



Summer Course

A summer to remember

**Brillantmont**   
International School Lausanne



*educating young people since 1882*

## Welcome to the Brillantmont summer family

### **Welcome to Brillantmont: family owned since 1882**

“We are proud to welcome you to Brillantmont, which was founded by our great-grandparents in 1882. Over five generations, our school has forged an excellent reputation in the field of education. This is attested by our school’s accreditation by the “Council of International Schools” and the “New England Association of Schools and Colleges.” Each new school year, we welcome around 100 young people from all parts of the world who follow a challenging secondary education which prepares them to enter the most prestigious universities in the world.

During the summer vacation, our intensive course of French or English, with a wide range of sporting and cultural activities is a great opportunity to learn languages, discover Switzerland and make friends from all over the world. It is also a great introduction to life in a boarding school. Enjoy your time with us and welcome.”

*The Frei family, owners and 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the founding family*



Lausanne enjoys the lake and the Alps



a beautiful, spacious campus in the city centre

### Where are we?

Brillantmont is in Lausanne, in the French speaking part of Switzerland. Geneva International Airport is 40 minutes away. You will love Lausanne! It is a safe, attractive university city with many sports and leisure facilities. The old town is very pretty and there are many interesting places to visit. The setting is spectacular since the city overlooks Lake Léman (often called Lake Geneva) and the Alps.

Brillantmont is five minutes' walk from the city centre in a safe, quiet neighbourhood. You will live and study on the campus, which is made up of eight attractive buildings. You can sit and relax with your friends in the large gardens or enjoy playing table tennis, tennis or basketball in the grounds. We also have a fantastic gymnasium where you can play many sports. All the buildings and classrooms are equipped with the latest technology and the wireless campus offers a stimulating learning environment.





make friends for life at BM



discovering how Swiss chocolate is made

**Tell me more!** Our Summer Course takes place in July and August and is for boys and girls aged 10-17, who come from all over the world. You stay for a minimum of two weeks and can choose to stay for up to six weeks. You must arrive and leave on a Saturday.

- You will:
- Learn French or English in the mornings
  - Play many sports in the afternoons
  - Join in fun evening activities
  - Discover Switzerland during exciting excursions at the weekend
  - Make friends from all over the world
  - Be in a safe, secure environment
  - Be cared for by experienced teachers 24/7
  - be transferred to and from Geneva airport if required (Saturday)

### The Summer Course Day

At weekends, the daily programme is different because students are on excursions.





learning about local history and culture



learning languages in small classes

**Learn a language and open yourself to other cultures!**

Every morning from Monday to Friday you will study French or English. When you arrive, you will take a test to determine your class level. You will be in a small class with an average of 10 students. We have classes at all levels, so whether you are a beginner or an advanced student, we have a class for you!

In the first period, you will work on grammar and structure. After break, you will change teachers and work on communication skills and oral fluency. Your teachers will make learning fun!

You will have homework occasionally and at the end of the week, a short test to measure your progress. When you leave Brilliantmont, you will receive a certificate with teacher grades and comments. We are confident that your language skills will improve during your stay.

On Wednesday afternoons you will go with your class and teacher to visit a local attraction. You will participate in a workshop and will be able to use your language skills in a fun way. For example, at the chocolate factory, you learn about how chocolate is made and then you get to taste it! After the visit, you will meet up with all the other students by the lake for team games, swimming and a barbecue.

Attractions visited during the class field trips may include:

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| Chaplin's World, Corsier-sur-Vevey | Chillon Castle near Montreux  |
| Cailler Chocolate Factory, Broc    | Photo Museum, Vevey           |
| Aquatis aquarium, Lausanne         | The Olympic Museum, Lausanne  |
| Discovery Lab, Lausanne University | Fire Rescue Service, Lausanne |





watersports on the lake



trampoline in our amazing gym

**Enjoy sporty afternoons  
in Lausanne, the Olympic Capital**

Four afternoons a week, you will take sports classes. You will be in a class with other girls or boys of the same age and every day you will try a different sport. Maybe you will be on the campus in our gymnasium, enjoying trampoline, zumba, tennis or some other game. Maybe you will be by the lake enjoying stand up paddle, windsurfing or the banana boat. Wherever you are, we're sure you'll have fun.

Depending on the weather conditions, the sports offered at the Brillantmont Summer Course may include:

- stand-up paddle
- banana boat
- soccer
- frisbee
- kinball
- circuit training
- beach volley-ball
- tennis
- zumba/dance
- touchball
- uni-hockey
- trampoline
- rugby
- basketball
- gym
- badminton



exploring the Swiss capital, Berne



karting on the Molésan mountain

### Work hard/play hard

Several times during the week, evening activities are organised. These may include ice skating, treasure hunt, cinema evening, quiz evening, talent show and more. The highlight of the week is always the Friday disco, where you can dance all you like!

Students arrive and leave on Saturday, but on the Saturday(s) in the middle of your stay, we organise day trips to visit the Swiss capital city of Berne, nearby Geneva or an activity in or around Lausanne.

On Sunday, the whole school goes out for the day to visit another region of Switzerland. We may go to a museum, a historic site or raise ecological awareness by visiting natural sites or doing quiz trails in the countryside. We may go tree-climbing, have fun in a waterpark or go mountain karting. We will also go to the mountains so you can discover the most characteristic Alpine resorts.

Depending on the weather conditions, the weekend excursions offered at the Brillantmont Summer Course may include:

- a visit to Berne
- a visit to Geneva
- rock climbing & glacier walk in the Alpine village of Arolla
- Aquapark
- tree-climbing circuits
- watersports by the lake
- orienteering trail
- mountain karting



*beautiful, spacious rooms*



*sharing meals together*

### **Happy and safe in the Brillantmont summer family**

The Summer Course is under the same Direction as the school year and each member of staff wants every single student to feel safe and happy at Brillantmont. Our enthusiastic, experienced teachers are with the students 24 hours a day, every day and are ready to help them at all times. Nursing and medical staff are always on-hand to deal with any problems and the university hospital is five minutes away.

You will live in a building with other students of the same age and gender and will share a room with one or two other students from a different country. The rooms are large and many have a view over the lake and mountains. Sharing a room means that you will be able to practise your languages, discover other cultures and form lasting friendships. By the end of your stay, you will have friends from all over the world.

A teacher lives on your boarding house floor and is there to look after you, making sure you are happy, settled and secure. He/she will also help you use the laundry facilities, which are free of charge.

At meal times, you will eat with your friends in the dining room. Vegetarian choices are available and if you have special dietary requirements, our chefs will make provision for you. Your teacher eats at the head of the table and the meal is served. Meals are not rushed: we want you to eat healthily, properly and to consider mealtimes as a time for exchange and discussion with others on your table.



## We love BM

*“Thank you for cooking my meals – they were delicious! Thank you for cleaning my room – it was always lovely and neat! Thank you for teaching me; I learnt so much French and played so many sports. Thank you for taking good care of me; I really had a great time.”*

**Emily**, England

*“I would like to congratulate the Brillantmont team on your kindness, care, devotion and professionalism. Ingrid was delighted by her stay and plans to return for the Summer Course next year.”*

**Mrs M**, France

*“The teachers are really great and make learning fun. You get to learn about different cultures; it’s like a little world here with so many people from different places.”* **Maria Fernanda**, Brazil



*“It was a great experience to meet a bunch of people from all around the world. I’ve made great friends that I know will last for the rest of my life.”*

**Claudia**, the United States

*“Our son, Eloy felt at home, made great friends, loved the excursions, the meals and the French class. Just fantastic!”*

**Mrs G**, Switzerland

*“I’ve been at the Summer Course for five years! The activities are great, the teachers are really kind, everything is perfect here! The location is very nice too and it’s a great spot to spend the summer holidays.”*

**Joshua**, Germany



Are you ready for new adventures?



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SUMMER FAMILY

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