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LA GARENNE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

JOB VACANCY

BOARDING HOUSE PARENT

About our School

La Garenne School - Be the one that makes the difference

Founded in 1947, La Garenne International School is known across the world for its unique approach to boarding education. Students from over 35 nations are welcomed each year to our modern campus in the French-speaking mountain resort of Villars, where we provide a secure environment and an extraordinary education to boarding and day students from 4 to 18 years old.

Our philosophy is based on individual attention to each and every young person, instilling in them a passion for learning, developing international mindedness and ensuring their holistic development academically, socially and emotionally.

OUR VISION

To inspire our community to be responsible global citizens in an ever-changing world.

OUR MISSION

The mission of La Garenne International School is to prepare students from around the world to become independent, international-minded young people. We promote traditional Swiss values of open-mindedness, responsibility, innovation, empathy, and respect. We strive to nurture each learner's talents, meeting their individual needs and aspirations.

OUR CORE AIMS

CARE

Give each student personalised attention with empathy and understanding to help keep them happy, motivated and healthy as they progress towards adulthood.

RESILIENCE

Promote strategies to adapt, recover, and grow in the face of challenges. Students step out of their comfort zone and learn never to give up.

BE HAPPY AND NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP

IMPACT

Prepare students to make a difference to themselves and to the world through community service and peer support, giving them the tools for self-reflection, aspiration and personal growth.

CURIOSITY

Make inquiry central to our teaching and learning so that students become lifelong learners, never ceasing to critically investigate, question, and analyse.

UNLEASH YOUR TALENTS, INSPIRE THE WORLD

Job Description

We are seeking a full-time, experienced **male Boarding School House Parent** to work with a diverse range of students, mainly aged 14 to 18. We would also consider a joint application from a couple. Applicants who are qualified teachers may have the opportunity to combine a pastoral role with teaching.

You will be enthusiastic about working with young people across these age ranges and committed to maintaining a safe, orderly and disciplined environment in which they can thrive.

This is a full-time position requiring evening and weekend work. We welcome applications from all nationalities.

You must be fluent in English. Knowledge of French and/or another language is an advantage.

Start date: January 10th, 2027
Location: Switzerland

Main Duties

- Ensure the safety and security of students and colleagues in the house.
- Ensure students' health and well-being, including tasks relating to their hygiene and personal care, meals, study and recreational activities.
- Understand and implement school Child Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying policies.
- Manage medical emergencies in the absence of the School Nurse.
- Maintain high accessibility and visibility in the Boarding House.
- Develop supportive relationships with all students.
- Be a listening ear.
- Promote and model the school's Guiding Statements.
- Elicit good behaviour and deal with discipline issues according to school policies.
- Ensure students uphold the school's uniform and dress codes.
- Ensure students tidy their bedrooms every day and that they treat school property with respect.
- Be creative in organising after-school activities.
- Collaborate closely with the boarding team including attending meetings.
- Work with the Head of Maintenance to identify and rectify any issues within the Boarding House.

Person Specification

- Has experience of working with young people in a boarding school setting.
- Is passionate about working with young people and can enthuse others.
- Has strong interpersonal skills.
- Understands the importance of Safeguarding and keeping all students safe.
- Can build relationships and collaborate with colleagues and the Senior Leadership Team.
- Speaks fluent English.
- Ideal: speaks French or Spanish.
- Has a good honours degree or relevant equivalent qualification.
- Embraces a commitment to working within the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Has excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Can work weekends and evenings.
- Is reliable and organised.
- Understand the importance of risk assessments.
- Is trained in first aid.
- Shares our vision of holistic education and is excited to contribute to the co-curricular and pastoral life of the school.
- Is proactive and continually strives for improvement.
- Has a good sense of humour.
- Has a full, clean driving licence.

How to Apply

We welcome applicants who have a passion for education, who are ready to offer individual attention, participate in the life of the whole school and who will uphold our Guiding Principles.

La Garenne International School is fully committed to safeguarding the children and young people in our care. All new staff are subject to enhanced pre-employment clearance, including criminal records and Swiss Justice Department searches for people working with children, as well as identity, qualifications and employment verification.

Please send the following documents by email to **hr@la-garenne.ch** or by post to the address below:

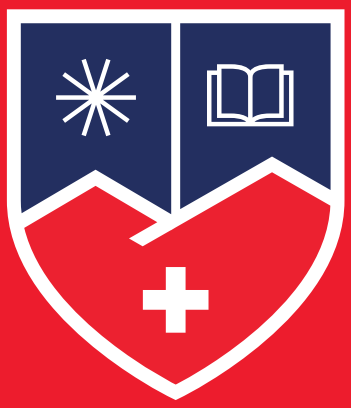
- Full curriculum vitae.
- A letter of application, preferably handwritten.
- A copy of your passport information page and/or Swiss work permit.
- Names and contact details of at least two referees for your last two jobs.

La Garenne International School
Human Resources
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Overview of Employee Benefits

- The opportunity to work in a beautiful location in the Swiss Alps.
- To work in a school with an excellent reputation.
- To be part of a growing school with opportunities for advancement.
- To join a team of well-qualified and enthusiastic staff.
- An opportunity to improve your French.
- Use of the school gym.

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