

The Swiss School Open to the World

Cambridge English Foundation Year (CEFY)

For 8th to 10th grades

This programme is designed for students in 8th to 10th grades (6–8)* who need to strengthen their English language abilities in order to enroll in our Pre-IB section.

Students will be able to seamlessly transition to our mainstream Pre-IB programme in 9th-11th grades (7-9)* by developing strong linguistic and academic skills during the CEFY, without having to repeat a school year.

By concentrating on the following key learning areas, students can raise their language proficiency to the CEFR B1 level while learning the main contents of the 8th-10th grades (6-8)* curriculum in a ground-breaking interdisciplinary and practical way.

Key learning areas

Language

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Sciences

Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, STEAM

Culture and wellbeing

Juilliard curriculum: music, dance, drama, sound and image Sports

Language immersion beyond the classroom

Through co-curricular learning opportunities, like boarding afternoon ateliers and cultural activities, the students will be completely immersed in the everyday use of the English language.

Additionally, one entire afternoon per week is dedicated to the discovery of the key curriculum contents within the school's beautiful region and beyond.

This programme is validated as a regular academic year and allows students to be promoted to the next grade after completing it.

Admissions criteria

Programme available for students enrolling in 8th – 10th grades (6 – 8*)

For August intake: No prior knowledge of English is required (students' English level must be inferior to A2/B1)

For January intake: A2 English level is required

No prior knowledge of French is required

Programme duration



Schedule example - CEFY 10th grade

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Monday	
08:00 - 08:55	CLASS ADVISORY
09:00 - 09:55	ENGLISH
10:15 - 12:10	SPORTS
13:15 - 14:10	ENGLISH
14:15 - 15:10	JUILLIARD
15:30 - 18:25	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Tuesday	
08:00 - 09:55	ENGLISH
10:15 - 12:10	MATHS
13:15 - 15:10	ENGLISH
15:30 - 18:25	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Wednesday	
08:00 - 09:55	ENGLISH
10:15 - 12:10	MATHS
Thursday	
08:00 - 09:55	ENGLISH
10:15 - 12:10	SOCIAL SCIENCES
13:15 - 18:25	OUR REGION
Friday	
08:00 - 09:55	ENGLISH
10:15 - 11:10	NATURAL SCIENCES
13:15 - 15:10	MIT STEAM (Sciences, Technology,
	Egineering, Arts and Maths)
15:30 - 18:25	EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

^{*} American system equivalence