

# Brillantmont

International School Lausanne



Travelling to school –  
information for students and families



## PRE-DEPARTURE

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in January to join the ongoing School Year 24-25 and to welcoming your child into the Brillantmont family. You already received the Clothing List and the Boarding Handbook at the time when your admission was confirmed. Please ensure you read them again.

### School Calendar 24-25

Please pay particular attention to the School Calendar. We thank you in advance for respecting the term dates. Please note that the calendar may change due to external factors such as examination dates. Therefore thank you for referring always to the most recent version which can be found on the school website (\*\* the calendar may have changed since you last looked).

Below you will find information about your arrival at school. Bon voyage!

**ALL BOARDING STUDENTS, RETURNING AND NEW,  
MUST ARRIVE AT BRILLANTMONT  
ON SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**ALL ARRIVALS SHOULD BE TO GENEVA  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ONLY**

## THE FIRST FEW DAYS

### When should my child come to Brillantmont?

All students should arrive on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### Which airport should my child fly to?

All students should fly to Geneva International Airport only.

### My child will fly; for what time should we plan the flight?

We prefer if possible that students arrive between 9h00-15h00 where possible.

### How will my child get from Geneva airport to school?

Please send your travel details to [boarding@brillantmont.ch](mailto:boarding@brillantmont.ch) so that we can organise a transfer if required from Geneva airport. The transfer is only for unaccompanied students and is included in the school fees if on the official arrival day (please refer to the school calendar).

### We will bring our child to school. What time should we arrive at school?

Parents who accompany their child usually make their own arrangements. Do not hesitate to ask us for advice about trains, taxis etc. We kindly ask all parents to come to school between 9h00-15h00.

### Can a parent / family member accompany my child?

We are delighted to welcome a maximum of two family members accompanying a child.

### Will our family members be able to see the bedrooms?

Yes, you will be able to accompany your child to the bedroom on the arrival day once, to take the suitcases and help with the unpacking. However, parents are kindly asked not to simply wander around the rooms without our authorisation.

After 16h00, no parents will be allowed to go to the boarding rooms and at all times, we kindly ask that families respect the privacy of the other students who are settling in and arriving.

### Can I see my child again during the first few days once I have dropped him / her off?

Yes, though we prefer that parents who are still in Lausanne see their child at the end of the day or at a time when the students are not out and about. A suitable time should be coordinated with the Head of Boarding. Please also read the note below.

### I plan to stay around in Lausanne for the first few day. Is this a good idea?

Respectfully, no! If a parent stays in Lausanne at the beginning of a student's stay, it can make it very difficult for the child to adapt. At the beginning of the boarding school experience, we ask parents to trust our long experience and to understand that frequent contacts and visits to school can prevent the student from fully integrating into their new environment. We have a fantastic team, fully committed to your child's well-being and integration.

We know that it is not easy to leave your child behind but please trust us.

### When will classes start?

Classes begin at 08h15 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

Switzerland is an Alpine country with four clearly defined seasons. In winter, the temperatures may go down to zero or below zero in Lausanne and sometimes it will snow in the city. In summer and early autumn, the temperatures often reach 25 degrees or higher and we can swim in the lake.

In winter, the school frequently goes to the mountains for skiing or other activities. There will be lots of snow and often very cold temperatures, so it is important to be appropriately dressed. We recommend that you bring ski clothes with you since buying them in Switzerland can be very expensive.

### For everyday life:

- T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters (light and warm)
- trousers, skirts, dresses
- shoes, boots, slippers for everyday school life
- waterproof, warm jacket for winter
- hat, scarf, gloves
- a smart outfit / special dress / suit for special events
- hiking shoes

### For your sports classes/ excursions:

- sports shoes / trainers for your sports classes
- tracksuit
- sports kit – leggings, sports shorts, sports t-shirt
- swimming costume

\*\* New students receive the school sports kit, which they are expected to wear to sports classes. Returning students can purchase additional Brillantmont sports kit if needed.

### For snow-related activities (skiing / sledging/ snow-shoe):

- warm shoes/boots for winter that do not slip in the snow
  - ski clothes – trousers, ski jacket, thermal layers, ski socks, ski gloves, hat
  - sunglasses / ski goggles
- \* Ski equipment – boots, skis, poles and helmet can be hired through school. However, you are very welcome to bring your own, which will be stored in our ski room

### For your classes:

- a well-stocked pencil case (pens, paper, ruler, correction fluid etc.)
  - a medium sized, paper translation dictionary from English-your mother tongue.
- \*Electronic dictionaries are not permitted in exams.
- computer or ipad (any brand is possible)
  - ruler, protractor, scientific calculator and compass for Maths / Science classes

### Provided by the school:

- bath and hand towel
- washing and ironing facilities
- bed linen
- hairdryers
- file and paper for your classes

Please ensure that your name is written clearly on all your personal possessions and your clothes.

## CHECKLIST: HAVE YOU

Informed the school of your flight / travel details?

If not, please send the information to [boarding@brillantmont.ch](mailto:boarding@brillantmont.ch) before Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Asked the school for a transfer?

If you require one, please send all the relevant information to [boarding@brillantmont.ch](mailto:boarding@brillantmont.ch) before Thursday 2nd January 2025.

**Do you have a question or is there something you are not sure about?**

We are here to help you, so please send your question to [boarding@brillantmont.ch](mailto:boarding@brillantmont.ch)

**We're looking forward to seeing you soon and having an exciting school year together!**

**The Brillantmont team**

