

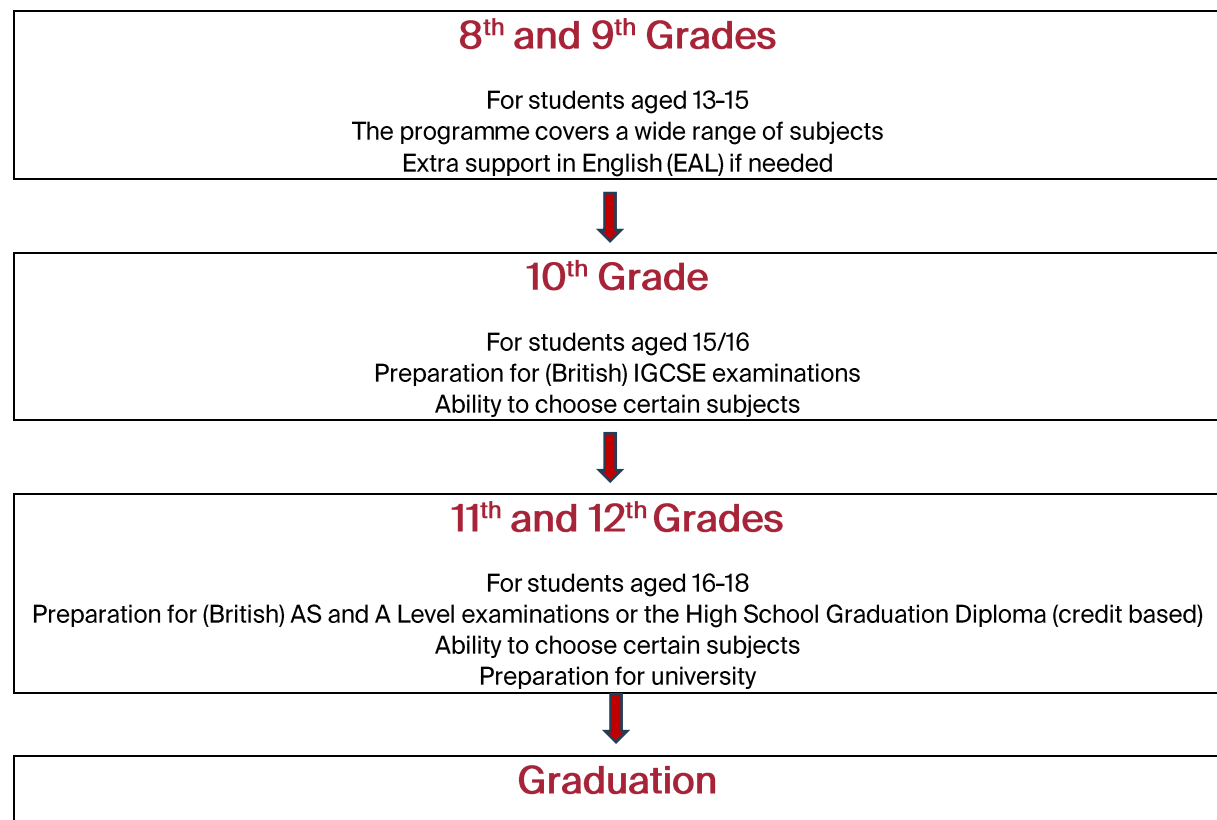
## LEARNING AT BRILLANTMONT

At Brillantmont, the average class size is 9 students, which means close contact with our qualified, experienced teachers, who are innovative and demanding. They challenge each student to achieve his /her full potential and develop the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, knowledge and attributes to succeed in a rapidly changing world. We want parents to feel involved in their child's education, despite the often long distances separating them from the school.

All classes are taught in English with extra support available in English if needed. Brillantmont is in the heart of French-speaking Switzerland. French is compulsory for all students. The use of French is promoted in the school community and outside of school in the contacts they have locally. A support system is in place to assist students who are having difficulties academically. Brillantmont offers internationally recognised academic programmes which provide access to top-ranking universities across the world. 100% of our graduating class continue to higher education after leaving Brillantmont. Personalised timetables enable them to develop their strengths and interests, keeping in view their future university choices / career plans.

During the third terms, various academic study trips take place. These are included in the school fees and are compulsory for all students. They enable students to explore other cities and countries and apply their learning in a different context. Recent destinations include:

- Trip to the Belgian and French First World War battlefields
- Trip to explore water systems and land reclaim in the Netherlands
- Trip to enjoy kite surfing and culture in Andalusia, Spain
- Trip to discover the culture and history of Rome, Italy



## 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROGRAMME

For 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, Brillantmont International School offers a broad and comprehensive curriculum, giving students a solid base in a range of different subjects. All subjects taught have been incorporated into a carefully designed programme of study that takes into account the international setting of Brillantmont and the multicultural nature of the student body. The learning is grounded in Global Citizenship.

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade programme	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade programme
English	English
French	French
Mathematics	Mathematics
Combined Science	Biology
Geography	Chemistry
History	Physics
Coding and Robotics	Geography
Guided Reading	History
Music	Music
PSHE*	PSHE*
Art	Art
House	Coding
Sports	House
	Sports
Spanish	Spanish
German	German
Mother tongue*	Economics
	Mother tongue*

\* Personal, Social and Health Education

Optional classes

\* Private lessons in the student's own language can be arranged, subject to teacher availability.

All students study French and are encouraged to begin a third language. Students are encouraged to continue studying their mother tongue through private lessons.

All students are expected to have a minimum level of English before joining Brillantmont. Students who are learning English as an additional language (EAL) need time to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to follow classroom instruction at the level of mainstream students. For this reason, Brillantmont offers a programme of specialist English tuition if needed. It is important that EAL students feel a sense of integration at the same time as receiving specialist instruction. It is for this reason that EAL students attend all Humanities, Mathematics, Science, PSHE, creative and sporting activities with their peers.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

In 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, students take at least 5 or 6 subjects. They may choose to take British IGCSE examinations in the course listed or they may choose to follow their course and take the end of year internal examination.

In most subjects, there are two different levels of study - Core (Standard) and Extended (Honours).

Courses offered in 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade (leading to high school credits and / or British IGCSE examinations)		
Languages / Arts	Social Sciences	Maths & Science
Art & Design	History	Mathematics
English Language	Geography	Biology
French	Economics	Chemistry
German	Physical Education	Physics
Spanish		
Italian, Chinese, Latin, Japanese and other languages (on request)		

\* English Literature may also be available in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade depending on level of interest / ability

## 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE PROGRAMME

Brillantmont offers a broad and comprehensive curriculum for its High School students which takes into account the international setting of Brillantmont and the multicultural nature of its student body. At every grade level, each student has a personalised timetable, which develops his / her strengths and provides intellectual challenge.

The availability of courses depends on student interest, available staffing and timetable limitations. PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) and Sports are compulsory for all students. Information technology is fully integrated into the teaching, to enhance learning.

In 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, students choose to follow a British programme of studies or a High School Diploma programme of studies or a combination of the two. The choice of programme is discussed at the Admissions stage and determined by the Head of Academics.

Courses offered in 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade (leading to high school credits and / or British AS and A Level examinations)		
Languages / Arts	Social Sciences	Maths & Science
Art & Design	History	Mathematics
English Literature	Geography	Biology
French	Economics	Chemistry
German		Physics
Spanish		
Italian, Chinese, Latin, Japanese and other languages (on request)		

### Graduation Requirements: High School Diploma Programme

Brillantmont students can choose to graduate with our High School Diploma Programme. In the High School Programme, students are continually assessed on their work throughout the academic year, rather than having externally assessed examinations. At the end of the academic year, they take an internally assessed examination and a final grade for the year is awarded, based on their end of year examination and their grade average.

24 credits are required to graduate and must include the following credits (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade inclusive) :		
4 x English	2 x Social Science	1 x Fine Arts
3 x Science	3 x Mathematics	One foreign language
4 x Sports		

### English language requirement to graduate (for students whose mother tongue is not English)

IELTS Minimum score of 6.5	Graduation Diploma is awarded
IELTS Minimum score of 6.0	Graduation Certificate is awarded

### High School Graduation Diplomas awarded at Brillantmont

-Pass in all subjects -Meets the graduation requirements -Minimum overall year average of A-	High School Diploma with Distinction
-Pass in all subjects -Meets the graduation requirements -Minimum overall year average of B-	High School Diploma with Merit

## Graduation Requirements: British Programme

Brilliantmont students can choose to graduate in our British programme of studies. They take externally assessed examinations, run by Cambridge International Assessment and they receive their examination results in August. Students usually take AS examinations at the end of Grade 11 and take A2 examinations at the end of Grade 12. However, this may vary depending on the student's background and ability. AS is the first year of A Level; A2 is the second year of A Level. AS + A2 = a full A Level

Students who complete their studies in the British Programme must take:

- a minimum of 5 IGCSEs (which must include English Language, Mathematics, 1 Social Science, 1 Science)
- at least 3 full A Levels.

## University acceptance

After Graduation all Brilliantmont students continue to University across the world, including the prestigious Russell Group universities. Our Guidance Counselor supports and advises them, helping them to find the right fit, based on their interests and academic ability.

Our students were accepted into the following universities (please refer to the school profile on the website):

### United Kingdom

Birmingham University  
City University  
Goldsmiths, London  
Hult International Business School, London  
Kings College, London  
London School of Economics  
Plymouth University  
Royal Holloway, London  
Surrey University  
UAL – University of The Arts, London  
UCL, London  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Kent  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of St Andrews

### Switzerland

EHL (Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne)  
University of Lausanne  
University of Geneva  
Franklin College  
Webster University

### United States

Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of California, San Diego  
California Institute of Technology  
University of San Diego  
Northwestern University  
Purdue University  
Parsons School of Design  
The New School

### Canada

McGill University  
University of Toronto  
University of British Columbia

### Australia

RMIT Melbourne  
University of Melbourne

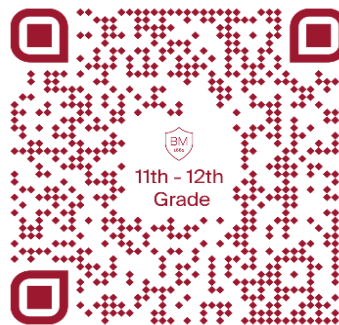
### Italy

Bocconi University  
Istituto Marangoni

### Netherlands

University of Amsterdam  
Leiden University

Read more about the different Grades and explore our programmes in detail by scanning these codes.



Short stay courses including a Winter Course, a Summer Course and a 13<sup>th</sup> Grade (Post High School) programme are also available. Ask us for further information.