



LA GARENNE

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A UNIQUE BOARDING SCHOOL IN THE HEART OF THE SWISS ALPS

La Garenne is one of the oldest international schools in Switzerland. More than 75 years after it welcomed its first children, LGIS is now home to 150 young people aged from 4 to 18.

Set in the heart of the Swiss Alps at an altitude of 1300 metres above sea level, LGIS combines a rigorous academic programme with multiple and diverse outdoor activities all year round.

LGIS is an accredited IB World School. Study programmes include the International Primary Curriculum, the IB Middle Years and Diploma programmes and the La Garenne High School Diploma.



KEY FACTS



With ski slopes on the doorstep, students are able to make the most of our stunning location and our demanding overseas programme enables students to complement their academic studies with Service as Action projects.

Our priority is that each child at La Garenne should be happy, safe, healthy, valued and cherished. Our motto is “Be Happy, Never, Never, Never Give Up” which reflects our holistic, child-centred approach, along with traditional Swiss values of respect, politeness, tolerance and responsibility.

WHY LA GARENNE



ACCREDITATIONS



Key Facts		
Ages	4 to 18	Boarding and day places, up to 180 students
Languages	Curriculum in English	Mandatory French lessons for all age groups
Additional languages	All mother languages of students are supported either as a second language or in private lessons	Language clubs in Italian, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, German.
Winter Sports	Ski/Snowboard for all age groups with experienced and qualified ski and mountain leaders.	
Extracurricular activities	25+ after-school clubs and activities	Music, football, golf, cookery, politics, chess, business, robotics, debating, and more
Excursions School Trips Sports	<p>Compulsory: Multi-activity expeditions, walking, hiking, discovering, exploring, sledging, skiing, Forest School, School Challenge, Sports Day, team sports</p> <p>Optional: Ski Team, Football team, Basketball team, Golf Team, fitness, running</p> <p>School Trips: Europe, Asia, Africa, USA and South America</p>	<p>Enhanced programme:</p> <p>1st Term: Alpine trek and summit ascent, EuropaPark</p> <p>2nd Term: Downhill ski and snowboard, cross country ski day, snowshoe expedition</p> <p>3rd Term: Rock climbing, Via Ferrata in the Dolomites, mountain biking, canoeing, rafting, canyoning, surfing, paddle-boarding</p>

Primary School	Secondary School
International Primary Curriculum (5-10)	International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (11-16) International Baccalaureate Diploma (16-18), High School Diploma (16-18)
<p>La Garenne Junior School is famous across the world for its remarkable approach to boarding life for children aged 5 and upwards.</p> <p>A staff:student ratio of 1:2 means that every individual need is catered for at this sensitive age. Outdoor learning and our new Forest School initiative is a key part of our philosophy. The safe mountain location enables even our youngest students to benefit.</p>	<p>La Garenne Senior School is a state-of-the-art campus with small class sizes (14 maximum) which was co-designed with students to harness an environment of innovation, individualism and interconnectedness. The building is next to the central ski lift and just a couple of minutes' walk from the rest of the school campus.</p>

Boarding Accommodation		
Primary 4 - 10 years	Chalet La Garenne	2-4 children per room
Middle 11-13	Chalet Beau Site	2-4 students per suite
Senior 14 - 18	Chalet Le Roc	1-2 students per suite

About Us		
School Founded	1947	
Location	Villars-sur-Ollon, Canton Vaud, Switzerland	Geneva airport 90 minutes; Lausanne 45 minutes
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Admissions - The following documentation is required:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admission Form 2. Copies of grades and reports for the last two years 3. Student's passport and vaccination records 4. Motivation letter from student 5. Recommendation from current school 6. Sample of handwriting & "Express yourself" personal video from student 7. Placement tests must be taken by children applying from Year 3 and above (age 8 and older) 8. Candidates for the Senior School will be interviewed personally 		<p>Download: General & Financial Conditions</p> <p>Contact Us Phone: +41 (0) 24 495 24 53 Email: info@la-garenne.ch Website: www.la-garenne.ch</p> 