

Swiss pathway preparing for the Matura diploma



Opening doors to Swiss and international universities



At Chantemerle, the ideal age for international students to enter the Swiss pathway is between 12 and 15 years old, allowing students enough time to learn French and build a strong foundation in mathematics and science before progressing to high school (also called “Gymnase” in Switzerland).

The federal Matura diploma is the Swiss qualification obtained after 3 years of high school studies. The diploma provides direct access to all Swiss public universities including to ETH Zurich or EPFL Lausanne and is widely accepted by institutions around the world.

International students who obtain the Matura are granted the same status and rights as Swiss students when applying to Swiss universities – including automatic admission into public universities at the same tuition fees, which are among the lowest in Europe.

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A boarding school in the spirit of Switzerland

Safe, stable, and internationally recognized, Switzerland offers a unique mix of academic excellence and high quality of life.

Founded and run by the Wegmüller family since 1966, Chantemerle is a private, international boarding school beautifully located in nature, overlooking Lake Geneva and the Alps. Intentionally small and personalized, Chantemerle welcomes an exclusive community of 65 students ages 6 to 18, of whom 60% are Swiss.

Over the years, we have developed a unique educational model centered around a **healthy and balanced lifestyle, traditional values and the culture of effort**. It is this balanced model that makes our school so strong and unique.

Chantemerle proposes competitive, cost-effective boarding and tuition fees for families seeking a premium Swiss education.



Traditional and efficient learning methods

At Chantemerle, we combine traditional teaching methods with innovative, hands-on learning. Without screens or distractions, students learn to think logically, communicate clearly, and apply their knowledge creatively in real-world contexts:

- **Weekly assessments:** Students take regular tests each week to track their progress, reinforce learning, and identify areas needing improvement.
- **Regular homework:** Regular assignments and supervised study sessions ensure progress monitoring and the development of good study habits and self-discipline.
- **Use of Past Papers:** Students frequently work with past exam papers, helping them become familiar with exam formats and time management.
- **Small classes and experienced:** Highly qualified and experienced teachers work with small groups, allowing for personalized instruction
- **A well-balanced and healthy environment,** combining sports, friendships, nature, outdoor adventures, and excursions.

This well-rounded, supportive environment helps students build confidence, master their subjects, and achieve strong academic results.

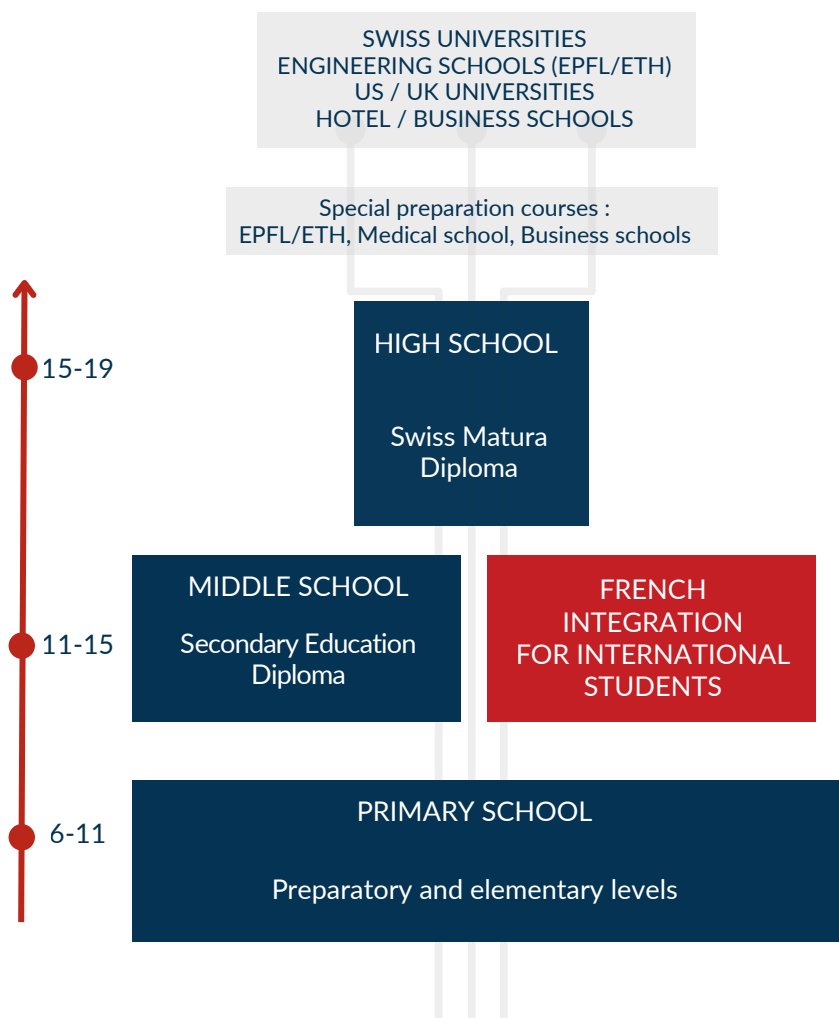


The Swiss pathway at Chantemerle

Chantemerle's Swiss pathway prepares Swiss and international students for the Swiss Federal Matura Diploma. The programme is taught in French.

At Chantemerle, the ideal age to enter the Swiss academic pathway is between 12 and 15 years old, allowing international students enough time to learn French and build a strong foundation in mathematics and science before progressing to high school.

Chantemerle's **French integration programme** is designed for international students new to French. Over the course of 1 or 2 years, students follow intensive French language classes combined with core subjects taught in French (maths, science, and humanities). The goal is to help each student reach at least a B1 level in French, build academic confidence, and integrate smoothly into the Swiss high school programme.



The Swiss Matura diploma programme

The federal Matura diploma is the Swiss qualification obtained after 3 years of high school studies. The programme is taught in French.

The programme is open to international students with at least a B1 level in French or enrolled in Chantemerle's French integration programme. A bilingual French/English option is available as an option.

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	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
OBJECTIVES	Core programme Refresher courses French integration (International students)	Year 2 subjects Intensive exam preparation French integration (International students)	Year 3 subjects 2 electives Intensive exam preparation
SUBJECTS AND EXAMS	Core : Maths; French; English; German or Italian; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; History and Geography; Art	First partial exams (written) : Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, art	Second partial exams (written + oral) : Maths, French, English, German or Italian, 2 electives. Research paper
BILINGUAL OPTION	In the bilingual option, 3 subjects can be taken in English : History; Geography ; One complementary option from: biology, philosophy or economics & law.		

Flexible programme tailored for elite athletes and artists

At Chantemerle, we understand the unique demands placed on young talents in sports and arts. The Swiss Matura programme can be designed with flexibility, personalization, and excellence in mind — allowing students to pursue their passions without compromising their academic future.

A flexible and personalized journey

- Customized timetables that fit around training, and competitions
- Small class sizes and experienced teachers ensure personalized attention
- Online resources and supervised study sessions support consistent learning, even during travel

Exam-oriented teaching method

- Weekly assessments, regular homework
- Past paper practice to build confidence

Balancing elite sports and academic success

- Specialized mentoring to balance professional training with academic success
- A nurturing, personalized family environment that provides emotional and social support

"Chantemerle helped me grow both academically and athletically. The school supported my training schedule while keeping me on track with my studies. I learned how to manage my time, stay focused, and push my limits—on and off the field."

— Y. Mallick, Tennis player, USA



Students with special education needs (SEN)

At Chantemerle, we believe that every student learns differently — and that difference is a strength. Our goal is to ensure that students with specific learning differences (e.g., dys-, ADHD, HP, etc..) are supported, challenged, and understood.

Guiding Principles

Our teachers adapt learning and assessments to individual needs, working closely with families and specialists to help each child reach their full potential in a supportive environment.

Support in Practice

- Personalized student support plans
- Small class sizes, differentiated instruction
- Exam accommodations (extra time, etc..)
- Teacher training

Outcomes for Students

- Increased confidence and motivation
- Improved academic progress
- Autonomy



Chantemerle has made a real difference for me at a time when I was struggling with my studies. Having teachers who truly understood and supported me was essential to my success. Thank you all !

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Universities in Switzerland, Europe, and Worldwide

The Matura diploma is widely recognized in Switzerland and internationally.

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Career pathways and access to top opportunities

- Application support: Guidance and follow-up for university applications
- Individual consultations to discuss career perspectives and study choices
- Campus visits and fairs

Student choices:

- 60% of our graduates choose Swiss universities, including the world-class engineering schools such as EPF in Lausanne or ETH Zurich.
- Others pursue higher education in Europe or internationally, taking advantage of the Swiss Matura's wide recognition

