

USEFUL INFORMATION

WINTER CAMP JANUARY - MARCH 2025

Unforgettable winter sports and language programmes for students aged from 5 to 16.



DATES: Sunday 5th January 2025 - Friday 14th March 2025

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: Arrive Sunday, depart Saturday

AGES 5-7

- **Integration Programme** within the existing school timetable, with two sessions of skiing per week. Minimum stay two weeks.

AGES 8-10

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- **Super Ski:** ski all day 5 days a week. Minimum stay one week. Intermediate skiers and above only.

AGES 11-16

- **Integration Programme** within the existing school timetable, with two sessions of skiing per week. Minimum stay two weeks.
- **French or English Immersion:** 4 half days of language classes; 4 half days + one full day of skiing per week; weekend activities and/or skiing. Minimum stay two weeks.
- **Super Ski** - ski all day 5 days a week. Minimum stay one week.



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

AT THE AIRPORT

If your child is flying alone, please send the travel itinerary and the Unaccompanied Minor (UM) details to travel@la-garenne.ch.

School transport is available only to students. Our school driver Mr. Serafim Azevedo is responsible for meeting all students including UM children, as long as their flight details have been sent to the school office in advance. There are additional fees for transport and UM assistance - please refer to the General Conditions. A valid passport, not an ID card, is obligatory for air travel.

Details for airlines for UM Unaccompanied Minors

Responsible person

Mr. Serafim Leite de Azevedo
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Tel: +41 (0) 24 495 24 53

Address

La Garenne International School
Ch. des Chavasses 23
CH 1885 Chesières



For parents meeting us at the airport, the meeting point is outside the Montreux Jazz Café, twenty metres to your right after exiting the arrivals hall.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL WITH PARENTS

If you are accompanying your child directly to school on arrival day, please send the estimated time of your arrival time to travel@la-garenne.ch. Students arriving with parents should aim to arrive between 10:00 and 16:00.

LUGGAGE

We remind parents to give your child the code or key to unlock their suitcase, and to put a name tag on each piece of luggage.



PHONE CALLS AND INTERNET ACCESS

At check-in, electronic devices such as phones, iPad, Apple watches etc. are handed to staff for safe keeping. Please label each item and accessory with your child's name and ensure that settings in English or French are accessible to our IT staff for security reasons.

During Family Time (see below), you will be able to video call your children on their device. We try to ensure that children speak to their families at the set times but sometimes activities can delay this. Similarly, if you will be unreachable during Family Time, let us know and we will find another time to speak with your child.

Make sure your child knows their video calling platform username and password. Schedules can be adapted for families living in countries with a significant time difference.

Data roaming charges are the parents' responsibility. You can disable roaming on your child's device if you wish. Wifi is available throughout the school campus.

FAMILY TIME (all times are Swiss time CET)

Sundays 10:30 to 12:00
Wednesdays 18:30 to 20:00

LAPTOPS FOR INTEGRATION AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

Students joining the Integration or language programmes should bring an Apple Mac laptop. If you do not have one, your child can rent one for CHF 20 per day. Please contact admissions@la-garenne.ch to reserve one.

TIMETABLES AND LESSONS

Students are provided with equipment for their classes apart from pens and pencils, a pencil case, dictionary and Apple laptop. A timetable is given on arrival.

For organisational reasons, students who request additional private lessons may not make any changes or cancellations to these options upon arrival at school.

POCKET MONEY

The recommended pocket money has already been charged to your invoice. We will give it to your child in instalments during their stay. If you wish to leave additional money, you can do so on the arrival day.



BIRTHDAYS

For students celebrating their birthday during Winter Camp, we can organise a special celebration with a cake and gift. The cost is CHF 250. Please contact us if you wish to have this option.

IMPORTANT - HEALTH INSURANCE

Under Swiss Law, each student must have insurance covering illness and accidents; therefore an amount of CHF 10 per day has automatically been charged to your invoice. The only exception is Swiss residents who already have health insurance. The school insurance does not include the cost of medication and this will be invoiced to the parents.

MEDICATION

For the safety of all our students, please hand all medication including vitamins and herbal remedies to staff when you arrive. Medication must be in its original packaging and clearly marked with your child's name, with dosage instructions in English or French.

LAUNDRY

Laundry for boarding students is done on a daily basis by our housekeeping department.

HEAD LICE

Before arrival, please check your child's hair for lice and inform us if lice are found and what treatment is being used. We will check the children again and treat them if necessary.

CLOTHES

As winter in the mountains can be chilly, we kindly ask you to follow the [clothing list](#) carefully. Please label all clothing and accessories including shoes, swimming towels, backpacks, underwear etc. with laundry resistant labels or ink. Each label should show the first name of the child followed by the two first letters of the family name (example: John SM. for John Smith). If a child arrives without key items of clothing or equipment, we will purchase them for the student and the cost will be invoiced to the parents.



STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

We have every confidence that your child will have a wonderful experience at Winter Camp. Our staff are approachable and friendly and there is always someone for your child to talk to if they are worried about anything. To make sure that everyone has a positive experience, we encourage all the children to keep to our simple rules of courtesy and respect.

- Only speak in French or English.
- Greet everyone with good morning, or good afternoon.
- Show respect for other people and their property.
- Behave responsibly at all times and listen carefully to instructions from staff.

Behaviour such as violence, bullying, theft or inappropriate language is unacceptable and will be dealt with by the School Director. Parents will be informed if such behaviour is considered to compromise the comfort and safety of other pupils. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

WEEKEND VISITS

As Winter Camp stays are short, we limit visits from parents. Students need to adapt to their new environment, and the daily programmes are intense. However, if you wish to visit your child, please contact the school office at least 4 days in advance and complete the form here:

https://www.la-garenne.ch/PDF/request_weekend_away_school.pdf

SCHOOL YEAR AND SUMMER CAMP

If you have questions or require further information regarding our academic school year or summer camp programmes, please arrange an appointment: admissions@la-garenne.ch.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

A Winter Camp reservation will only be confirmed once full payment has been received. If the reservation is cancelled 65 days or fewer before the start of the course, the School reserves the right to retain any amount already paid. This clause also applies to failure to obtain a visa, out of date travel documents or being refused entry to Switzerland, early or voluntary departure from the camp, late arrival, dismissal or prolonged absence. Once the course has begun, the school retains full payment. Should litigation arise between the school and the parents, Swiss Law is the only legislation applicable in all matters concerning this contract. The competent tribunal is in Aigle, Canton Vaud.

IMPORTANT

The enrolment of a student at La Garenne implies that the parents, legal guardians or person responsible for the child, have accepted the school rules and financial conditions.