



Pully, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2024,

Dear Boarding Students and Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you are ready for a peaceful and restful summer break after a very busy school year. Although the beginning of the school year may seem a while away, we are readily preparing for the beginning of the next academic year and want to provide you with some very important dates and details. Please carefully read the following information to ensure a smooth start to the new term.

Our **Welcome Day for all new boarding students is on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

New boarding students and their families will be welcomed by the Boarding Management and the entire team. Our returning boarding students are expected to return by Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. **School begins on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.**

For students traveling alone, we can arrange transfers from Geneva airport and the train station. Please send us flight details as soon as possible so we can make the necessary accommodations: [boarding@champittet.ch](mailto:boarding@champittet.ch)

The **Welcome Day on Saturday, August 17, 2024** will be as follows:

- 9:00: Arrival at Collège Champittet
- 9:45: Boarding House presentation in the St. Bernard Gymnasium
- 11:00: Welcome speech by our Head of School, Mr. De Korodi
- 11:30: Check in process begins for boarding families in Café 1903
- 11:45–13:00: Lunch buffet
- Afternoon: Settling into room, tours of the grounds etc.

As part of our Boarding House inauguration, we have planned **induction days from Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for our new boarding students** so they can quickly experience something fun and exciting, as well as become familiar with their new surroundings. If parents would like to still spend some time with their child, we understand, and you may so as long as we are aware and that your child returns no later than Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> evening 17:30. For those families departing right after the welcome day, please rest assured we will take good care of your child.

**The first official weekend of the school year is August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, all boarding students, including weekly boarding students will participate in a fun day filled with watersport activities on the lake side, games and of course a tasty BBQ.** This is a great relaxing opportunity for students to play, interact and get to know each other better as well as connect with the entire Boarding staff. It is also a time where students begin to develop their sense of friendship and openness to others: values which define our Boarding House.



Please note that during the school year, we have **3 long weekends** during which we offer to visit the following cities and regions:

- **Swiss Bank holiday, September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Optional trip to Central Switzerland to experience camp like activities (included in the 7 day boarding fees)
- **Ascension Bank holiday, May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:** Optional trip to explore and experience the city of Turin, Italy (included in the 7 day boarding fees)
- **Pentecost weekend, June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Optional trip to an amusement theme park called Europa-Park in Germany (included in the 7 day boarding fees)

You should also consult online our school trips brochure where you can select weekends and trips you would like to attend. During the Welcome Day presentation, I will present the trips and explain a few important details. Parents will receive a registration link with a deadline to sign up for the various trips. Details to follow.

To ensure the smooth running of the Boarding House, we ask that you follow the procedures for weekends and holidays check out privileges. The process is as follows:

#### **Requests for a day or weekend leave**

- Permission to do so must be sent in writing to the Director of Boarding at the latest by 19:00 (Swiss time) on the Wednesday preceding the weekend.
- Parents will need to send the following information to [boarding@champittet.ch](mailto:boarding@champittet.ch)
  - contact details of the individual responsible for their child (phone, number, and address during their stay).
  - an email on behalf of the responsible individual confirming this arrangement
- No student is permitted to leave or travel alone.
- If a boarder is over the age of 16 years of age, they may leave for the weekend in groups of 3 or more providing the other students are of equal age and parental consent is given to do so with all the necessary details.
- Boarding students are responsible to make their own arrangements and must return to the Boarding House before 17:30 on Sunday and/or Monday if on a long weekend.
- Once boarding students leave the Boarding House, we relinquish all responsibility until the boarder returns to the Boarding House.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Collège Champittet in August. I am certain the upcoming academic year will be both fulfilling and rewarding. Should you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us ([boarding@champittet.ch](mailto:boarding@champittet.ch) or via telephone **+41 79 701 56 68**). We will be more than happy to assist you in any way we can.

Warm regards,

Tiziana Patella

Director of Boarding