

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM...

At La Châtaigneraie, school life and learning extend well beyond the classroom. In addition to the outstanding academic programme, there is a wide range of extracurricular activities on offer with recreational and competitive sports, music, art and theatre as well as discussion groups, mother tongue language lessons, school publications and humanitarian projects focused on different regions of the world.

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

SPORTS

With a focus on increasing participation from across the school, the sports programme includes both recreational and competitive opportunities. Special events, like the Escalade Race in Geneva, combine both a community building focus as well as fun sporting activities. Students also participated 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 program and extra-curricular drama programme extends these opportunities for interested students. Secondary School productions included: As you (quite) like it, Medea Variations and Commedia dell'Arte Performance "Pantalone goes a-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 towards performances for the parents and extended La Chât community. The annual "Unison" festival where students from across the Foundation work together is a musical highlight.

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts are valued at all levels of the programme. Class and specialist teachers introduce the students to a wide variety of media which enrich the exploration of the units of inquiry under investigation. Students are also involved in community exhibitions such as "Rio +20" sponsored by the UN and Eduki Foundation and "CLIC" sponsored by CERN.

SERVICE LEARNING

The school is involved in a wide variety of experiences 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.

CROSS CURRICULAR

Across all programmes, the school seeks to find authentic connections between the concepts being studied and the plethora of organizations and expertise in the area. Excursions, visiting speakers and engagement in community events ensures that students have opportunities to "connect the dots".

CONFERENCES, DEBATES

Debating Club, The Student League of Nations. Participation in the Global Issues Network conference.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL TRIPS

The programme of excursions, from one day to overnight and week-long trips takes students to destinations such as the French and Swiss Alps, Ardèche, Strasbourg, Barcelona, London, Venice, Kenya and India. 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.

KERMESSE

In June our active Parent-Teacher Association presents its annual Kermesse. This community gathering allows our families and visitors to sample distinctive national cuisines and cultures. It also provides a great opportunity for Alumni to meet up with their former school friends.



DISCOVER WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

EXPERIENCE OUR UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

EXPLORE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

LA CHÂTAIGNERAIE

La Châtaigneraie has been part of the International School of Geneva since 1971.

The campus lies in the Canton de Vaud, in Founex, 20 minutes from Geneva and 40 minutes from Lausanne overlooking Lake Geneva with stunning views of the Alps and the Jura.

The school provides a stimulating and varied academic programme in an international and bilingual environment. The aim is to develop the full academic and personal potential of each student. This experience is shared with some 1,550 students representing the wide cultural and linguistic diversity of our school. All programmes lead towards the International Baccalaureate Diploma or the *maturité suisse* at age 18-19.

The campus comprises two schools:

A Primary School that accommodates 640 students in 27 classrooms equipped with the latest technology. In addition the building has specialist classrooms for languages, learning support, art, music, plus a multimedia centre, an auditorium, a gym designed for our youngest students, a cafeteria, and an infirmary.

A Secondary School that can accommodate about 1,000 students in 3 buildings. Departments are located in specialist rooms, including laboratories, assembly halls, IT suites, a music studio, a theatre, a multi-media centre, a cafeteria and a Sport's Complex.

Outside the students have the use of an all weather football pitch, a basketball courts and a number of green areas for their general recreation.

WHY CHOOSE LA CHÂTAIGNERAIE?

We are an authorised International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school (PYP). The PYP is a rigorous and innovative, inquiry-based programme that is recognised 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.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Years Pre-Reception – 6



PRE-RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

In our Primary School, your child will follow the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureat. 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 his or her knowledge, skills and understanding in all subject areas to a high standard. Your child will be encouraged to be 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.

MOVING TO THE NEXT STAGE

Developing your child's independence and academic ability is critical to ensuring a smooth transition from the Primary School into the Secondary School with its adjacent buildings and some shared facilities.

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

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.

The teaching will be in English, in 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/her future directions. Our aim is to provide the best possible advice on moving towards the goals you and your child have set out. Our students aim for university or other post secondary education all 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*. Depending largely on where your child wants to go and what his or her strengths are, your child will be choosing between these, and between the various options each programme offers.

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.

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PRE-REC.	RECEPTION	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6
Pre-Reception and Reception Early learning focuses on exposing students to both of the school's languages and on building for a successful start to learning through the PYP at La Chât.	Year 1 Strong Foundations are laid for reading, writing and mathematics in both English and French.	Years 1-4 (60% - 40% Bilingual) Strong Foundations are laid for reading, writing and mathematics in both English and French. Students study through a bilingual program which balances exposure to both English and French: 60% and 40%, the choice of the majority language is that of the parents (and subject to availability).	Years 2-3 The students become increasingly autonomous learners through their research in the Units of Inquiry.	Years 5-6 Students study through a bilingual program: 50% French and 50% English, delivered through two intensive blocks (September - January & February - June).	Year 6 PYP Exhibition... Transition!		

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YR 7	YR 8	YR 9
	Years 7-9 The foundation years of the secondary school. More challenges and more responsibility with a broad-based curriculum available in French, English and dual language options.	

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YR 10	YR 11	YR 12	YR 13
Years 10 and 11 (Anglophone) Students intending to follow the IB Diploma route take a broad-based preparatory curriculum which students may certificate with IGCSE examinations or an internal examination.	Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 (Francophone) <i>Maturité suisse</i> programme that can be accredited as a single or bilingual qualification depending upon the options taken.		Years 12 and 13 (Anglophone) Two year IB Diploma course that can be accredited as a single or bilingual qualification depending upon the options taken.