



Summer Course



BRILLANTMONT
International School

Lausanne, Switzerland



A solid reputation
based on experience
and open-mindedness

**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 more than a hundred and fifty 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 to the Brillantmont family.



An ideal setting Lausanne, one of the most important cities in French-speaking Switzerland, overlooks Lake Geneva and the Alps and is close to Geneva international airport. It is a safe, attractive university city, which offers numerous cultural sites plus an abundance of sports facilities, which our students can enjoy. The setting is spectacular and the lake and mountains are within close proximity.

Brillantmont is five minutes' walk from the city centre in a quiet, leafy neighbourhood. The campus consists of eight attractive buildings and sports courts, set in magnificent grounds. Behind the old-world charm of many of the buildings the classrooms are equipped with the latest technology and the wireless campus offers a stimulating learning environment.







A mixture of hard work and fun

In July and August, we welcome girls and boys aged 10 to 16 for stays varying from two (minimum) to six (maximum) weeks. The students learn intensive French or English and have the opportunity to play many sports and take part in cultural activities and tourist excursions in Switzerland.

The great thing about our programme is that students and their parents choose the dates and length of their stay. We ask simply that arrivals and departures take place on Saturdays. The school provides a transfer service to and from Geneva airport. The price of the Summer Course is all inclusive and there are no hidden costs.

Learning languages
to open the doors
to other cultures



Learning can be fun!

Every morning from Monday to Friday, all students take language classes. They study either French or English for the entire duration of their stay and have twenty periods per week of classes. On arrival, a placement test determines their class level. In their small classes (average 12 students) our qualified teachers use various methods to help everyone progress, to revise topics studied during the year, to read and above all, to improve oral expression. They want students to participate actively and often enhance their lessons with trips into the city. At the end of the day, a study period of one hour is set aside for lesson revision or preparation under the supervision of the teachers, who are available to answer any questions. At the end of their course, students receive a certificate with teacher grades and comments.

On Wednesday afternoons students go with their class and teacher to visit a local attraction (recent examples include Cailler chocolate factory, Chillon castle, Vevey photo museum). Often, they participate in a workshop, which enables them to develop oral fluency and put their language skills to use in a fun context. Afterwards, students meet up by the lake for team games, swimming and a barbecue.







Lausanne, an Olympic city

Lausanne is famous for being the Olympic capital and has a vast range of sports facilities, of which we often take advantage. Four afternoons a week, all students take sports classes. We divide the girls and boys into small groups according to their age. Under the guidance of qualified teachers each group in turn can take part in a variety of sports on or off campus. These include tennis, volleyball, basketball, trampoline, zumba,

frisbee, touchball, badminton, uni-hockey, rugby, soccer, beach volleyball, stand-up paddle, banana boat, windsurfing. Whilst we try to vary the sports programme as much as possible, certain outdoors and lakeside sports depend on the weather conditions.



Working hard in and out of the classroom

Saturday is arrival and departure day, but for those students in the middle of their stay, we organise a day trip to visit the Swiss capital city of Berne, nearby Geneva or an activity in or around Lausanne.

Every Sunday, the whole school goes out for the day to visit another region of Switzerland. We may explore museums, historic sites 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. A stay in Switzerland is inconceivable without excursions in the mountains so we take our students to discover the most characteristic Alpine resorts

where they can try activities such as rock climbing or glacier-walking under the supervision of experienced guides. The excursions are obligatory, as they provide an opportunity for the students to discover a new natural and cultural environment and to practise their languages whilst also having fun.



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

Students live in the different buildings according to their gender and age, in rooms with one, two or three beds. We encourage them to share a room with someone from another nationality so they can practise their languages, discover other cultures and form lasting ties of friendship worldwide. The teachers live with the students and help create a harmonious living environment in which the well-being and security of everyone is paramount.

At meal times, teachers and students eat a balanced, served meal together. Provision is made for special dietary requirements.

Activities are organised several evenings per week and may include quiz night, treasure hunt, talent night, bowling, ice-skating, themed events, disco and many more. However, moments of relaxation are built into the school day to allow the students to have some free time. Daily life in the school and permission to leave the campus are governed by strict rules

and vary according to the age of the students concerned. Our goal is to make sure that each student takes full advantage of his/her stay by finding the right balance between studies, sports, cultural and leisure-time activities in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

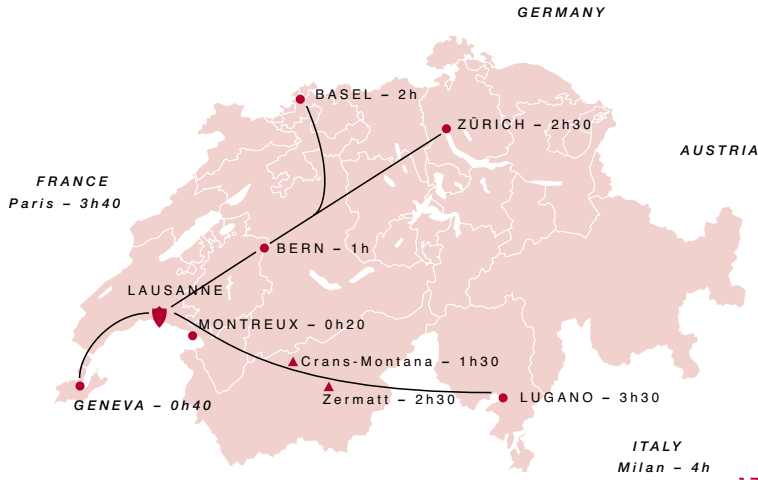
The Summer Course is under the same Direction as the school year and each member of staff wants every single student to feel safe and happy at Brillantmont. Our enthusiastic, experienced teachers are with the students 24 hours a day and are ready to help them at all times. Nursing and medical staff are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



A home from home
which brings out
the best in everyone

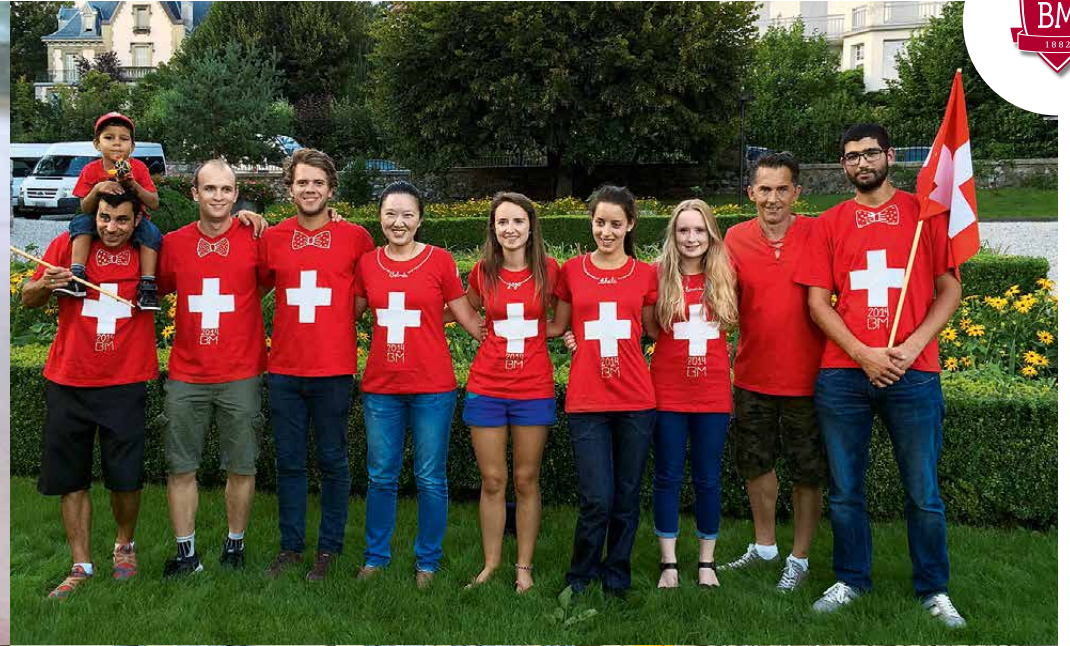
“Three generations of my family have attended Brilliantmont and my children, John B and Flora, joined the Summer Course in 2013 and 2014. We all loved being exposed to different languages and cultures and living in such a beautiful school in the centre of Lausanne. We particularly enjoyed the excursions, which gave us the chance to discover Switzerland and share good times with our new friends. BM was a wonderful experience which will stay in our hearts for the rest of our lives.” Cecilia, Argentina

The financial conditions, the application form and the rules are available at www.brillantmont.ch. Additional information is provided upon receipt of the application form.



A family spirit, a team spirit
and a state of mind





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