



## WINTER COURSE 2026



An incredible four week experience

## 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, within easy reach of Geneva airport (45 minutes) and overlooking Lake Léman and the majestic Swiss Alps. 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.

In January, we welcome a small group of students who come to join our Winter Course – an exciting 4 week programme, which gives a taste of boarding school life and the opportunity to learn French.

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 aged 13-15. This usually corresponds to US Grades 8 and 9 /UK Years 9 and 10.

## AN EXCITING, FUN AND VARIED PROGRAMME

In the classroom

- 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)

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

Beyond the classroom

- Excursions to discover the local area (such as, Olympic Museum, Chaplin Museum, Chocolate Factory)
- Participation in any in-house after school club (e.g. basketball, football, cooking, school band and more)  
\* It may be possible to join externally offered clubs at an additional charge, which will be deducted from the Admissions Deposit.
- Participation in school events (e.g. international evenings, cultural trips)
- Participation in the Sunday whole day ski/snowboard trip (3 x 1 whole day)
- Participation in a weekend ski/snowboard trip in the amazing, world famous resort of Zermatt  
\*Please note that weather conditions may oblige us to adjust the ski trips /snow activities offered.

## SKIING /SNOWBOARDING

There are numerous ski resorts within approx. a 1 hour/90 minute drive from Brillantmont. Our ski trips go to various resorts, depending on the snow conditions - Verbier, Portes du Soleil, Villars, Glacier 3000. 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 video here - [happy times on the slopes!](#)

## DATES 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Monday 2nd February 2026 (4 week programme, includes 4 weekends)

## FEES

CHF 14'000.-

Everything is included and there are no hidden extras.

- All classes, activities and excursions.
- All in-house school clubs and materials used.
- All ski trips.
- 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.

## WHEN & HOW TO APPLY

- Spaces are limited so we recommend early application, preferably before August.
- Complete the online application form by scanning the QR code below.
- 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 Letter and you will be asked to pay the Admission Deposit.
- You must accept or 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 the Admission Deposit.

## ADMISSION DEPOSIT CHF2'000.-

- The Admission Deposit is in addition to the fees.
- It confirms the student's place on the Winter Course and is not refunded in case of cancellation after 1st September 2025.
- It is used to cover any additional costs such as pocket money, personal expenses and non in-house clubs.
- A financial statement gives details of all expenditure and any remaining balance is refunded, approximately three months after the end of the course.
- Until we receive payment, your child's place is not guaranteed.

## PAYMENT OF THE WINTER COURSE FEES

- On confirmation of acceptance and after receipt of the Admission Deposit, you will receive an invoice for the Winter Course fees. This invoice must be paid in full within 10 days.
- Bank details into which the payment of the fees should be made is indicated in the Offer Letter and also on the invoice for the fees.

## POCKET MONEY

- Parents should indicate the amount of pocket money they wish to give their child.
- We recommend a sum between CHF30.- and CHF120.- per week (in multiples of CHF10.-). The pocket money is given on a weekly basis to the student and the amount is deducted from the Admission Deposit.

## CANCELLATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Before 1st September 2025 = the fees and the Admissions Deposit will be fully refunded.
- Between 1st September and 1st October 2025 = the fees will be refunded; the Admissions Deposit will not be refunded.
- After 1st October 2025 = the fees and the Admissions Deposit will not be refunded.

## ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE DATES

- Students should arrive at Geneva airport on Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Students should leave from Geneva airport on Monday 2nd February 2026
- Transfers to and from the airport on these dates is included (outside regular working hours, a private transfer service may be required, which would incur an additional cost).



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ANY QUESTIONS?

Need help? Contact us on [admissions@brillantmont.ch](mailto:admissions@brillantmont.ch)



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