Summer Course 2027

Handbook

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WE'RE GETTING EXCITED!

We are very excited that you have chosen Brillantmont for your Summer Course 2027 and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you. We're sure you're going to have a great time and make lots of friends from all over the world.
In this handbook, you will find lots of information about daily life. Please read it carefully to be sure you have understood what your experience will be like.

TRAVELING TO BRILLANTMONT

Now that your place is confirmed, you can start to confirm your travel plans.
Please note that **all arrivals and departures take place on Saturday only**, within the designated times below. It is not possible to arrive on any other day.

For students coming alone by plane

You must plan to arrive and depart from Geneva airport. Geneva airport is approximately 45 minutes from Lausanne.
The transfer to and from Geneva airport on the day of your arrival and departure, within regular working hours (9h00-17h00), is included in your Summer Course fees.
Please ensure that your flight arrives at / departs from Geneva Airport between 9h00 AM - 17h00 PM.

We require all our staff to be on campus at the end of the day. For this reason, any departures or arrivals which do not fall between 9h00 and 17h00 will be organised in collaboration with a trusted private taxi service, for which you will be charged.
The transfer service is for students only (not parents /agents).

For students coming alone by plane and traveling as a UM (Unaccompanied Minor)

You may wish your child to travel as a UM (Unaccompanied Minor) to Geneva airport. This service is offered by many airlines but not all. Please inform us if you plan to request a UM service from the airline and send us the related documentation. t is your responsibility to organise this and provide us with the relevant information.

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For students being dropped off/picked up by the family

Please note the following arrival /departure times when you should arrive / leave:

Date 2027	**Programme**	**Arrival time with parents**	**Departure time with parents**
Saturday 3rd July	Week 1 begins	11h00-14h00	no departures
Saturday 10th July	Week 2 begins	no arrivals	no departures
Saturday 17th July	Week 3 begins	11h00-14h00	9h00-11h00
Saturday 24th July	Week 4 begins	11h00-14h00	9h00-11h00
Saturday 31st July	Week 5 begins	11h00-14h00	9h00-11h00
Saturday 7th August	Week 6 begins	no arrivals	9h00-11h00
Saturday 14th August	End of Summer Course	no arrivals	9h00-11h00

YOUR ARRIVAL AT BRILLANTMONT

We will contact you approximately one month prior to the start of Summer Course and ask you to complete a travel form, giving full details of your arrival and departure.

LAST MINUTE CHANGES TO YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

We are sure that you appreciate how organising transfers takes time. Any last minute changes to your child's travel plans can affect our logistical arrangements. For this reason, any travel plan which is changed after the Tuesday evening prior to the Saturday arrival / departure, will incur an administrative charge of CHF50.-

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU



The weather in Switzerland in summer is usually warm and sunny. It can be as hot as 35 degrees, though usually in summer, the temperature is around 25-30 degrees. In the mountains, temperatures are usually cooler and there can sometimes be rain. You need to be prepared!

Classroom equipment

O a rucksack / backpack
O a pencil case with pens and pencils
O a computer / laptop with a keyboard (only if you are taking the Tech Academy)

Clothes for everyday life

O shorts / trousers / skirts (not very short or ripped)
O a few nice T-shirts (covering the midriff), tops, shirts
O a warm jacket and/ pullover / sweatshirt / fleece
O a smart outfit for the Friday disco or leaving party
O a waterproof rain jacket (K-Way) with a hood

Clothes for sports classes

O tracksuit / leggings
O sports shorts
O trainers / sports shoes for sports classes (fashion trainers are not acceptable)
O tennis shoes and tennis racket (if you have your own)
O a swimming costume / swimming trunks for watersports
O large beach towel
O speclalised running shoes (if you would like to join the optional early morning runs)

Clothes for mountain activities

O hiking shoes / boots with a good grip for hikes /walks in the mountains
O sunglasses with a high UV protection. The sun is incredibly intense at high altitudes, especially near snow or glaciers.
O hiking socks
O lip-balm to protect the lips

Although it is summer and the weather will probably be warm, we do expect that all clothing and in particular shorts and hemlines are respectful to others' cultural backgrounds and appropriate for school.

Very short dresses, skirts, shorts and crop tops showing lots of body flesh are not appropriate. T-shirts should not show any offensive image or slogan.

The student's clothing should be tasteful and appropriate for the intended activity. The school may ask students to change if clothing is considered inappropriate.



Basic mobile phone

Students can bring their mobile phones. Please refer to the school rules to read about how / when they can be used. We reserve the right to confiscate a phone.

Phone charger

Phone charger - the Swiss use two different kinds of plug. Plug type C has two round pins. Plug type J has three round pins. Switzerland uses a voltage of 230V (50Hz).

Pocket money

When you arrive at Brillantmont, you will give us your pocket money, which will be kept in the school safe. You can withdraw the money during the week, against a signature.
You can use Apple Pay however, you must also bring some cash because in the mountains / countryside, Apple Pay is not accepted. It is very important that you bring your money in Swiss Francs. Please do not bring money in other currencies. We cannot change money for you. We recommend that you bring between CHF30. – CHF50.- per week.

Medicine

You should have indicated any medication that you require on the medical form you have already sent. If your medical needs have changed since you applied, you need to give us an update. Please make sure that your medicine is clearly labelled and that your name is clearly visible. All medication is handed in on arrival to our School Nurse and will be given to you as needed. It is strictly forbidden all students to keep any medicines in their bedroom.

OUR TEAM

In the Summer Course, you are in great hands! Many of our teachers /staff also work during the school year and all have experience working at the Summer Course. There are many people who make our Summer Course a great success. However, let's introduce you to a few key people.

Brillantmont is a family-run, family-owned school and the Summer Course is overseen by the Senior Leadership Team - Mrs Anne Frei, Head of School (5th generation of the founding family) and her sister-in-law, Mrs Sarah Frei, Head of Admissions.



Mrs Anne Frei
Head of School



Mrs Sarah Frei
Head of Admissions

We have a fantastic adminstrative team who are here to help you in any way. There's always a friendly face behind the Summer Course email address (summercourse@brillantmont.ch) . The daily running and organisation of the Summer Course is under the responsibility of our Summer Course Coordinators, who are also key staff in our dedicated school year team.



Mr Tim Rouge
Summer Course Coordinator



Ms Roxane Feunette
Summer Course Coordinator



Mr Santiago Lavanchy
Summer Course Coordinator



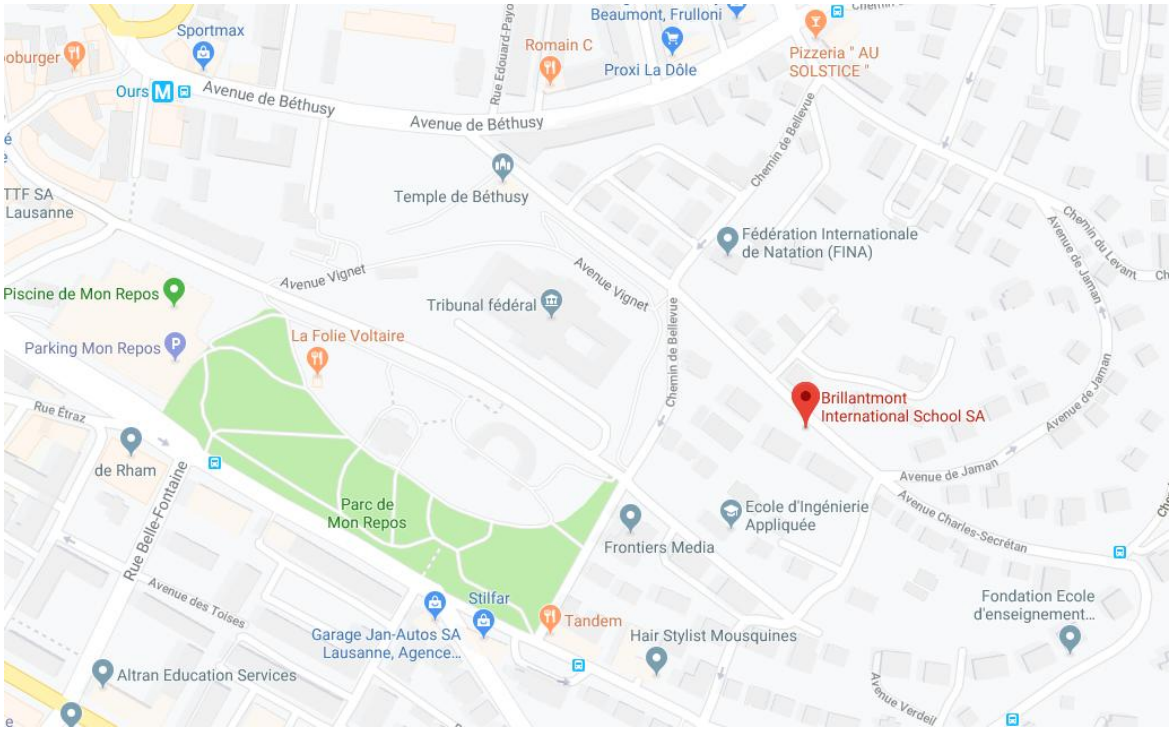
Ms Cheila Saldhana
Summer Course Coordinator

WHO TO CALL / EMERGENCY NUMBERS

If you have a question about the Summer Course during the school day, please telephone this number:
T: + 41 21 310 0400

If you have a question outside of the school day, your telephone will connect to our message service. The message will indicate the emergency number which connects directly to a senior member of staff.

HOW TO REACH SCHOOL



The school address is Avenue Charles Secrétan 16, 1005, Lausanne, Switzerland

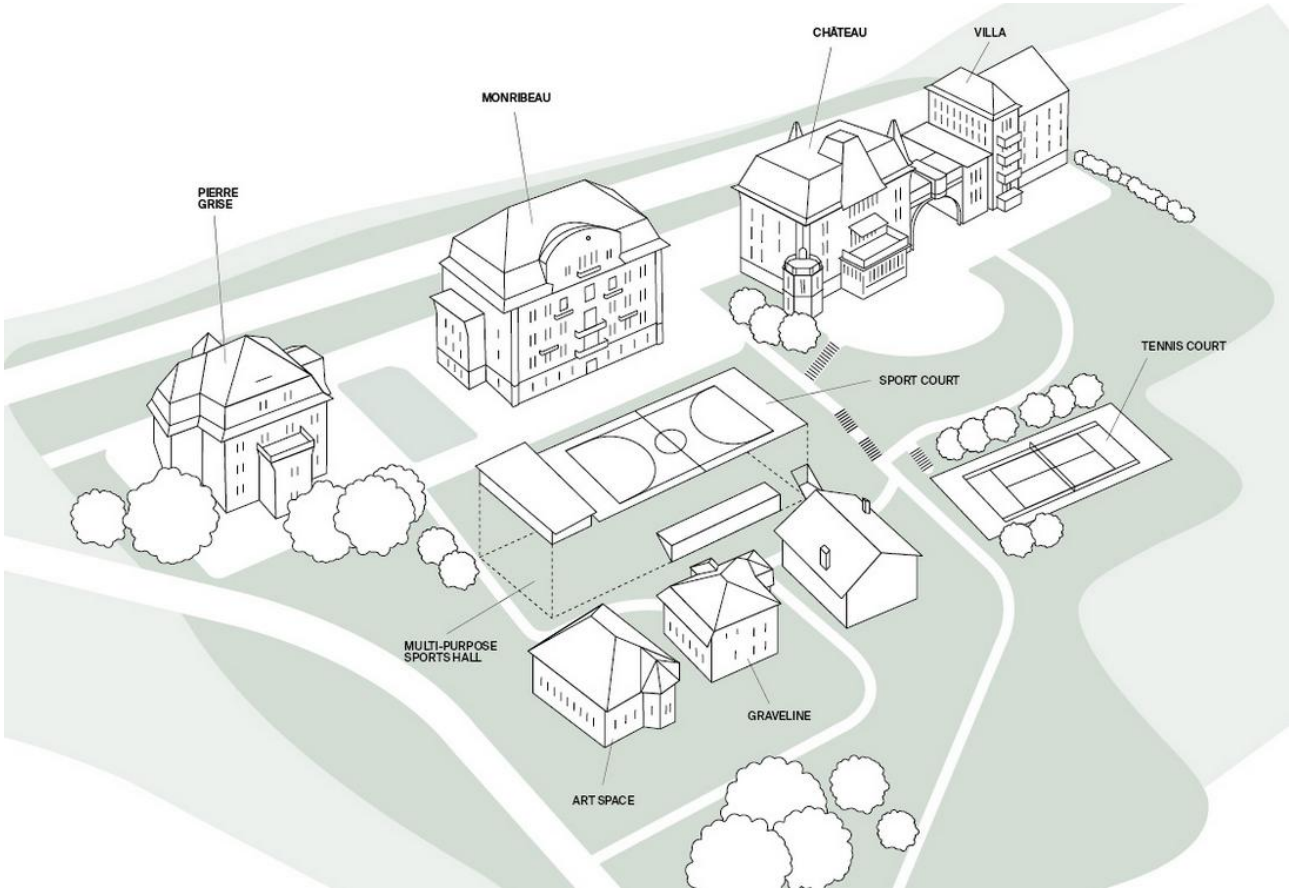
Lausanne is in the French speaking part of Switzerland. It is just 45 minutes from Geneva, where there is the international Airport.

The school is 5 minutes by taxi from Lausanne train station.

It can be reached via the metro (stop Ours – 5 minutes walk) or by bus number 13 (Verdeil – 2 minutes walk).

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Brillantmont is in the centre of Lausanne. Our campus is amazing. In addition to our sports courts and multipurpose sports hall on campus, we also use sports facilities locally and watersports take place by the lake, where we have two school boats.
Many excursions and activities take place off campus, in the local area and in the mountains. You are going to live in one school, but with three worlds – city, lake and mountains.



BEDROOMS

Summer Course is residential only, which means that all Summer Course students live on campus. Boys and girls live in separate boarding houses, which are organised by age.
You will share a room with one or two other students from a different nationality and of a similar age to you. This will enable you to make new friends and discover new cultures. A teacher lives on the same floor in your boarding house and is there to look after and support you.

All bedrooms are large and spacious, all have a lockable wardrobe and many have views over the Lake and mountains. Only a few rooms have en-suite bathrooms, but mostly students share bathrooms (3-4 students per bathroom). The bathrooms are all modern and spacious and include a hairdryer.

It is not possible to request a particular boarding house / room/ view / facility because the rooming depends on age, gender, nationality, houses used.

All students eat their meals together with the Summer Course staff in the dining room.

Bedding, a hand and bath towel are provided by the school.

SUMMER COURSE RULES 2027 (the school reserves the right to adjust the Summer Course rules)

BEDROOMS

Beds must be made every morning, curtains must be opened and rooms kept tidy.
Suitcases must be stored in the baggage room.
All damage incurred will be billed.
Hairdryers, kettles and irons are not allowed in the rooms.

COMPUTERS /IPADS

Students are not allowed to bring a computer/tablet unless they are registered for the Tech Academy.
Students who are taking the Tech Academy must bring a computer which **MUST** have a keyboard.
An Ipad is not suitable for the Tech Academy. These students can keep their computer in their lockable wardrobe and only use it for the class.
Wireless internet access is available throughout the campus but is not available overnight.

CONNECTED WATCHES

Students are not allowed to bring connected watches to campus. We will not hesitate to confiscate these if necessary.

CONTACT WITH PARENTS / HOMESICKNESS

Constant contact with your child does not help adaptation and can lead to homesickness. For this reason, we encourage you to resist the temptation to frequently phone him /her. Visits from parents are only authorised on a Saturday and only by prior arrangement, since during the Summer Course we are often off campus.

EARPODS/ HEADPHONES

We value human interactions. It is not acceptable for students to walk around the campus with earpods or headphones. We will not hesitate to confiscate these if necessary.

GOING OUT

If no activity or excursion has been organized, the following rules for leaving campus apply:
Afternoon (17h15 – 18h30)

- Students aged 10 - 13 are only allowed to leave the campus with a member of staff
- Students aged 14 must ask permission from a member of staff before leaving the campus
  (in groups of 3 minimum)
- students aged 15 and above are allowed off the campus unsupervised

According to Swiss law : " frequentation of public establishments" *a young person* ***aged under 16*** *unaccompanied by his/ her legal representative is not allowed to go to cafés, restaurants, tea-rooms, bars, pubs and discos without a written consent.*
Evening (after dinner or study)

- Students under the age of 16 are not allowed off the campus
- Students who are aged 16 and above must return to school by 21h00.

On Friday evenings, no-one is allowed to leave the campus after 18h30 because a special activity is organised.

Any student who leaves the campus in violation of the rules or without permission may be expelled.

LAUNDRY

A laundry room is at students' disposal on specific days and at specific times. The school provides washing powder and other products and the laundry is free of charge.

MEAL TIMES /TABLE MANNERS

Meals are compulsory for everyone Breakfast: 08h15 Lunch: 12h30 Dinner: 18h45
One or two members of staff sit at each table:

- seats are not assigned
- no-one leaves before the table has been cleared and everyone has finished eating
- the dining room is supervised by staff members
- meals take place in a calm atmosphere, and food must be respected (no food outside the dining room)
- students must be suitably dressed and display good behaviour throughout the meals.

MOBILE PHONES

We understand that keeping contact with family is important and we also understand that students love to take photos of their stay. This is why we allow students to bring their mobile phone to Brillantmont and we ask you to share your child's telephone number with the school.

If your child does not yet have a mobile phone, it may be the moment to purchase a simple one, for the purpose of communication, because we do not allow smart watches, computers or Ipads.

We limit the use of mobile phones to specific times of day, in order to promote face to face interactions and to enable all students to fully participate in all the activities and social life at the school. Teachers may confiscate a phone if they feel a student is not fully respecting the rules or is not engaging and interacting enough with other students.

Staff will apply these guidelines and, depending on the activity, there may be other times when they will ask for phones to be handed in. We thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

- Weekday mornings in class: phones are handed in to the classroom teacher and returned to the student after the lunchtime information session.
- Weekday afternoons in class / sports: phones are handed in to the teacher and returned to the student at the end of the class.
- Evenings on campus: phones are handed in to the teacher and returned to the student at the end of the activity.
- During excursions and activities off campus: students are encouraged to have their mobile phones with them, in case of emergency. Unless requested by the teacher, the phone should be kept out of sight unless it is being used to take photographs.
- At night: students under the age of 14 must hand in their phones to their boarding teacher at night and it will be given back in the morning. All other students must put their phone on flight mode and put it away as requested by the staff: the phone will be confiscated if this is not respected.

MEDICINES

No students are allowed to keep medicines in their room without the permission of the school nurse.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Brillantmont expects students to be respectful of their room-mate's personal belongings. Each student has a cupboard which can be locked where they have to put their personal belongings. We expect all students to use the lockable wardrobe.
The school does not accept responsibility for theft, loss or damage of personal belongings.

POCKET MONEY, PASSPORTS AND TICKETS

When students arrive, they hand in their pocket money to the school and it is kept in the school safe. They can collect what they need every day (except Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays) after lunch.
Passports and travel tickets are also handed in to the school for safe keeping.

SENDING PACKAGES TO SCHOOL

Students should bring everything they need for their stay, however long. For this reason, we ask you to try to avoid sending packages to your child. If you do need to send something, please check with us in advance and please send a deposit, which is used to cover customs charges. The invoice for these charges can take up to three months to reach the school, after which we will refund any balance.

SMOKING – VAPING - DRUGS - ALCOHOL – ENERGY DRINKS

These are strictly forbidden. Any student breaking this rule may be expelled.

SUITCASES

Your bedroom may be on the 3rd or 4th floor. For that reason, do make sure that you are able to carry it yourself up the stairs. Don't overpack. If you are going on holiday afterwards, we suggest you separate your holiday clothes from your BM clothes and we will put your holiday suitcase into storage.

TELEPHONING THE SCHOOL

If you need to contact the school, please use the main school telephone: + 41 21 310 0400.
Outside of office hours, you will hear a message which gives you an emergency number, which will connect to the Summer Course Coordinator. He /she will call you back as soon as possible if unable to take your call.

VARIOUS

The throwing of gravel is strictly forbidden.
No scarves or other items should be placed over lights for fire safety reasons.
Students should always close their windows and doors when leaving their room.

VIOLENCE

Any incident of violence will be severely punished and could result in an immediate expulsion.

DAILY LIFE

YOUR ARRIVAL AT BRILLANTMONT

Prior to your arrival, we will ask you to complete an arrival form, so we know where and when you are arriving, if we need to collect you at the airport or if you are arriving with your parents. You should arrive at Geneva airport only.

When you arrive at school, you will be welcomed by senior staff members. They will ask you to give them your passport, your flight tickets for safe keeping. You will also give them your pocket money and any medication you have.
You will meet the boarding teacher who lives on your floor and will be taken to your room. You will be able to meet and get to know your room-mate. The teacher will explain the programme for the rest of the day.

A TYPICAL DAY

7h30-8h00:	Wake up
8h15-8h45:	Breakfast
8h45:	Tidy your room; hand in your phone
9h00-10h30:	Morning Academy – English/ French / Tech
10h30-10h45:	15 minute break; snacks and drinks are available in the dining room
10h45-12h15:	Morning Academy – English/ French / Tech
12h30:	Lunch
14h00:	Sports classes on campus or by the lake / Afternoon options (2 x per week)



17h00:	If nice weather, we may go together to the open air swimming pool or
17h15:	Free time / study period / activity
18h45:	Dinner
After dinner:	Activities on or off campus
Bedtime:	The time may vary depending on the activity taking place and the age of the students

PLACEMENT TEST IN FRENCH OR ENGLISH

You will take a placement test to see the level of your English or French. Don't get stressed about it! The test helps us decide which class you will enter, but we can change your class if necessary.

TIMES OF THE MORNING ACADEMY - FRENCH / ENGLISH/TECHNOLOGY

MON-TUE-WED-THU-FRI: 09h00 - 10h30 & 10h45 - 12h15

TIMES OF THE AFTERNOON PROGRAMME – BM MOVE / BM CREATE/ TENNIS PRO

MON-TUE-THU-FRI : 14h00 – 17h00

You will be in a sports class with other girls or boys of the same age and you will do a different sport every day. We want you to try as many different sports as possible. Some sports take place on campus, others take place by the lake.

CHANGING ACADEMY/ AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

It is not possible to change the morning academy or afternoon activity for which you registered because all our teachers have been organised.

STUDY PERIOD

45 minutes of study, in a classroom, is fixed at least twice per week – usually on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays depending on the evening activity programme.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

On Wednesday afternoon, you go out with your class to visit a place of local interest. If the weather is good, you will meet up later with the other students for a barbecue and fun time by the lake. In case of bad weather, we will return to school and an activity will be organised on the campus.

WEEKLY TEST

Every Friday, you take a short test which checks if you have fully understood the material taught during the week.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

When you leave Brillantmont, you will receive a certificate with a grade and comment from your teacher, with advice on how you can develop your future skills in your chosen academy.

EVENINGS

An activity is organised nearly most evenings. This may take place on campus – quiz night, sports tournaments, cooking workshops, karaoke evenings, film night or off campus – ice skating, indoor climbing, trampoline park, laser game, bowling, ice skating and many more.

Friday night is the highlight of the week because it's disco night. Our students like to get dressed up smartly for this special evening, which has lots of fun and laughter in store! Make sure you bring your party clothes!





WEEKENDS

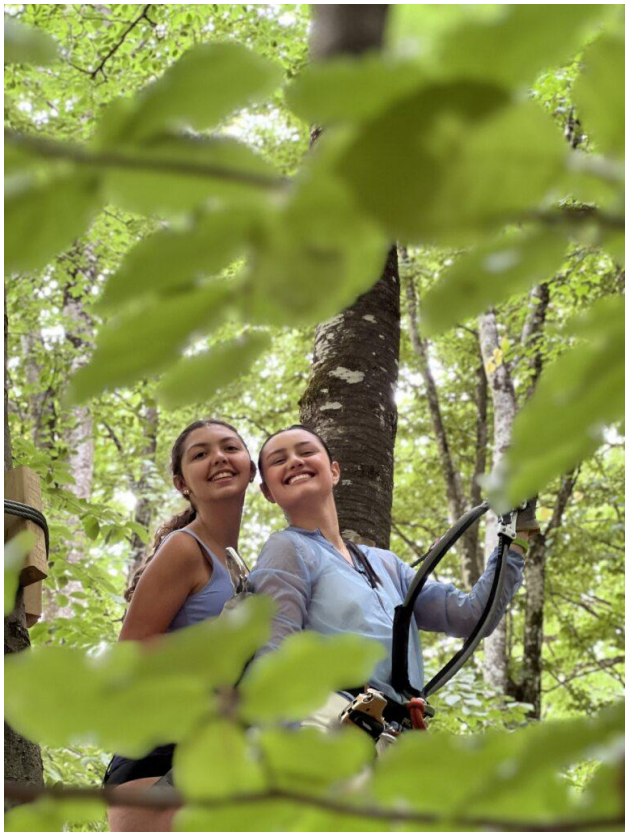
At weekends, excursions and activities take place. Weather permitting, we usually go outside – sometimes to the mountains, sometimes to a city. Because the weather can change quickly, we do not pre-publish the excursion plan for weekends, as we need to ensure that our students are participating in an excursion in safe conditions.
On Friday, the teachers will tell you more about where you will be going during the weekend and explain what you will need to take / how you should be dressed.

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

All excursions and activities are compulsory.

YOUR CLASSMATES

You are coming to an international school. That means that you will be living and studying with boys and girls from all over the world. They come from many different cultures and experiences. They may think differently to you and have different life experiences. It is important to respect others' cultures and traditions.
You will share a room with someone from a different country. Maybe you don't speak the same language, so you will need to find a way to communicate!
You have a unique opportunity to make friends from all over the world and broaden your horizons.
See how many languages you can say hello in by the end of the Summer Course!



SOME FACTS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT SWITZERLAND

The Swiss eat more chocolate per person per year than any other nationality (11 kg)!

The lake in Lausanne is not called Lake Geneva - its proper name is Lake Léman.

The Swiss National Day is celebrated on 1st August and is a major event with special celebrations all over the country.

There are 208 mountains over 3000m high.

The highest mountain is the Dufourspitze, part of the Monte Rosa range, near the Swiss/Italian border.

Climate change means that, without action, half of Switzerland's glaciers will disappear by 2050.

Military service is compulsory for Swiss males.

Women in Switzerland were not allowed to vote until 1971.

25% of the population of Switzerland is made up of foreigners.

There are four national languages – French, German, Italian and Romansch. English is not an official national language.

There is a rule that if you want to have a pet rabbit or a guinea pig, you have to have two, so they have a friend to play with!

If you cross the road when the crossing light is red, even when there are no cars, you are breaking the law and may be fined.

You are not allowed to mow your lawn on a Sunday.

Switzerland is one of only two countries in the world with a square flag (the other is the Vatican!).

We're looking forward to welcoming you into the Brillantmont Summer family!
See you soon – à bientôt