



Pully, June 2025

Back to School 2025

Theme of the year: compassion

Dear Parents,

My colleagues join me in thanking you for your trust. You will find some useful information hereafter regarding the start of school in August 2025.

The school has adopted the Canton de Vaud school calendar. The Canton, however, does not compensate for the “calendar shift” (the 365th day of the year) until 2027, meaning that the start of the new school year in August 2025 and 2026 will be a little earlier each year.

Dates and times for the new School Year

A. Boarding students:

- New boarding students and their families (1st time at Champittet)
- Returning boarders:

Saturday 16 August at 9am*, presentation in the St-Bernard Gym, followed by a buffet.

Tuesday 19 August, check-in from 4.30 pm to 6 pm at the Boarding Office. For students who wish to adjust to the time difference, it is possible to arrive as early as Monday 18 August.

B. New Day students and their families (1st time at Champittet)

Saturday 16 August at 10.30 am*, presentation in the St-Bernard Gym or under the oak tree on campus (depending on the weather), followed by meeting with Class Teachers, Deans, administration and parents. A buffet lunch will be available.

C. Back to school (all students)

Wednesday 20 August*

Pre School (PS) to Grade 2:	8.30 am (until 12.10 pm), new Early Years Centre “The Village” .
3 rd Grade:	8.30 am (until 12.10 pm), Gérard Payot building
Grades 4 – 8:	8.00 am (until 12.10 pm), Gérard Payot building
Grades 9 – 10, FLE 9-11:	8.00 am (until 12.10 pm), St Bernard building
11 – 14 ^{ème} , FLE 12-13:	1.15 pm (until 3.10 pm), St Bernard building

** From Saturday 16th to Wednesday 20th, expect a large number of vehicles on campus. Whenever possible, please use public transportation, bicycles, or the nearby parking areas (Quai d'Ouchy and Avenue Général-Guisan).*

On **Wednesday 20 August**, students' classes will be posted at the entrance of the buildings: students must go directly to their classrooms to receive information, schedules, and supplies from their Class Teachers.



Please note that the **Parents' Portal EcoleDirecte** will be accessible only from **Friday 22 August**, due to reasons beyond our control, related to our software provider. Timetables will be handed out in paper format.

Day care for PS to 6th Grade students: you can drop your children off as of **7.30 am** (free of charge, no registration needed), starting 20th August.

- Children in **Grades PS-2 need to be dropped off at "The Village"**.
- Children in **Grades 3-6 need to be dropped off at the entrance of the Gérard Payot building**.

For your information, all students, even those who are not registered for lunch meals, are invited to have **lunch during our "Garden Party" in the school gardens on Friday 22nd**.

[The Parents' Association \(APEC\)](#) is organising an **International Day** for students and parents on the afternoon of 22nd August, from 2.15 pm to 5.30 pm on campus.

1. Human resources

A small number of teachers will change. You will meet our new talents at the start of the school year. The new **Dean of 9-10th grades and FLE is Mrs Rachel Southorn**. **Mrs Maria Zufferey** will devote a 100% of her time to Pastoral Care and Safeguarding.

2. Pastoral Care

Students from 9th Grade onwards are required to come with their own laptop. The School's IT department can provide information on suppliers offering competitive prices: itsupport@champittet.ch. You will find the required technical specifications attached.

Students' voice: students took part in the development of a **new sports uniform**, available to all new students. The current sports uniform can still be used for a transition period of two years (school years 2025-26 and 2026-27).

3. Exam results and university destinations

Swiss Maturité stream: 93% success rate, the highest pass rate of West Switzerland's private schools. We are awaiting the results of the IB and the French Baccalaureate around 6th July.

As every year, students have been admitted to EPFL, EHL, and UNIL, UNIGE and St Gallen. On the international front, our students have also received offers from universities such as: University College London (UCL), University of Hong Kong, King's College London, Université Paris Dauphine, University of Washington, McGill University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Manchester, IE University.

4. Agenda

- The next **University Fair** (with over 100 universities expected) will take place **on Thursday October 2nd 2025 at 6.30 pm** on campus.
- **Career Day** is scheduled for **Friday 6th March 2026**.



5. Investments and renovations

Renovation work happening this summer:

- A new building / Early Years Centre named “The Village” will welcome pupils in PS, 1P and 2P grades. PS will have their own lunch area and in-class toilets.
- Corridor and classrooms in the St Bernard building,
- Close to 50 new covered bicycle places, as well as new fitness bars in the garden.

6. Summer in Switzerland

If you are looking for ways to keep your child busy this summer, the school is organising stimulating camps:

- **Holiday Club:** multisport, sciences, sailing, tennis, basketball, music, IT coding, swimming: [click here](#).
- **Summer Leadership Camp** with or without accommodation : [click here](#).

7. Campus access: please note that the City of Pully will carry out **road works on chemin de Champittet, which will be partially closed to cars until early September**. We shall send you more information just before the start of the School.

We look forward to welcoming you on campus in August. Have a wonderful summer.

Long live Champittet!

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Head of School