

POST HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME : 13th GRADE

The Post High School Programme at Brillantmont International School is designed for students who have successfully completed their High School studies and wish to experience an enriching 13th year of study in Europe before going on to university. Switzerland enjoys the reputation of a safe country and offers not only an idyllic Alpine landscape, but interesting and exciting cities, which appeal to young people.

The programme takes advantage of Brillantmont's long experience in providing challenging educational courses in a supportive and caring, family school environment. Brillantmont is located in the centre of Lausanne, which is a dynamic, multicultural city with a wealth of sporting, cultural and leisure facilities. It is close to Geneva International Airport and within easy reach of other major European cities.

Who is the Post High School Programme suitable for ? :

- Students who have already been accepted into their choice of university, but wish to spend a year in Europe learning languages and expanding their knowledge of other subjects, before continuing to university.
- Students who wish to take a further year of study in which to improve and consolidate existing skills in order to improve their application profile for university.
- Students who wish to open their minds to other cultures by living in a culturally diverse community like that of Brillantmont.
- Students who would benefit from a further year of study in order to gain in self-confidence and maturity before going on to university.

The Post High School Programme of study is personalised to the student. It depends on his /her achievements to date, his / her university plans and his / her objectives for the year.

Examples of how students would benefit from the Post High School Programme:

Example 1

A student who is planning to study art and design at university could use their Post High School Programme year to study intensive art and extend their art portfolio, whilst developing new language skills.

Example 2

A particularly able student may have completed high school earlier than his /her peers. He /she would benefit from a year trying out new subjects, such as Model United Nations, International History, whilst learning French and deciding which university to attend later.

Where do the Post High School Programme students live ?

Students following the Post High School Programme live in the boarding houses with the other students of the school. This enables them to make friends across the school body and to benefit from the outstanding support and care that our resident boarding staff provide. The boarding houses are organised by age and gender and provide a warm, homely environment.

How long is the Post High School Programme?

We recommend that the programme be followed for a complete school year - September to June, in order to take advantage of all the opportunities it offers. Because of different school calendars across the world, it is possible for a student to follow the programme from January to June, however please be aware that some of the courses available may be slightly different.

What is included in the fees for the Post High School Programme ?

A sample programme:	
Within the programme, the choice of subjects can be adapted and certain subjects can be replaced by others, depending on the student's needs and interests	
French course:	Students have the possibility to prepare for DELF examinations
English course:	Students have the possibility to prepare for IELTS, Cambridge, SAT, TOEFL, ACT or other official examinations
An additional course:	Choice of course and level of course to be determined. Courses which may be available include Chemistry, Biology, Physics, History, Geography, Economics, Mathematics, Art & Design
Model United Nations:	Through exchange, research and debate, students work to defend the policies of a given country. Students have the possibility of joining a trip to attend the Model United Nations Conference in The Hague (this involves an additional cost and depends on a selection process) and other conferences which take place locally.
Habitat for Humanity:	Students actively engage in fundraising events throughout the school year. Students have the possibility of joining a trip to participate in the Habitat for Humanity house building project in a country outside Switzerland (this involves an additional cost and depends on a selection process)
Counselling & PSHE:	Students receive guidance and support in their university application process, to ensure they are well-prepared for the next stage of their lives
Sports:	Students participate in sports classes (a wide range of sports offered)
One in-school club:	A wide range of clubs are available every year – sporting, artistic, musical, creative. One club is included in the fees but of course a student may take more, at an additional cost.
Autumn trip:	During the October holidays, students participate in a week-long trip to a European destination (recent trips include Florence, Venice, Vienna, Salzburg, Avignon)
Ski week:	In February, students participate in a week-long ski trip to a famous resort in the Swiss Alps.

Further optional activities (these involve an additional cost) :	
Additional subject:	Students may choose additional subject(s), depending on their level and the timetable constraints (at an additional cost)
Extra club(s):	Students may wish to participate in other clubs

* For a student joining the programme from January to June, the courses available may vary slightly.

Expectations for students enrolled in the Post High School Programme:

All students are expected to respect the Boarding School Rules at all times.

For students who are 18 years old:

If the student's academic progress and behaviour meet the school's expectations-

Once a month, students **who are aged 18 years old or over** can request, with the written permission of their parents, to stay out from Saturday 12h00 until Sunday 18h00. This permission can be refused if academic results or behaviour are not sufficient.

Contact Brilliantmont

For further information about this programme please contact our Admissions Department – admissions@brillantmont.ch