your child will start to make choices about his or her future directions. Our aim is to provide the best possible advice on moving towards the goals you and your child have set out. We students aim for university or other post secondary education around the world, with many getting into the top universities in the country of their choice. Your child can gain access to higher or further education through either of our two programmes, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or the Maturité suisse (Francophone) and the Diploma route take a broad-based preparatory curriculum which can be accredited as a single or bilingual qualification depending upon the options taken.

An education at La Châtaigneraie will enable your child to achieve his or her academic potential in the broadest possible international context. Our programmes and our school life are designed to lead our students to be resourceful, responsible, confident and successful adults.