



**BRILLANTMONT**  
International School

## **SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017**

College Board CEEB Code Nr. 796535

Cambridge International Examinations: CH 140

Brillantmont is accredited by: the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)  
the Council of International Schools (CIS)

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### **School**

Established in 1882, Brillantmont International School is a member of the Swiss Federation of Private Schools and is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). It is an international School enrolling approximately 130 students representing 35 different nationalities. It is a co-educational school for boarding and day students between the ages of 13-18 years. Students benefit from a rigorous academic curriculum, a rich cultural life and an active sports program which is enhanced by the special family atmosphere of the school.

### **Community**

Lausanne, a French-speaking city of 250,000 inhabitants, has a rich historical past and is located on the shore of Lake Geneva. The city plays a leading role in the fields of education, culture, tourism, sports and economics. In response to the needs of a large population of young people, Lausanne boasts a great variety of schools at all levels and with a world-wide reputation. Brillantmont International School students benefit from a wide range of sports facilities and cultural events and are encouraged to visit interactive museums, art galleries, theatres and to attend concerts, operas and multicultural events

### **Faculty**

The school faculty has 30 professional staff representing 10 nationalities. There is a faculty / student ratio of 1 to 4 with an average class size of 15.

### **Philosophy**

Brillantmont International School encourages students to realize their potential in a supportive environment.

### **Test Centre**

Brillantmont International School is a recognised Test Centre for the following examinations: PSAT; Advanced Placement; IGCSE; AS and A Level examinations. Students are also entered for the US College Board examinations: SAT 1; SAT Subject Tests; TOEFL; the British Council IELTS examinations and the ALTE examinations; DELF French examinations; German examinations of the Goethe Institut; DELE Spanish examinations; CELI Italian examinations.

### **Guidance**

College and Career guidance is offered to all students and counseling is available to assist students with academic and personal problems.



### Curriculum

Brillantmont offers internationally recognized academic programmes which challenge and stimulate students of all ages. They provide access to top-ranking universities across the world.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (final year of Middle School) programme of studies is designed to meet the needs of international 13 to 14 year olds and covers a broad range of subjects. After 8<sup>th</sup> Grade the students enter High School (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade). Personalised timetables enable them to develop their strengths and interests, keeping in view their future university choices / career plans. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade follow a selection of courses which cover a solid range of subjects. In 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade the courses extend and build on students' subject knowledge. They can focus on subjects in which they are particularly interested and which they may wish to pursue further at university. Throughout the High School, students have the opportunity to prepare for external, internationally recognized examinations: IGCSE / AS / A Level examinations (Cambridge International Examinations); PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, AP Examinations (US College Board); European Language Examinations.

Brillantmont also offers a post High School 13<sup>th</sup> Grade programme for students who have already completed their High School studies.

### Requirements for a High School Diploma

Brillantmont International School offers a traditional college preparatory curriculum leading to a High School Diploma. To graduate a student must complete at least 20 academic credit courses including:

4 English	2 Social Science
3 Mathematics	1 Fine Arts
3 Science	Proficiency in one Foreign Language

A sufficient number of electives must be followed in order to obtain at least 20 credits in all. In addition to the 20 academic credits, a minimum IBT score of 79 or an IELTS score of 6.5 is required of all foreign student who wish to receive a graduation diploma. The students whose IBT (or equivalent) score lies between 60 and 78 (IELTS 6.0) will receive a graduation certificate.

A "diploma with distinction" is awarded to a student who has met all graduation requirements and has maintained, throughout their High School

- A pass in all subject areas
- A minimum overall year average of A-

A "diploma with merit" is awarded to a student who has met all graduation requirements and has maintained, throughout their High School

- A pass in all subject areas
- A minimum overall year average of B-

### Grading System

*Up until June 2015*

Brillantmont International School uses a 1 – 10 scale where 10 is the highest grade and 1 the lowest. Although the internal passing grade is 6.0, students who are following external examination courses, need to be averaging at least 7.0 to achieve success in the external examination.

<u>Brillantmont</u>	<u>US equivalent</u>	<u>IGCSE / AS / AL equivalent</u>
10 – 9.0	A+, A	A*, A
8.9 – 8.0	A-, B+	B
7.9 – 7.0	B, B-	C
6.9 – 6.0	C+, C-	D,
Below 6.0	No credit	F, G, U



*From September 2015*

Brillantmont International School uses a A+ to F scale where grades are reported using a letter ranging from A+ to F. Thresholds based on international criteria and standards are used to generate letter grades. Further clarification is given by an indication of the strength of the grade through plus and minus signs for example a student may be awarded a grade B+, B or B-. An E represents the lowest grade needed for a credit to be awarded, failing grades are indicated with an F. A+ is the highest grade and F the lowest.

**GPA and Class Rank**

Brillantmont International School does not rank students or report cumulative GPA. Small class size, the high rate of student turnover in international schools and the wide variety of marking systems from which our students come make formal ranking inadvisable.

**Class of 2017**

18 students total in the class 2017, 84% spoke English as a second language  
100% attended college or university; 11 % in the US/Canada, 84% in Europe, 5% other.

**2016 – 2017 SAT Scores**

SAT

17 students took 24 SATs

Math

Mean : 540

Median : 530

ERW

Mean : 500

Median : 500

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

4 students took 12 subject tests

French (with listening) 610

Maths level 1 480

Literature 450

Chemistry 580

World History 360

**June 2017 AS Level Exam Results**

Scores	A	B	C	D	E
#	2	17	8	11	9

25 students took 11 AS exams; 77% of scores E or above, 44% C or above, 4% scored the highest result, A

**June 2017 A Level Exam Results**

Scores	A*	A	B	C	D	E
#	4	6	13	10	6	2

16 students took 12 AL exams; 100% of scores E or above, 81% C or above, 24% scored A\* or A





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University and College Acceptances 2015-17

**USA**

American University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University, DC  
Loyola Marymount University  
Lynn University (2)  
Northeastern University (3)  
Pace University  
Parsons The New School, NY (3)  
Tulane University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami

**Canada**

Dawson College  
Lanagara College, Vancouver

**Japan**

Temple University  
Waseda University

**Switzerland**

BSL, Lausanne  
EHL - Ecole Hôtelière de  
Lausanne (7)  
EPFL, Lausanne  
Glion Hotel School (6)  
UniF - University of Fribourg  
UniG - University of Geneva (3)

UniL - University of Lausanne (6)  
Webster University (4)

**United Kingdom**

Aberdeen University  
Arts University Bornemouth (3)  
Bath University (3)  
Birbeck, London  
Birmingham University (3)  
Brighton University (2)  
Bristol University  
Brunel University (4)  
Cardiff University  
City University (6)  
Dundee University  
Durham University (2)  
Edinburgh University  
Essex University  
Exeter University (5)  
Glion Institute of Higher  
Education, London  
Goldsmith, London (2)  
Keele University  
Kings College, London (3)  
Leeds University  
Manchester University  
New School of the Humanities  
Oxford Brooks University

Plymouth University  
Queen Mary University (2)  
Reading University (2)  
Regents University, London  
Royal Holloway, London (6)  
Southampton University (2)  
St. Andrews University (2)  
Stirling University  
Sussex University  
UAL - University of The Arts,  
London (4)  
UCL, London (2)  
University of Kent  
Warwick University  
Westminster University (2)

**Other**

American University of Rome,  
Italy  
Bocconi University, Milan  
ESADE Business School,  
Barcelona  
Griffith University, Australia  
Paris College of Art  
Peking University Medical  
School CIS, Madrid  
Politecnico, Milan  
Simmelweis University,  
Hungary