



## WINTER COURSE 2025

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1882 and still owned and run by the founding family, Brillantmont is an international, co-educational day and boarding school. We are fully accredited by CIS and NEASC.

Brillantmont is in the centre of Lausanne, a beautiful city in French speaking Switzerland and overlooks Lake Léman. Close to Geneva airport, the majestic Swiss Alps are less than an hour away. The size of the school and the outstanding care and support creates a warm, family environment in which every student feels at home and thrives in and out of the classroom.

Winter Course students are housed in Brillantmont's boarding houses, which are organized by age and gender. A teacher lives alongside them to help and support them. Students share a room with someone of a different nationality. The rooms are spacious and bright with shared bathrooms (approx. 1 bathroom / 4 students). Meals are taken together with the whole school and we encourage the Winter Course students to make friends with those of the regular school year.

For several classes, where possible, the Winter Course students study alongside those of the School Year. It's an opportunity to make friendships and connections for life.

The Winter Course is a great opportunity to learn new skills in an international environment, to experience boarding school life and to enjoy Winter activities. Who knows - maybe you'll want to stay longer! Join the Brillantmont family today and make memories that last a lifetime.

## AGE RANGE

The Winter Course is for students who are currently studying in Grades 8 and 9 or who are in the Transition Year (Ireland). This usually corresponds to students aged 13-15.

## AN EXCITING, FUN AND VARIED PROGRAMME

### DURING WEEKS 1-4:

8 – 10 periods per week: Intensive French class

5 periods per week: English class

3 periods per week: Humanities class (students choose between History / Geography)

2 – 4 periods per week: Creative Arts class

2 – 4 periods per week: Sports class

1 period per week: Swiss Discovery class (learn about Swiss cultures, traditions, history)

& participation in any after school club (e.g. basketball, football, tennis, cooking, school band and more)

& participation in school events (e.g. international evenings, cultural trips)

& weekly excursion to participate in a winter sports activity (e.g. skiing, sledging, snow-shoeing, ice skating).

The exact programme may be adjusted depending on the student's ability in French and the classes available.

### DURING WEEK 5:

Swiss Explorer week – an excursion every day to join a winter sports activity or to visit a famous Swiss landmark or city (programme finalised based on the weather / snow conditions)

## SKIING

There are numerous ski resorts within approx. 1 hour's drive from Brillantmont. Every weekend, we organise a full day ski trip to a leading Swiss ski resort (e.g. Verbier, Crans Montana, Portes du Soleil, Villars, Glacier 3000). This usually takes place on the Sunday (pending weather conditions). Fully qualified ski teachers lead the ski/ snowboard classes: we have classes at various levels from beginners to advanced.

Students must ski with the ski teacher at all times and are not allowed to ski on their own.

See the latest Ski Week video here <https://vimeo.com/916288336>

## WHEN TO APPLY

Spaces are limited so we recommend early application, preferably before September.

## **DATES AND PRICES 2025**

### **ADMISSIONS DEPOSIT CHF2'000.-**

The Admission Deposit is in addition to the fees.

It confirms the student's place on the Winter Course.

It is used to cover any additional costs such as pocket money and personal expenses.

A financial statement gives details of all expenditure and any remaining balance is refunded, approximately three months after the end of the course.

Please refer to the cancellation terms and conditions.

### **PAYMENT OF THE WINTER COURSE FEES**

On confirmation of acceptance, you will receive an invoice for the Winter Course fees and the Admissions Deposit.

This invoice must be paid in full within 10 days. Until we receive payment, your child's place is not guaranteed.

### **4 WEEK PROGRAMME CHF 13'000.-**

Sunday 5th January 2025 – Monday 3rd February 2025

### **5 WEEK PROGRAMME CHF 16'500.-**

Sunday 5th January 2025 - Sunday 9th February 2025 (including Swiss Explorer Week)

### **POCKET MONEY**

Parents should indicate the amount of pocket money they wish to give their child.

We recommend a sum between CHF20.- and CHF100.- per week. The pocket money is given on a weekly basis to the student and the amount is deduced from the Admission Deposit.

### **INCLUDED IN THE FEES**

Everything is included and there are no hidden extras.

- All classes, activities and excursions.
- All school clubs and materials used.
- All ski /snowboard equipment (though students may prefer to come with their own) and lift passes.
- Full board and accommodation.
- Airport transfers from and to Geneva on the designated arrival/departure days (approx.. 45 minutes).
- Accident and health insurance.
- Brillantmont sweatshirt.
- VAT.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Complete the online application form - <https://info.brillantmont.ch/winter-course-registration-form>

You will receive an e-mail outlining the other documents that are required to complete the admission.

Complete and return these various admissions documents.

Once your application file is complete, it will be reviewed by our Admissions Team.

If everything is in order, you will receive an offer of place and you will be asked to pay the Admission Deposit.

You must accept / decline the offer within 10 days and effect payment of the Admission Deposit to secure your place - please note that unless requested, we do not send an invoice for this. The Admission Deposit is not refunded in case of cancellation after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

You will receive an invoice for the fees, which should be paid no later than 1st November 2024. After this date, the fees and the Admission Deposit are not refunded in case of cancellation.

### **CANCELLATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Before 1st October 2024 = the fees and the Admissions Deposit will be fully refunded.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 1st November 2024 = the fees will be refunded; the Admissions Deposit will not be refunded.

After 1st November 2024 = the fees and the Admissions Deposit will not be refunded.





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