



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

INSTITUT

FLORIMONT

Welcome to Institut Florimont!

As Institut Florimont's Director General since 2004, I welcome you to a school proud of its association with Genevan, French and international culture. Built on 118 years of educational experience, the Institut draws on and modernises the best aspects of its history, providing students with an education focussed on developing 21st century skills.

While our values are traditionally Christian, our outlook also takes account of other religions and a secular and contemporary ethical approach. Diverse sources of inspiration enhance the spiritual element of the students' educational environment and foster an open mind. Florimont also develops the values of solidarity and appreciation of hard work in students.

In terms of the education we provide, from the age of 3 to 18 years, the Institut offers a bilingual stream, teaches the scientific approach, instils a love of languages, and nurtures a keen interest in sport and the arts in all its students at

every stage of their schooling. Innovative programmes, such as the Arts/Sports track or the Institut's cultural season, produce free-thinking and discerning individuals with a passion for their chosen discipline.

At Florimont, we believe school is not just about academic learning: rather it is a process which combines the art of learning with the art of living and of being yourself. We are intent on supporting every one of our students to reach their potential and flourish as they move on through life – long after their time at Florimont is over.

Our brochure clearly shows that at Institut Florimont, every step is taken to maintain a supportive, caring community that is totally committed to your child's development and success.

Sean Power
Director General



A clear mission and strong core values

Our mission is clear: to help every student reach the best of their abilities in a supportive and stimulating environment.

Legacy of the Missionnaires de Saint François de Sales

The values handed down to us by the Missionnaires de Saint François de Sales, who founded the Institut in 1905, find their origins not only in Christianity but outside religious circles, in a secular and universal set of ethics. They were compiled into a set of principles (*Orientations pour Florimont*), passed on to the first lay management in 1995, which continues to guide the school's ethical values to this day.

Florimont's values: qualities for life

L'esprit Flo, or family atmosphere which inspires our students to develop and flourish, is based on a set of strong core values, shared throughout our community:

- Firstly, solidarity. In addition to the care and compassion of the Florimont community – students, teachers, parents and friends of the Institut – solidarity translates into a commitment to serve the community by engaging in social projects every year. In 2023, the Institut worked with the Aigues-Vertes foundation, supporting people with disabilities and learning difficulties;
- Next, an appreciation of hard work. We always strive for the best to help our students reach their full potential, offering individual monitoring and support to each student;
- Finally, openness to others. The values of tolerance, acceptance and respect are a cherished element of our founders' legacy that we practice at the Institut every day.

An inclusive religious education

The chaplaincy organises classes in religious instruction and culture as well as celebrating mass, supported by the Missionnaires de Saint François de Sales and also lay staff. Along with the duties conducted for our Catholic students, it also organises conferences and events for the whole school, such as the inter-faith Human Rights week.

The Institut offers two options:

- a weekly Ethics and Religious Culture class is taught as a sociological subject to all students in Cycle (Middle School). In *Secondaire 2* (Diplomas), this course is offered in the form of a conference delivered once a term;
- Catholic instruction is offered in the form of a monthly meeting in the chaplaincy for Catholic students in Cycle (Middle School), and preparation for Confirmation for *Secondaire 2* (Diplomas) students.





From kindergarten to university

Built on over a century of experience, Institut Florimont offers the best of the Swiss, French and international education systems to all students, from kindergarten to diploma.

With its unique blend of tradition and modernity, the Institut provides educational excellence in learning sciences and languages focussed around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) and is dedicated to developing personal skills through collective community activities. Florimont has formed many cultural and sporting partnerships with local organisations, placing great importance on developing artistic and physical skills.

The Institut offers bilingual teaching from kindergarten (French/English), with students choosing between the two streams when they enter Secondaire 2 (Diplomas).

Choice of three secondary qualifications

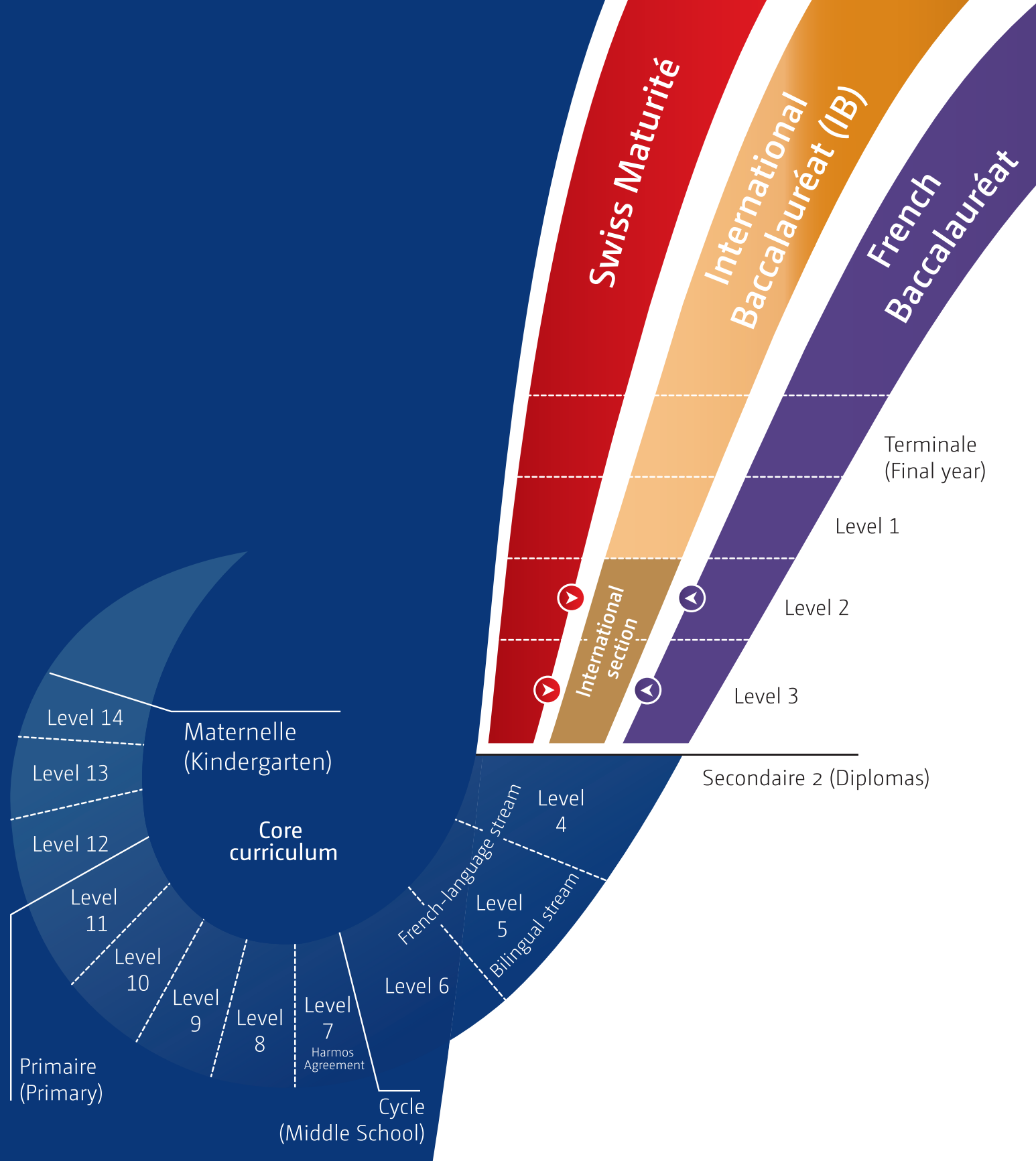
Institut Florimont prepares students for three exams: the French Baccalauréat, International Baccalaureate and Swiss Maturité. Programmes in all three sections are taught over four years and the Institut fully supports students and their families to choose the best option for them.

Florimont consistently produces outstanding examination pass rates, opening the doors to the top schools and universities.

Careers guidance: exploring all the options

Careers guidance is available to students and their families, giving information and advice to compile a personal career plan for applying to universities and schools in Switzerland and internationally. All students are offered individual consultations and various resources to produce a career plan. A range of events are held throughout the year - the Forum des études (careers fair) and university visits - to help students make these important decisions.





EXAMPLES OF UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY OUR STUDENTS

- Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL)
- Université de St Gall
- Université de Genève (UNIGE)
- Université Paris-Sorbonne
- Sciences Po Paris
- Collège Stanislas - preparation classes
- Lycée privé Sainte-Geneviève – preparation classes
- Ecole Supérieure d'Etudes Cinématographiques (ESEC)
- University of Cambridge
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- King's College London
- University of Warwick
- University of Bath
- University of Harvard
- University of Georgetown
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Columbia
- University of Stanford

Bilingual tuition from kindergarten

Learning and mastering foreign languages is a vital element of a 21st-century education; we place particular attention on learning languages from a very young age. Students can receive their education in French and English from Maternelle (kindergarten).

From Year 9, students can take the French or bilingual stream, in which – supplementing the scheduled allowance of language classes – some subjects are taught in English (e.g. sciences, history/geography or music).

Ability groups to help students progress

There are four English levels from primary to the end of Cycle (Middle School), grouping students of the same level so that they can progress at their own pace, and move from one level to another at any point in the year.

Choice of foreign languages

In addition to English, students learn German from Year 9. In Year 6, they can choose between German (two levels) or Mandarin Chinese as a second language. Spanish is offered in Year 3 French Baccalauréat and Italian in Year 3 Maturité. In Secondaire 2 (Diplomas), students have the option to prepare for a bilingual French-English Maturité or bilingual French-English International Baccalaureate.

Language skills can be evaluated using examinations from the University of Cambridge (Cambridge English Preliminary, Cambridge English A2 Key, Cambridge English B2 First, Certificate in Advanced English) or the International General Certificate of Secondary Education for English. Italian, Spanish and German students can take the Certificazione di italiano come lingua straniera, Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera and the Goethe-Zertifikat respectively.



Science: exploring and experimenting

Sharing an appreciation of science and sparking the desire to learn and understand are integral to Florimont's mission, where learning through experience is a key element.

Throughout the secondary years, students are placed in smaller class groups for science to learn and explore the scientific approach. This includes challenging themselves, formulating a hypothesis, recording, observing, experimenting, modelling, analysing and interpreting results, and drawing conclusions about the validity of their own hypothesis.

The Institut provides the best conditions and resources for studying the sciences: laboratories for each subject, state-of-the-art teaching equipment, a STEAM lab with 3D printer and computer-assisted experimentation (CAEx), as well as an annual Science Fair, multi-disciplinary projects, exploring digital sciences and robotics.

STEAM: an innovative way to learn

STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) is a learning approach which shows students what connects the various science and art subjects, as well as the links between what happens inside the classroom and in the outside world, whether industrial, scientific or artistic. In practice, a multi-disciplinary approach is favoured for covering the different topics, with an emphasis on openness to new technologies and computational thinking (coding, physical computing and robotics).

Our annual Science Fair

Every year, teams of students from Cycle (Middle School) to Secondaire 2 (Diplomas) pitch their projects against each other in the Science Fair, organised by the science department in collaboration with the Student Council.



A long-established sports culture

Sport plays a key role at Florimont. In addition to the important life lessons and values sport brings, it contributes to the health of students and helps them achieve their best academic results. The Institut's approach is to motivate students to develop a sporting culture and regularly practice sport or physical activity. We offer a full range of activities and programmes so students can try many different sports throughout their school life - from athletics, gymnastics and team sports to climbing, orienteering, white-water sports, and combat sports such as fencing.

Fencing

Florimont's fencing club is affiliated to Swiss Fencing, the national federation. Its 200+ members can participate in a number of national circuits, and even compete on a European level.

Partnerships with Geneva's best

Florimont has formed partnerships with many of Geneva's iconic sporting institutions, such as the Pôle Grenat (Genève Servette Hockey Club, Servette Football Club and Servette Rugby) and the Lions de Genève, and high-level events such as the Course de l'Escalade, the Gonet Geneva Open and the Bol d'Or Mirabaud regatta. The Institut's athletics club is also affiliated to the Swiss Athletics Federation.



ARTS/SPORTS TRACK

Introduced in 2020, the Arts/Sports track is available to students who practice an arts or sports discipline to a high level, and to any other student simply seeking to work on a project in these areas.

The specially adapted programme allows students to maintain the highest levels of academic study alongside the pursuit of their artistic or sporting endeavours. Students practice their specialisation in the afternoons, apart from Mondays and Fridays, which are reserved for homework for the following week or extra training ahead of competition.

It is a busy timetable and includes regular personalised support and feedback through meetings between family, trainers or coaches and academic teachers.

Students on the sports programme also benefit from health and fitness monitoring by our partners at the Hôpital de la Tour. These students undergo a range of physical tests to identify their strengths and, if necessary, correct any weaknesses.





Honouring the arts

From the visual arts to music, our students are introduced to different forms of expression - from the more traditional disciplines of drawing, modelling and engraving, or learning musical rhythm and notes, to the newer digital techniques used in animation, video or music composition.

Being able to experience a variety of learning scenarios and multidisciplinary projects means that not only can students explore the purely technical aspects of the arts, but they can express themselves creatively.

L'Attique: a creative space

The Institut opened L'Attique in 2021 as a dedicated art space where students are free to experiment and share their ideas, express their creativity and acquire multiple artistic skills from painting and drawing to engraving and ceramics.

The students' artistic and cultural education is enhanced by special relationships between the Institut and our exceptional partners, including MAMCO (Geneva's modern art museum) and Musée Ariana, which both exhibit collections in L'Attique.

The Institut also has four music rooms where students can experiment with instruments such as drums, guitars, piano and percussion, as well as computer equipment.

"ENCRÉ" DANS LA CULTURE: INSTITUT FLORIMONT'S CULTURAL SEASON

From an artist residency to an orchestral performance, from a presentation of contemporary dance to an evening of choral music, Institut Florimont has created a cultural season with a programme to celebrate beauty and the arts. With five events taking place on campus throughout the school year, it features some of the most prestigious players on Geneva's cultural scene: Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, the Pavillon de l'Association de danse contemporaine, the Haute Ecole de Musique or Théâtre AmStramGram.

Launched in September 2022, our first cultural season is all the more special as it includes the whole Florimont community, and particularly the students. Educational activities connected to the programme are created in class, so the students and contributors can actively participate in the events in different ways.



A united and engaged community

The Florimont community is united by core values, involvement in projects that bring people together and the wish to work as a team for the benefit of the Institut.

The Florimont parents' association (APEF) plays a crucial role in this: as a point of contact between management and parents, it welcomes new families and organises conferences and other key events in the school calendar like the Christmas market, and the venue of the Florimont meeting-point at the Course de l'Escalade.

The Institut also collaborates with the APEF each year to support a local charity.

Charitable projects bringing people together

Each year, everyone in the Florimont community gets involved in a charity project, representing our founders' values of mutual support and solidarity.

Having recently collected over 3.5 tonnes of donations for the Partage food bank to help some of the canton's most disadvantaged people, Florimont is currently supporting Fondation Aigues-vertes, a local organisation for people with disability. With tasks ranging from fundraising and organising meet-ups between residents and students, to

building a chicken coop for the foundation's farm and inviting a resident to work in the school kitchen, Florimont's involvement not only funds this important charity but changes attitudes towards disability.

Active involvement in a community is one of the Institut's strengths which benefit our students long into the future.

Floraison: a dynamic alumni network

Launched in January 2022, Floraison bridges the generations by supporting students' career development and maintaining contact. It sets up professional networks offering mentoring to students in the final two years of school, and hosts special events such as conferences and round-table discussions.





A campus in harmony with our aims

In 2022 the Institut completed a 10-year renovation programme, giving students and staff an optimal environment in which to learn and work.

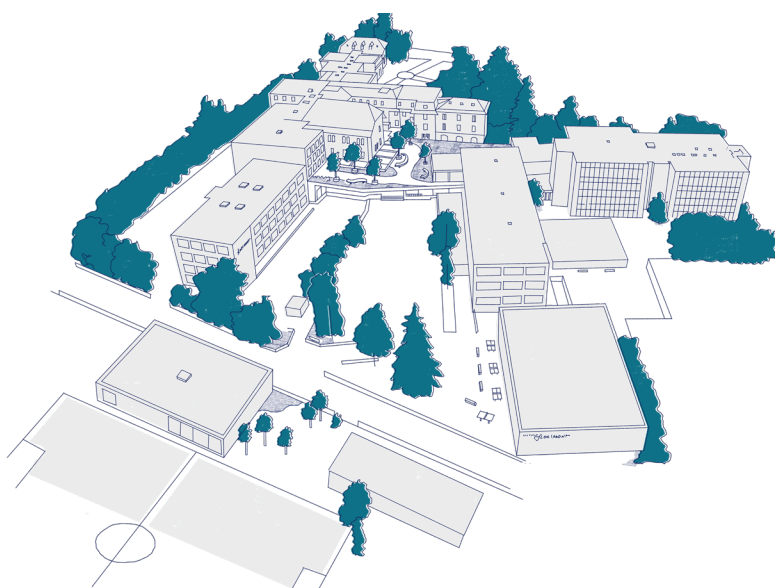
2020 saw the unveiling of a new multi-purpose sports hall and state-of-the-art resources building, including a STEAM laboratory, multimedia room, dedicated arts space (L'Attique) and new school canteen.

The final stage was to transform the cœur de l'école (heart of the school). Officially opened in September 2022, this area is designed to foster interaction, culture and sport: the new auditorium is a multi-purpose hall which can be used to host everything from large-scale occasions such as graduation ceremonies to concerts, plays and sporting events. The cœur de l'école is a space for exhibitions or just for meeting and socialising, with the garden terrace providing an additional natural area in which to relax.



Committed to sustainable development

Florimont is proud to have been awarded the Eco-School label in 2020, demonstrating our commitment to sustainability. Now with over 1,200m² of solar panels, a system that uses food waste to heat the school and many green areas, our sustainable campus is a true reflection of our outlook.



Student well-being: a priority

Attentive and specialised supervision

At Florimont, student supervision is a universal priority; every member of the school community is focussed on student care and well-being. This starts from the moment students arrive at school, with class tutor time.

Florimont has a department dedicated solely to pastoral care, offering support to students and their families on non-academic matters. Our Vie scolaire (pastoral care) team handles every aspect of student life, from attendance and lockers to supervision.

A range of medical and other professionals are also on hand to support students when necessary. A psychologist and two nurses are on site during school hours, and we can offer the expertise of two handwriting teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist if requested.

Homework support for all

We offer optional homework support from primary level to all students who remain at school to do their homework. Supervised study is available to students who are working independently to provide the best conditions for study.

In Cycle (Middle School) and Secondaire 2 (Diplomas), study support allows groups of 4-5 students to work on tasks together, under close supervision of a teacher and a university student. This helps the student thrive and removes the pressure of home study from families.

Choice of extra-curricular activities

In addition to the curriculum, students can choose from over fifty activities, such as fencing, basketball, drama, piano, chess or coding.

PIKAS method to combat bullying

As part of the preventive actions to promote well-being, social harmony and understanding differences, the Institut regularly holds anti-bullying workshops. The PIKAS method encourages bullies to find the solutions to the problem they have created, through one-to-one interactions which diffuse the group effect. Conversations are between a member of the team, the bully or bullies and witnesses, with the aim of arousing empathy for the victim and ultimately put an end to the situation.

Transport to serve families

A school bus service is available to facilitate as many of our students as possible. Bus routes are reviewed every year.

Top-quality catering

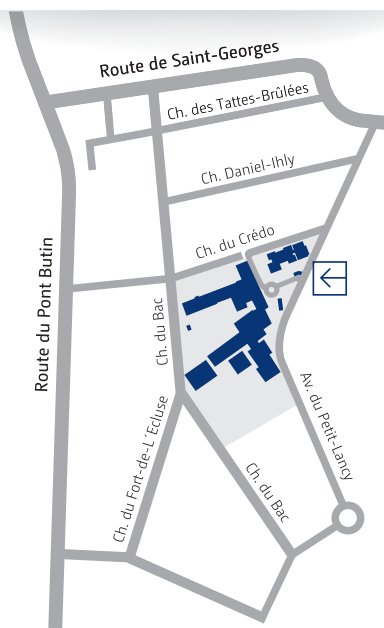
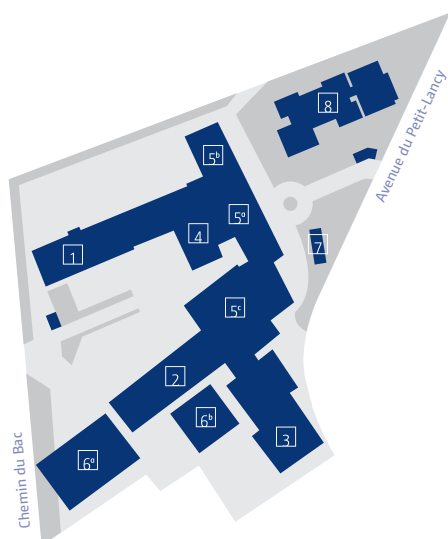
Over 1,400 meals a day are served in the school's canteen. Our catering provider, Novae, and in-house chef guarantee the highest food standards using a selection of fresh, seasonal, local, organic and sustainable produce. All menus are prepared with a dietitian to ensure they are nutritionally balanced and comply with the Fourchette verte label. A vegetarian dish is available every day.

Would you like to visit us? Interested in enrolling your child at Institut Florimont?

To register your interest, please email our Admissions team at

admissions@florimont.ch

- 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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