

### **Post High School Programme: 13th Grade**

The Post High School Programme at Brillantmont International School is designed for students who have successfully completed their High School studies and wish to experience an enriching 13<sup>th</sup> year of study in Europe before going on to university.

The programme takes advantage of Brillantmont's long experience in providing challenging educational courses in a supportive and caring, family school environment. Brillantmont is located in the centre of Lausanne, which is a dynamic, multicultural city with a wealth of sporting, cultural and leisure facilities. It is close to Geneva International Airport and within easy reach of major European cities such as Milan, Paris and Munich.

#### **Who is the Post High School Programme suitable for?:**

- Students who have already been accepted into their choice of university, but wish to spend a year in Europe learning languages and expanding their knowledge of other subjects, before continuing to university.
- Students who wish to take a further year of study in which to improve and consolidate existing skills in order to improve their application profile for university.
- Students who wish to open their minds to other cultures by living in a culturally diverse community like that of Brillantmont.
- Students who would benefit from a further year of study in order to gain in self-confidence and maturity before going on to university.

The Post High School Programme of study is personalised to the student. It depends on his /her achievements to date, his / her university plans and his / her objectives for the year.

#### **Examples of how students would benefit from the Post High School Programme:**

A student who is planning to study art and design at university could use their Post High School Programme year to study intensive art and extend their art portfolio, whilst developing new language skills.

A particularly able student may have completed high school earlier than his /her peers. He /she would benefit from a year trying out new subjects, such as Model United Nations, International History, Global Perspectives, whilst learning French and deciding which university to attend later.

#### **Where do the Post High School Programme students live?**

Students following the Post High School Programme live in the boarding houses with the other students of the school. This enables them to make friends across the school body and to benefit from the outstanding support and care that our resident boarding staff provide. The boarding houses are organised by age and gender and provide a warm, homely environment.

**What is included in the fees for the Post High School Programme?**

<b>A sample programme:</b>	
Within the programme, the choice of subjects can be adapted and certain subjects can be replaced by others, depending on the student's needs and interests	
<b>French course:</b>	Students have the possibility to prepare for DELF examinations
<b>English course:</b>	Students have the possibility to prepare for IELTS, Cambridge, SAT, TOEFL, ACT or other official examinations
<b>An additional course:</b>	Choice of course and level of course to be determined. Courses which may be available include Chemistry, Biology, Physics, History, Geography, Economics, Global Perspectives, Mathematics, Art & Design
<b>Model United Nations:</b>	Through exchange, research and debate, students work to defend the policies of a given country.  Students have the possibility of joining a trip to attend the Model United Nations Conference in Singapore and / or The Hague (this involves an additional cost and depends on a selection process)
<b>Habitat for Humanity:</b>	Students actively engage in fundraising events throughout the school year.  Students have the possibility of joining a trip to participate in the Habitat for Humanity house building project in a country outside Switzerland (this involves an additional cost and depends on a selection process)
<b>Counselling &amp; PSHE:</b>	Students receive guidance and support in their university application process, to ensure they are well-prepared for the next stage of their lives
<b>Sports:</b>	Students participate in sports classes (a wide range of sports offered)
<b>One in-school club:</b>	A wide range of clubs are available every year – sporting, artistic, musical, creative
<b>Autumn trip:</b>	During the October holidays, students participate in a week-long trip to a European destination (recent trips include Florence, Venice, Vienna, Salzburg, Paris, Avignon)
<b>Ski week:</b>	In February, students participate in a week-long ski trip to a famous resort in the Swiss Alps.

<b>Further optional activities (these involve an additional cost):</b>	
<b>Additional subject:</b>	Students may choose additional subject(s), depending on their level and the timetable constraints (this incurs an additional cost)
<b>Extra club(s):</b>	Students may wish to participate in other clubs (this incurs an additional cost)

**Expectations for students enrolled in the Post High School Programme:**

*For students who are under 18 years old:*

Students who are not yet 18 years old are expected to respect the Boarding School Rules at all times.

*For students who are 18 years old:*

From Monday to Friday, students who are 18 years old are expected to respect the Boarding School Rules at all times.

*If the student's academic progress and behaviour meet the school's expectations:*

On Wednesdays, students who are 18 years old are allowed off campus from 18h00 to 21h00,

One weekend per month, students who are 18 years old are allowed to leave the campus from Saturday lunchtime, returning on Sunday before dinner.

One weekend per month, students who are 18 years old are allowed to leave the campus after the last class on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday before dinner, if the school and parents have approved his /her plans for the weekend.

**Contact Brillantmont**

For further information about this programme please contact our Admissions Department –  
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