



**WORKING EVERY DAY
TO BUILD A BRIGHT
TOMORROW**

INSTITUT

florimont

A school with a long history, committed to the future

Being a parent brings responsibility for making the best choices for the future of one's child. One of the most critical decisions is undoubtedly the choice of a school.

Florimont is a century-old, coeducational private school that offers your child a comprehensive educational programme from the ages of three to eighteen, from Nursery through to Year 13.

Knowledge and skills are acquired through a learning experience that reflects the realities and needs of today's world while continuing to reap the benefits of tried-and-tested methods.

In addition to boasting an outstanding academic track record, Florimont imparts values and standards that are grounded in both tradition and innovation, including respect, service towards others and an inquiring mind, to name but a few.

The four sections – nursery, primary, lower-secondary and upper-secondary – are designed not only to provide seamless continuity of teaching and learning, but also to accommodate new students from other public or private schools at any stage in their school life.

We guide your child through an outstanding educational programme, giving them solid foundations and instilling the values essential for personal development. We work every day to build a brighter tomorrow for your child.

Sean Power
Directeur General



Traditional values that remain relevant today

The legacy of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales

The values handed down to us by the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, who founded the Institut Florimont in 1905, are derived not only from the Christian tradition, but also from a secular and universal ethos that spans the ages. They live on in the principles of tolerance, service and respect for others enshrined in the «Florimont Guidelines» passed on to the school's secular leadership in 1995 by the members of the religious order.

Values: assets for life

A humanist philosophy and the school's catholic roots encourage pupils to nurture values that will stand them in good stead long after their time at Florimont is over:

- Respect: reflected in particular in the ability to understand and accommodate different cultures and opinions.
- Service to others: expressed, for example, through the Flo'Solidaire fund which involves students in projects and initiatives in the field of education.
- Professionalism: the key to success and fulfilment in their future career.
- Agility, or the ability to feel comfortable in every kind of professional and personal environment.
- Entrepreneurship, which fosters boldness and creativity.

Religious instruction with a global outlook

While remaining true to its traditions, Florimont is open to all religions.

The chaplaincy, which is headed by the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales but which is partly led by lay persons, coordinates religious instruction, religious cultural education and celebrates masses. Alongside its ministry to catholic pupils, it also organises events throughout the year such as Interfaith Day and Human Rights Week.



« We must not be content with good
when we can strive for better. »

« I do not gauge other people's value
either by what they lack,
or by their outward success. »

« My understanding of the world is enriched
by my openness to other people's cultural
and religious differences. »

St Francis de Sales





From kindergarten to university entrance

Florimont is a school for all ages.

In the nursery school, children develop their motor skills, interpersonal skills and intellectual abilities. In a caring, pleasant environment, they are encouraged to enjoy school and learn the ground rules for getting along with others: courtesy, respect and friendship. The children also receive an early introduction to English.

Florimont's primary school believes in tried-and-tested methods and sets great store by mastering the core skills of spelling, reading, writing and taking pride in one's work.

Florimont also aims to deliver an education in which teacher-pupil relationships are characterised by kindness and consideration.

Our extensive foreign language programme and practical philosophy workshops are further evidence of Florimont's ambition to be at the forefront of innovation.

The lower-secondary school continues to teach a core curriculum. Over a three-year period, syllabuses prepare students to join one of our three upper secondary sections.

Roots in an international city with a global outlook

Geneva's location and Florimont's historic ties with France mean that some of our students study for the French Baccalauréat exam, achieving an overall pass rate comparable to that of such renowned establishments as Louis-le-Grand and Henri IV.

The Swiss Maturité exam, along with its bilingual French-English option, is Florimont's second long-established course of study. It facilitates admission to Swiss universities and the Federal polytechnics.

Lastly, to cater more effectively for Geneva's international community, the school has opened an international section, which prepares students for the IB Diploma Programme dovetailing with the key aims and objectives of a truly bilingual diploma.

Whatever option students choose, studying at Florimont guarantees excellent academic results and prepares them for a wide range of university courses.



Bringing languages to life

Drawing its student body from a wide variety of backgrounds has helped Florimont – originally a French-language school – to become multilingual.

The trend began with English, which is now taught at five levels. The top two levels are intended for pupils who already speak good English or are native English speakers.

In the latter case, English is taught as a mother tongue.

But why restrict the task of learning English to language lessons? At the secondary level, bilingualism is an integral part of the language policy at Florimont. The bilingual programme enables students to hone their language skills in subjects taught in English including art, practical sciences, social sciences (history/geography), and sport.

In addition to English, there is a strong focus on German, Switzerland's main national language. German is also taught from primary level in the form of games and interactive activities. Chinese, Spanish and Italian are also an integral part of the language curriculum.

Russian, Arabic and other languages can be learnt in one-to-one lessons or small groups.

By offering school trips to the United Kingdom, Spain, China, Italy and Germany, Florimont encourages pupils to

develop their language skills and broaden their international awareness in different contexts, such as staying with host families or on exchange visits with other schools.

A wide variety of assessment options is available to allow students to gain formal accreditation for their language proficiency. These include the Cambridge English Exams (PET, KET, FCE, CAE, etc.), CILS (Italian), DELE (Spanish), Fit in Deutsch (German) and IGCSE.



An experiment-based approach to science

Kindling the desire to learn and understand are an essential part of our role at Florimont. With 22 science teachers, 7 laboratories and 5 classrooms dedicated to biology, physics and chemistry, we are able to conduct experiments as practical work occupies a central place in the scientific curriculum of 21st century pupils.

Throughout the secondary school, pupils work in small groups every week to practise and acquire a scientific approach: they learn to ask questions, form hypotheses, gather information, observe, test, model, analyze, interpret results, and draw conclusions about the validity of their original hypotheses.

Teaching equipment includes state-of-the-art technology, especially designed for computer-assisted experimentation, digital technologies and robotics: in short, the optimum environment for scientific study.

Students keen to pursue an in-depth study of maths and science can take optional advanced lessons through the MathSciences options. These options, which follow

the school's bespoke curriculum, offer students the opportunity to develop their maths, physics and chemistry skills through practical activities. They are available for students from the beginning of secondary school and are designed to help them broaden and deepen their scientific awareness.

For the last two years of the curriculum, the MathSciences option focuses on preparing pupils to study science at university level. One highlight is our annual trip to CERN in Geneva where pupils learn more about the very latest developments in Particle Physics.



A wide range of cultural and sports partnerships

Culture is an important part of life at Florimont.

Numerous partnerships have been forged over the years with institutions in Geneva, including the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMCO) and the Ariana Museum (the Swiss Museum of Ceramics and Glass).

More targeted collaborations are also organised on a regular basis with artists, such as the photographers Olivier Föllmi and Alan Humerosé. Secondary school students can attend concerts by the Swiss Romande Orchestra (OSR). Primary school pupils are given the opportunity to meet professional musicians, who present their instruments and let students try them out.

A comprehensive programme of trips and outings reflects the school's ambition to introduce students to a variety of forms of artistic and intellectual expression.

Outside regular school hours, Florimont also offers a broad range of extra-curricular activities to suit children's tastes and interests.

Sport plays a key role in developing the values of competition, team spirit and fair play.

The school is particularly proud of its fencing club and

its many football teams.

Our students regularly shine in a variety of local competitions (such as the Course de l'Escalade race or the Swiss Romande private schools tournaments), as well as national and international events.

We have a very active partnership with the Genève-Servette Hockey Club, which allows students to attend matches and training sessions, and to meet elite players.





A variety of career options

A choice of three different sections in the upper secondary school, as well as a bilingual stream from lower-secondary level, gives our pupils a wide range of options for their future.

The careers counselling service is available to provide information, advice and support for our students as they prepare to enter universities around the world.

Every student has access to individual consultations and our blog provides a wealth of information as they prepare their applications.

Preparation for top universities

Our pupils are given the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of activities that are an asset for university applications.

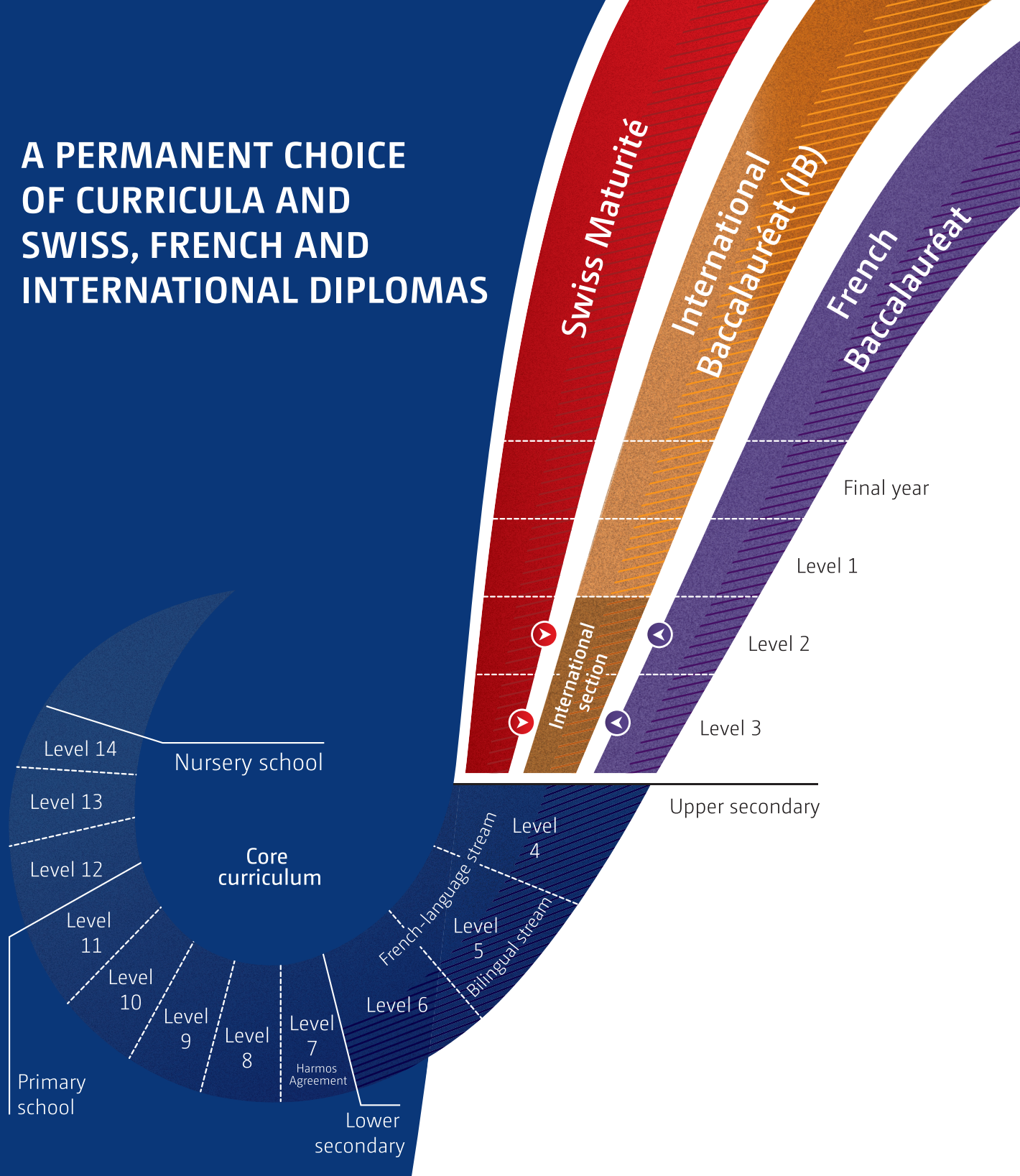
Alongside community service initiatives, many young people take part each year in the Student United Nations where they take on the role of delegates representing the United Nations' member states.

Joining GIN (Global Issues Network), an international conference network, introduces them to the challenges of public speaking.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award gives pupils an opportunity to develop skills outside the classroom by making a commitment to the programme and getting involved in four areas that promote physical activity, intellectual challenges, individual perseverance, teamwork and new experiences.



A PERMANENT CHOICE OF CURRICULA AND SWISS, FRENCH AND INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMAS



A SELECTION OF OUR STUDENTS' UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)
- Université de St Gall
- Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Genève (HEC Genève)
- Université de Genève (UNIGE – numerous courses available)
- University of Cambridge
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- King's College London
- University of Warwick
- University of Bath
- Université Paris-Sorbonne
- Sciences Po Paris
- Collège Stanislas - intensive pre-university foundation course
- Lycée privé Sainte-Geneviève – intensive pre-university foundation course
- Ecole Supérieure d'Etudes Cinématographiques (ESEC)
- Harvard University
- Georgetown University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Columbia University

Coaching and support

A wide range of facilities is available to give pupils the support they need during their time at Florimont.

At the end of the nursery school day, childcare facilities are available until 6pm.

From primary school level, a programme of optional supervised study means that children can stay at school to do their homework.

In secondary school, we offer a variety of study and homework support.

Supervised study provides an optimal environment for independent learners.

Maths coaching and extra tuition in French help to bring students up to speed.

Study support is organised with a ratio of one tutor to three or four students. Tutors supervise students' homework for the next day (similar study support is available for pupils at upper-secondary level).

Lessons in French as a foreign language are available for students who are not native French speakers.

Form teachers are a tremendous source of support for their class; they are familiar with every aspect of a child's school experience. They provide personalised monitoring and ensure that their students' education progresses smoothly both at a personal level and in terms of academic achievement. They liaise between the teaching staff and families.

Close parent-school relationship

At Florimont, families are closely involved in their children's education.

A website keeps parents informed of the content of lessons, the assigned homework and marks awarded for tests.

Parents, teachers, form teachers and teaching coordinators are strongly encouraged to meet on a regular basis.

Form tutors play an active role in communicating with parents and they work closely with both students and parents to ensure the best learning experience for each child.





The campus

Florimont's campus has undergone substantial changes since 2007. New spaces have been developed or extensively redesigned. Their contemporary architecture sits harmoniously within a more traditional ensemble, echoing the school's philosophy of blending tradition and innovation.

A state-of-the-art sports complex was inaugurated in 2010. It houses a unique fencing hall and a large multi-purpose sports centre with a climbing wall.

The science labs have been refurbished to facilitate practical work and experimentation.

New technologies are integrated into learning and all classrooms have the most up to date equipment.

The new nursery school building, inaugurated in 2013, includes a dining area specially designed for infants, along with nap rooms and a space for rhythmic gymnastics and sport, all under a single roof.

New cultural facilities are also housed in the new building.

The school continues to modernise and upgrade its facilities. A new Learning Resources Centre and a school «hub» equipped with a comprehensively redesigned catering area are planned for the near future.



Admissions

New students are welcome at Florimont throughout the school year.

Our families start by meeting our admissions officer (admissions@florimont.ch). Visits are organised and both parents and children have the opportunity to experience daily life at the school.

The school follows a core curriculum until the end of lower-secondary school, then branches out into three sections: the Swiss Maturité, the French Baccalauréat and the International Baccalaureate.

Additional benefits

School holiday dates are aligned with the Geneva school system.

Florimont operates a school transport service and the routes are adjusted every year as required.

The catering service, which serves over 1,000 meals per day, is run by our partner «Novae». It ensures the highest standards of quality with a selection of fresh seasonal food that is certified eco-friendly, locally sourced and organically produced.

The school has an infirmary which deals with everyday health issues and emergencies.

In July, Florimont runs a summer camp for children between the ages of 4 and 14.



You may be wondering...

Why enrol my child at Florimont?

Because your child can benefit from the «Florimont ethos» expressed in our values.

Because every effort is made to ensure that your child's education and personal development are a success, whatever their section.

Because teaching at Florimont is grounded in tried-and-tested methods, but also embraces current educational approaches.

Because the high-level of teaching offers excellent preparation for French, Swiss and international higher education.

Because we place great value on bilingualism.

Because we develop a strong relationship with parents.

Because we take supervision and safety very seriously, both inside and outside the classroom.

Because our approach to students is individual: everyone responsible for your child knows your child.

Florimont is a Catholic school:

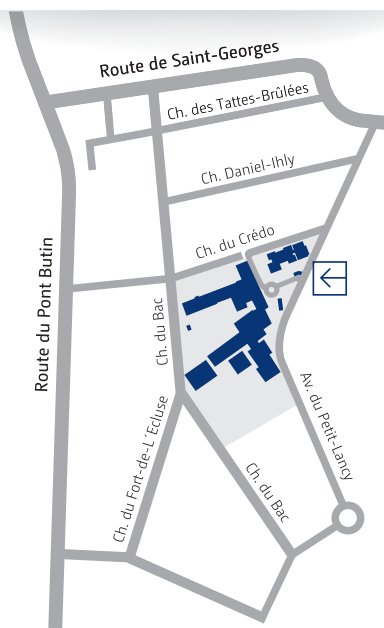
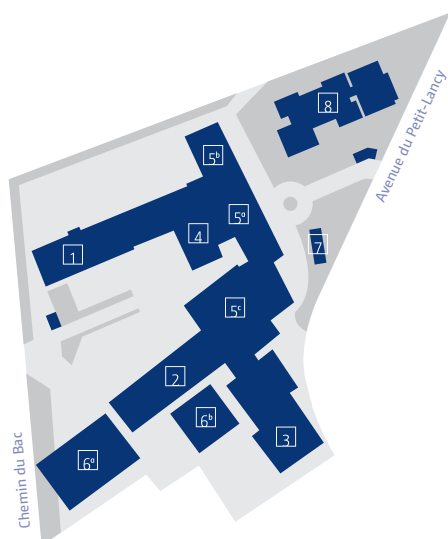
It has a chaplaincy, offers the possibility of religious education and prepares children for the sacraments.

If your child practises a different religion (or has no religion at all), they are welcomed and respected, just like all of their classmates.

It keeps the spirit of St Francis de Sales alive in the form of a relationship with God, dialogue, openness to others, and hope for a better world.

It cares about and upholds Human Rights.

- 1 Primary School
- 2 Secondary School
- 3 Science & Arts Building
- 4 Cafeteria & Chapel
- 5^a Main Building & Administration
- 5^b Main Building & Kitchen
- 5^c Main Building & Teacher's Lounge
- 6^a Sports Centre
- 6^b Sports Centre & Fencing Hall
- 7 Annex
- 8 Nursery School & Villa du Parc



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