



HAUT-LAC BOUTIQUE BOARDING

Your  Swiss International School

HAUT-LAC IN NUMBERS

Nurturing talents, fostering happiness, creating futures



Anne-Marie & Neil Harwood and Grainne & Jean-Louis Dubler dreamt of creating an international bilingual school where children could thrive in two languages in a warm, nurturing Swiss environment.

That dream was founded on the idea of building a diverse school community that could double up as a close-knit family for their own daughters to grow up in. Although they have now graduated, the successful family spirit that drove the creation of Haut-Lac still remains one of its most unique characteristics.

HAUT-LAC ALSO MEANS...

- › A **family**-oriented school that cares and guides each student along their individual pathway to maximize their potential
- › **Excellence in education** for 3 to 18 year olds
- › 30 years' experience in **bilingual education**
- › **Bilingual, French & English** streams tailored to each student
- › 20 years of **International Baccalaureate Diploma** results well above the world average
- › A pathway to higher education studies at **top universities** in Switzerland and worldwide
- › An Athlete-Friendly Education Centre accredited by the World Academy of Sport





OUR VISION

Within a culture of well-being for all, Haut-Lac empowers students to:

- ▶ embrace *lifelong learning*;
- ▶ develop a diverse skill set to *support personal, academic and professional growth*;
- ▶ become *fulfilled, informed and responsible global citizens*.



OUR MISSION

At Haut-Lac, students will:

- ▶ experience *challenging international curricula* that promote *bilingualism*;
- ▶ engage with *global perspectives, digital innovation and environmental issues*;
- ▶ respect *diversity and inclusion in a multicultural setting*.

The Haut-Lac community champions:



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



OPEN-MINDEDNESS



SENSE OF BELONGING

We believe students need to feel happy, safe and respected to grow into confident, responsible and successful global citizens.

We make sure students:

Feel Welcome



- ▶ All boarding students are able to study, play and rest in the comfort of their home away from home.
- ▶ Communication is open, honest and frequent between boarders, staff and parents.
- ▶ Boarding students are encouraged to interact and support their international peers through Haut-Lac's House system.
- ▶ Personalised care and support is provided for up to 30 boarding students in a small and homely boarding house.

Are safe and well



- ▶ The students' physical and mental safety on and off campus and at the boarding house is a top priority.
- ▶ School and boarding house staff are available to listen to, support and advise boarding students.
- ▶ The school counsellor is available to talk to Haut-Lac day and boarding students in confidence by phone and/or in person.
- ▶ Boarding students are encouraged to stay active by joining at least one of the many exciting Haut-Lac sports clubs.
- ▶ Haut-Lac day and boarding students attend sessions on mental well-being, healthy eating, alcohol/drug abuse prevention, emotional development and more as part of their tutor programme and/or special awareness campaigns.
- ▶ Boarding house staff limit screen time by collecting and locking up student devices overnight.
- ▶ Boarders are able to take time out to relax by participating in exciting evening and/or weekend activities and trips.

Are challenged



- ▶ Boarding students are encouraged to develop their creative, sporting and cultural skills and talents alongside their academic studies.
- ▶ Boarding students are able to develop their knowledge of English and French through Haut-Lac's long-standing bilingual academic and extra-curricular programmes.
- ▶ Boarding students are given the chance to lead, to work cooperatively as a team and to take in creasing responsibility for themselves and for others through the Student Council roles, community service projects, boarding house life, etc..

Are open-minded



- ▶ With 50 nationalities at school, diversity is what brings Haut-Lac students, boarders and staff together.
- ▶ Respect for self and for others regardless of nationality, gender or religion is evident at Haut-Lac.
- ▶ All day and boarding students develop an international mindset through interaction with peers from across the world.
- ▶ All day and boarding students are encouraged to discover and get involved in the local and international communities through class themes, school trips, individual or group project work, etc.

OUR CAMPUSES

CAMPUS
PRAZ-DAGOUD
3 to 12 year olds



CAMPUS
ROCHES GRISES
13 to 18 year olds



BOARDING
HOUSE



OUR FACILITIES



Nestled in the heart of the Swiss Riviera, our family-owned, local international school welcomes and cares for students from Switzerland and abroad.

Haut-Lac's two fully equipped school campuses are only a 5-minute walk apart, and within walking distance of our bright and spacious boarding house.

OUR AREA

PRIME BOARDING HOUSE LOCATION

With easy access to the alps and the swiss riviera lakeside, only 15-minutes or 1 hour respectively from Lausanne & Geneva



HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Home away from home in a family-oriented community.

That's what we've created for our boarders.

Each and every one benefits from:

- › A **bright and cosy**, two-person bedroom with a private bathroom
- › Power breakfasts, lunches and dinners to boost productivity and energy levels
- › A dedicated **study room** to ensure maximum focus during weekend and evening homework time
- › A **spacious common room, terrace** and large **garden** overlooking Lake Geneva and the Alps beyond, in which to relax with their boarding family in the evenings and on weekends
- › Five outdoor **sports fields/courts**, a triple **sports hall** and an indoor **fitness room** to help them stay active and/or relax after a day of learning
- › Activities and experiences led by **supportive tutors** and caring boarding house parents to ensure their **physical and mental well-being**
- › Experienced boarding house team and school counselor to ensure their day-to-day **safety** and **well-being**



BILINGUALISM

FRENCH, ENGLISH OR BOTH, IT'S UP TO YOU



Haut-Lac's bilingual stream provides students with a communicative edge, a better understanding of the world and added value in the eyes of universities and employers worldwide.

Secondary students are able to study in English and French in a way that suits their needs, thanks to our progressive and fully bilingual pathways:

- › **Progressive bilingual option:** students start with only French in French and slowly add other subjects in French as their confidence and ability in the language grows.
- › **Fully bilingual option:** MYP1-2-3 students study Science, Maths, History and Geography in English or French, alternating the tuition language of each subject every semester to develop a good knowledge of all subjects in both languages. MYP4-5 students select which subjects to study in English and which to study in French for the remaining 2 MYP years. DP1 and 2 students wanting a bilingual IB Diploma build their own bilingual programme from a list of over 30 options.
- › Or in **English-only with daily French as a Foreign Language lessons** to facilitate their integration into and understanding of the local Swiss culture.

TESTIMONIALS

From our first meeting at the school to the last day, we have had nothing but great experience! It is a credit for the professional team at the school.

Thank you so much!

SECONDARY
PARENT

Haut-Lac helped me greatly for my first year at university. It was much more difficult than the course I am currently taking, which is great. It prepared me for the world.

STUDENT
ALUMNI

It was an incredible year full of exciting experiences for all of us.

I am glad that we have chosen Haut-Lac. It was great to see how different a school could be and I would love if my daughters could continue there. I am impressed how «easy» school can be.

SECONDARY
PARENT

I am also impressed by what they have learned, how good they are now in English and how self-reliant they became.

I think it is a very friendly environment and you can make friends very easily. There are many committees and afterschool clubs you can join.

SECONDARY
STUDENT

Thanks for having helped us through the last 6 years in raising our kids as mature, responsible and happy teenagers.

Thank you so much!

SECONDARY
PARENT

Apart from enabling me to get to the University of my dreams, Haut-Lac has taught me flexibility, resilience and openness to the world.

STUDENT
ALUMNI

Haut-Lac definitely helped prepare me for the next step. If it wasn't for the Film course I completed, I would feel very behind on my chosen course. Also, the school helps you to be able to communicate with a large number of people at the same time, which is very important in the field I will be getting into.

STUDENT
ALUMNI

Haut-Lac is a magnificent school. Besides a very strong academic level, it provides the children values and skills that will make them better people.

STUDENT
ALUMNI

I had a wonderful time at Haut-Lac, both at the school and at the boarding school. I learned a lot, had excellent experiences and made a ton of new friends. All in all, it was extremely positive for me in all aspects.

BOARDING
STUDENT



DAY & RESIDENTIAL IB PROGRAMMES

Haut-Lac delivers personalised International Baccalaureate study programmes that enable local and international students to develop the academic knowledge and soft skills required for success in the modern world.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME – IBMYP 11 – 15 YEAR OLDS



Develops all of each student's talents through a holistic and interdisciplinary academic programme.

Encourages students to create links between their subjects, as well as between their learning and the real world.

Prepares students for the rigour of the IB Diploma or Career-Related Programmes.

Can be combined with our Swiss Option to benefit from extended maths, French and German lessons.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME – IBDP 16 – 18 YEAR OLDS



Provides students at over 3500 schools in over 140 countries with a prestigious, holistic academic programme recognised by universities in Switzerland and worldwide.

Gives Haut-Lac students up to 30 options to choose from when planning their final school studies, including languages, STEM subjects, humanities, art and film.

Cultivates internationally-minded students, who are prepared for the challenges of 21st century.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME – IBCP 16 – 18 YEAR OLDS



Combines three of the academic IBDP subjects taught at Haut-Lac with practical career-related studies provided by renowned universities.

Provides students with the academic knowledge, personal qualities and professional skills that will make them stand out from other job and university applicants.

Professional experience in one of the following:

- Sustainable Tourism Management
- Art & Design
- International Sports Management



IB SPORT & STUDY PROGRAMME

11-19 YEAR OLDS



High-performing student-athletes no longer need to choose between their studies and their sport. They can do both!

As an Athlete-Friendly Education Centre accredited by the World Academy of Sport, Haut-Lac offers:

- › an IB Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) with a flexible schedule
- › an extended IB Diploma (IBDP) or Career-Related (IBCP) Programme studied over 3 years instead of the usual 2
- › support with coordinating studies and intense training/competition schedules
- › direct contact with the Sport & Study Coordinator and other student-athletes through the Sport & Study group
- › extended access to the school's sport facilities

ACADEMIC RESULTS

580
IB DP GRADUATES

98%
IB DIPLOMA
PASS RATE

210
BILINGUAL IB DIPLOMA
CANDIDATES

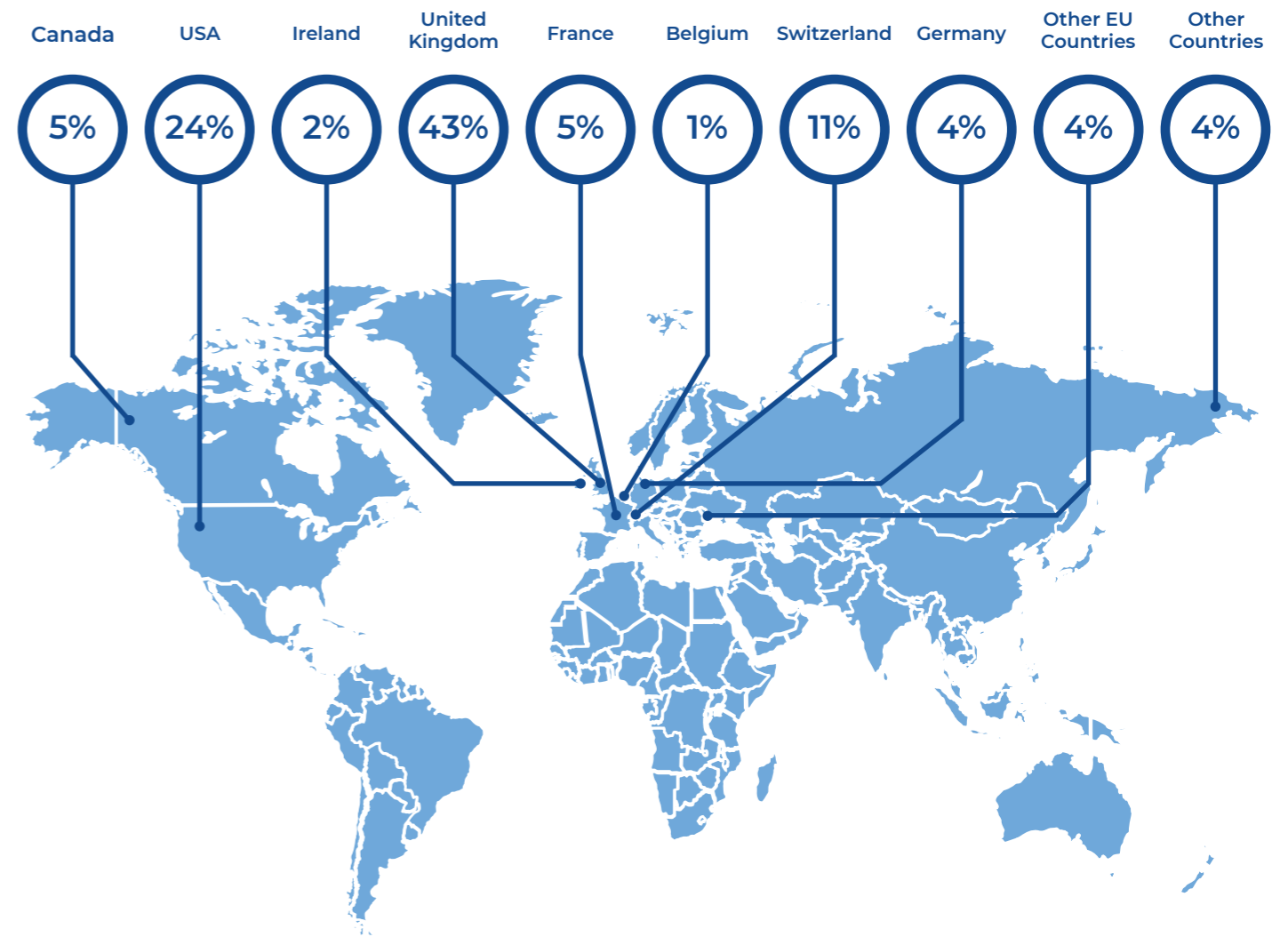
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HIGHEST IB DIPLOMA
SCORE

WHERE OUR STUDENTS STUDY AFTER HAUT-LAC



and many other universities worldwide.

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS



A DAY AS A BOARDER

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

7:10 Wake up

7:20-50 Breakfast

8:00 Minibus to school (boarders may set off a bit earlier to walk. It's a nice 10-minute walk with amazing views.)

8:10 Homeroom with class tutor

8:25 Lessons start

Lunch at school

15:30- Lessons end (depends on year group)

16:20

15:40- After-school clubs at school

17:30

After clubs, boarders return to the boarding house to relax, have a snack, etc.

19:00 Dinner

19:45 Study time in the study room for MYP1-4 students, and in bedrooms for MYP5, IB1 & IB2 students

20:45 Study time ends for MYP1-3

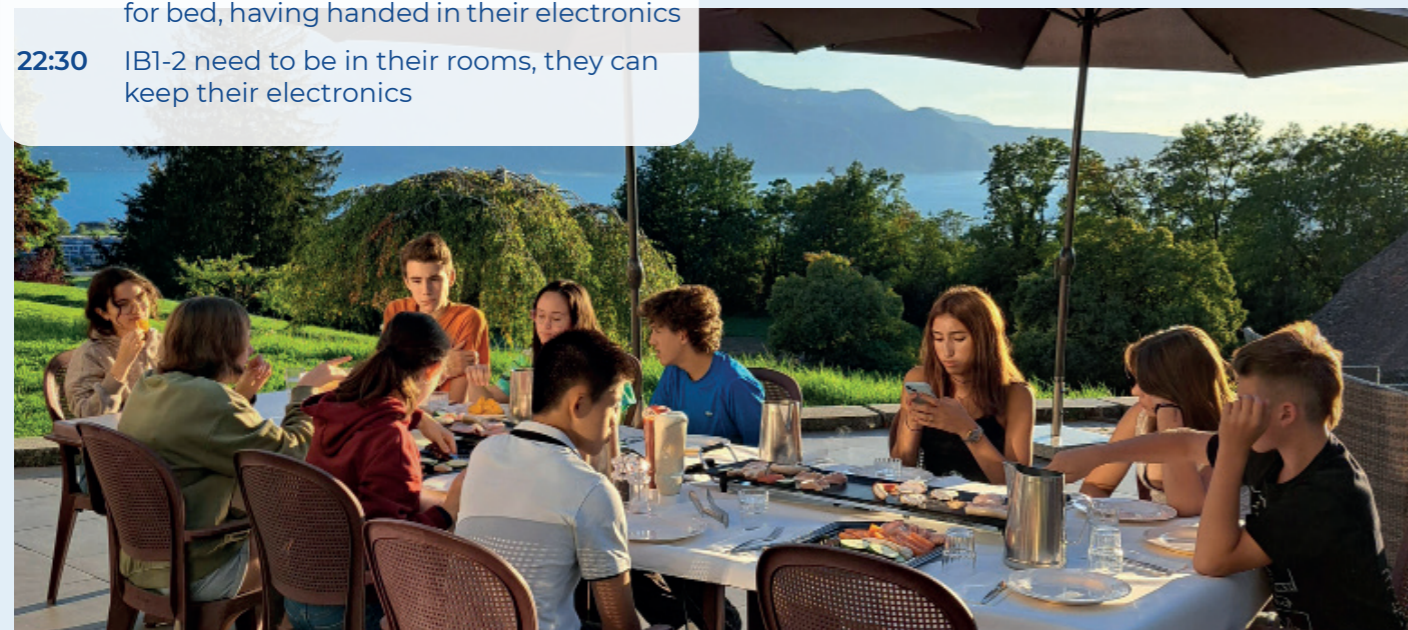
21:00 Study time ends for MYP4-IB2

Boarders end the day playing ping-pong, pool, and board games, enjoying cinema nights or hanging out in the common room, etc.

21:30 MYP1-3 need to be in their rooms ready for bed, having handed in their electronics

22:00 MYP4-5 need to be in their rooms ready for bed, having handed in their electronics

22:30 IB1-2 need to be in their rooms, they can keep their electronics



BOARDER CARE & WELL-BEING

As a **family-oriented** local international school, we consider all students our children. We want to give each and every one of them the chance to study and find their passion at Haut-Lac.



When not studying high quality IBMYP, IBDP and IBCP programmes, students can be found enjoying:

- › over 150 artistic, cultural and sporting after-school activities with their Haut-Lac peers and boarding siblings,
- › learning and/or developing their skiing skills with qualified instructors from early December until end of March,
- › discovering the local area on planned cultural and sporting weekend activities and trips,
- › or simply enjoying some free time with their international family.

150 AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Haut-Lac boarders get to choose between **150 after-school clubs** run by Haut-Lac staff and external professionals. Whether they're into **art, music, sport** or **debating**, they're sure to find something to help them wind down at the end of a busy day learning.

In fact, we encourage MYP1-5 boarders to join at least one club a day. Living so close to school just makes it so easy.

Here's a snapshot of what they get up to after lessons:



WEEKEND & WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

The only way to experience a country is to get out and see the sights, right? So we've got a whole host of cultural excursions to major Swiss towns and attractions like the capital Bern, the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, the UN in Geneva or the FIFA Museum in Zurich for our boarders to enjoy.

Cultural & shopping trips to Lausanne, Bern and Geneva, active pursuits such as hiking, cycling, water-skiing, rafting, bowling, trampolining and laser gaming, and sport matches or theatre performances – it's all on the programme!



WEEKEND & WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

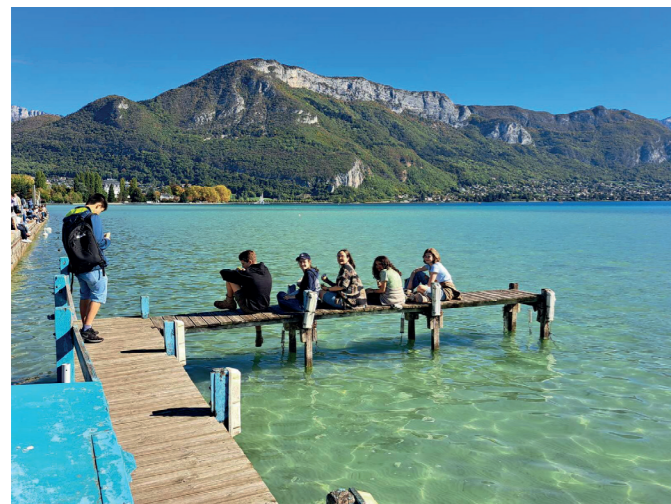
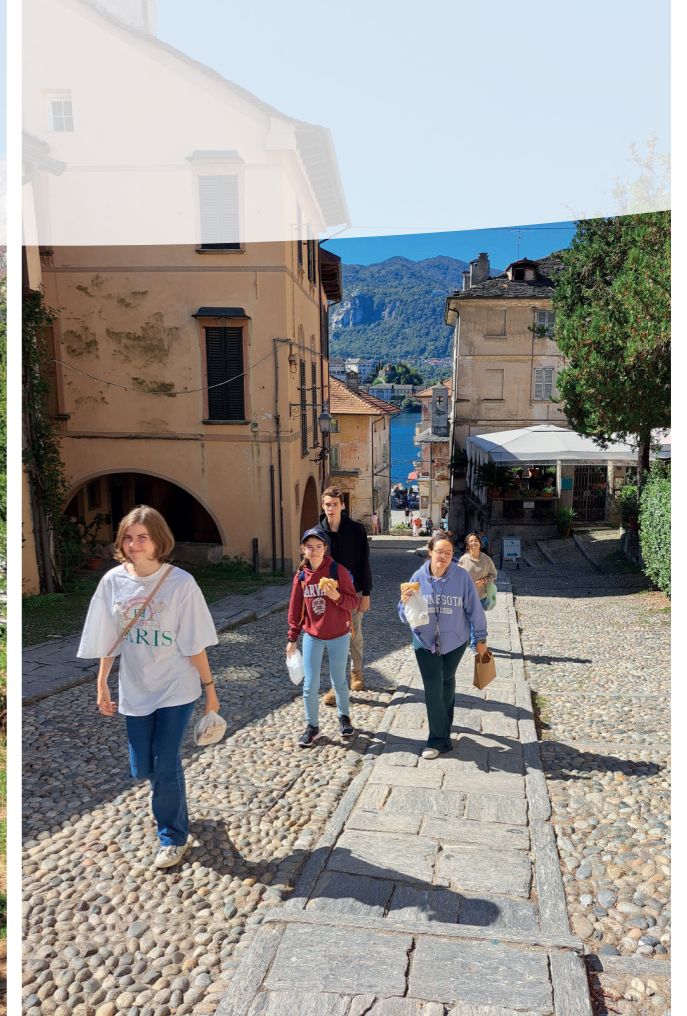
Boarders are free on Wednesday afternoons. It's then that they head off campus to shop in Vevey, hike, ski or make the most of the lake.

The real exploring happens at the weekend though. With more time on their hands, the boarders go further afield to discover more of Switzerland and its neighbouring countries.

We make the most of our location at the heart of Europe by going abroad during long weekends. Enjoying Europapark, sightseeing in Milan, wandering the cobbled streets of Annecy and visiting the glacier in Chamonix are but some of our top destinations.



WEEKEND & WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



ANNECY, FRANCE
October 2022



DOMODOSSOLA, ITALY
September 2022

MEET THE HAUT-LAC BOARDING PARENTS

We know choosing the right boarding family for your child is difficult.

Boarders need a home away from home. A place where the habits of home are embedded into daily activities, where their lives' milestones are celebrated, where their achievements are recognised, and where they are sure to find a friendly face at the end of an academic day.

A home led by parents similar to their own. Parents who care and provide them with a welcoming, structured environment in which to develop their independence and take charge of their lives. Parents who are there to listen, to encourage and to support each of them on their individual pathways.



George Carver

9 years working in student expeditions worldwide

7 years teaching Modern Foreign Languages

6 years overseeing boarding houses in Switzerland

"I love being a houseparent – it is a great responsibility looking after the students in the house, but it is also a great privilege to play such an important role in their lives during their formative years. There is never a dull moment!"

Katie Carver

8 years working in student expeditions worldwide

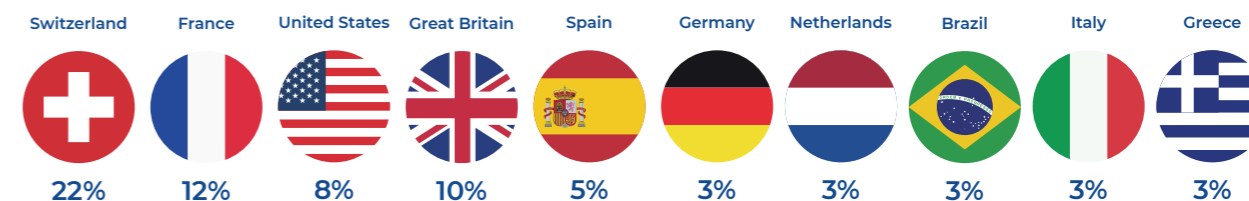
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6 years overseeing boarding houses in Switzerland

"Being a houseparent is like having a huge extended family, which I love. Getting to know the boarders and supporting them is not only a great responsibility but also a privilege. Life in a boarding house is great fun, every day is full of surprises and no two days are the same!"

FEELING AT HOME IN SWITZERLAND

We are proud to have over 50 nationalities from across the world at Haut-Lac. Below is merely a list of the top 10 countries we represent:



Unlike in other international schools, however, 62% of our students are local residents. A stability we work hard to maintain to ensure our boarders and new day students settle into life at Haut-Lac and in Switzerland easily.

What's more, with nationalities capped at 10% in the boarding house, our boarders are able to develop their multicultural awareness and understanding as they get to know and interact with their boarding siblings during their studies. Skills that will put them in good stead when they enter the real world after graduation.

WHAT DO OUR BOARDERS LIKE THE MOST?

"The opportunities that come with being in boarding"

"The view from my bedroom!"

"The people in the boarding house!"

"The freedom and independence I get as a DPI student – the trust from the boarding parents"

"Going to Vevey on Wednesday afternoons"

"The balcony with the chair and table each room has"

"The evenings in the boarding house"

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

TERRACE

WITH LAKE VIEW, FIRE PIT AND BBQ



TWIN ROOMS

EACH WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM, ENCLOSED BALCONY AND GREAT VIEWS



QUIET STUDY ROOM

FOR SUPERVISED AFTERNOON & EVENING HOMEWORK SESSIONS



BRIGHT AND SPACIOUS COMMON AREAS

GAME ROOM, DINING ROOM & KITCHENETTE



LARGE COMMON ROOM

WITH POOL TABLE & CINEMA SCREEN



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