LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND



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EDUCATION WITH **IMPACT**

Since 1961, Leysin American School in Switzerland has rooted itself in its family-run identity. Founded by a family of educators inspired to bring students together across cultures in the aftermath of World War II, LAS benefits from the strategic oversight and genuine love that the school's original caretakers have passed along through the decades.

For three generations, the Ott family and a team of talented educators have nurtured students from around the world, motivating them to reach their highest potential in academics and extracurriculars. Under their thoughtful stewardship, LAS has grown into the place it is today—a sprawling alpine campus that is home to over 300 students from across the globe, world-class teachers, and an international family of over 8,000 alumni.

Our success stems from the vision of founders Fred and Sigrid Ott—to create an international high school with an American curriculum that prepares students for university, all while allowing them to grow and learn with peers from around the world. At LAS, students develop into the best versions of themselves, become true citizens of the world, and have the adventure of a lifetime in a secure, inspiring location!







THE LAS **MISSION**

Developing innovative, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world.



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AN **INDIVIDUALIZED** PROGRAM

At LAS, we pride ourselves on offering an academic program for grades 7-12 that caters to the unique needs and aspirations of each individual student. Our individualized approach means that every student follows an academic pathway based on their skills, interests, and university goals. With a range of options, including IB, AP, Pre-AP, hybrid programs, ELA programs, and a flexible curriculum, LAS empowers students to reach their full potential and achieve success in their future endeavors. Our academic advisors consider each student's abilities and goals before placing them in the most suitable courses, providing the best fit for their individual situation.









100%
International Baccalaureate Pass Rate

45
Highest IB Score (out of 45)

10
Average Class Size at LAS

230
Classes / Sections at LAS Each Year

95
Total Number of AP Exams Taken at LAS



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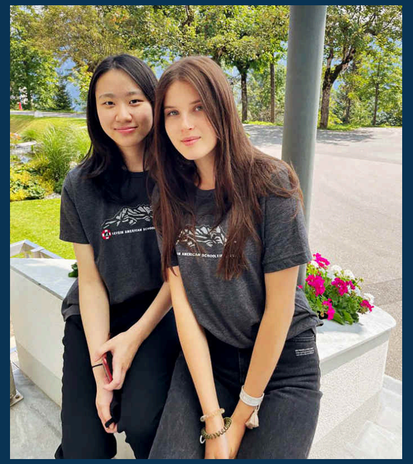

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Leadership Program creates independent thinkers who can effect positive change in the LAS community. We offer a variety of opportunities to ensure that every student can participate in a meaningful way.

Senior Proctors · Student Council · Mountain Leadership · Team Captains · Club Leaders · Dorm Prefects · Big Program · Ambassadors · SAFE Reps · Tour Guides

300	50	20	8000
Number of Students at LAS	Student Leaders at LAS	Global Family Events Per Year	Alumni from 112 Countries

A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT

Faculty Families play an essential role at LAS. Each year, we assign our students to a "family" consisting of two or three Faculty Parents and fellow students. The Faculty Family serves two primary functions—it helps students navigate the world of LAS and encourages students to make new friends beyond their classroom peer groups. Sometimes our Faculty Families meet during the academic day to allow Faculty Parents to check in with each of their students. Other times our Faculty Families will meet for a social event or multi-day excursion (a dinner, tobogganing, a movie night, or a short trip). LAS Faculty Parents work hard to support each student's social, emotional, and academic well-being.

Our close-knit community allows students to develop deep bonds with their peers and faculty that can last decades beyond their time on campus. LAS alumni stay connected with their favorite faculty members, best friends, and roommates long after their time at LAS has ended. Once you are part of the LAS Global Family, you are always a part of the LAS Global Family! Today, the LAS Global Family is a community of 8,000 alumni worldwide who love to gather and support each other.







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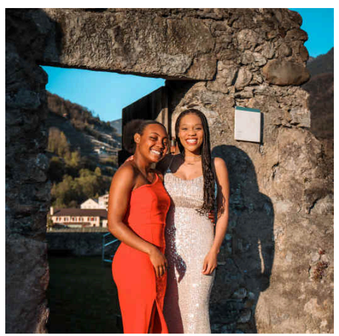
AN INCREDIBLE **RESIDENTIAL** COMMUNITY















LAS cultivates a stable, caring, and supportive family-like environment. Welcome home! 100% of our students live on campus and find their home away from home in one of our six dormitories. Each LAS dorm is home to several live-in and visiting faculty members called Dorm Parents, and these staff members provide our students with the guidance, care, and support they need to succeed. Because each LAS dorm caters to a different age group, we ensure that dorm life is fun and appropriate for every student. Dormitories are fully equipped with home-like amenities, including a kitchen, common area, and fully furnished rooms where students can live and study comfortably.

Of course, we offer so much more than comfort and support in our vibrant residential community. We also want our students to have fun! From ski events in the snowy winter to our Dorm Olympics, Cowbell Games, or our International Week celebration, we create plenty of opportunities for students to relax, unwind, and enjoy life at LAS!

6	100%	1:4	80
Student Dormitories	Faculty Living on Campus	Faculty to Student Ratio	House Parents Across Six Dorms

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ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Here at LAS, we mean it when we say the possibilities are endless.

Athletic and activity offerings range from leisure paddleboarding on Lake Geneva to world-class ski training, allowing our students to choose a level of activity that best suits their needs. So whether our students are playing football against rival schools, hiking in the Alps, or playing in the rock band, we know they will find an activity they love! Of course, we offer academic and community service activities as well, including Model United Nations (MUN), National Honor Society, Habitat for Humanity, and the LAS Student Council, to name just a few.





16	70	100 km	4
Competitive teams & individual sports at LAS	Extracurricular Activities	Ski pistes available on our home mountain	Days per week that students can ski & snowboard

WINTER IN THE ALPS

Winter is a special time in the Swiss Alps! From ice climbing and alpine mountaineering to skiing and snowboarding, students can fully enjoy the winter season here at LAS.

One of the best ways to appreciate the grandeur of our alpine location is through our ski and snowboard program. During the ski season, the entire school heads to the mountain after lunch every Tuesday and Thursday to enjoy an afternoon on the slopes! Our ski and snowboard program allows students to learn a new skill and experience the best of Switzerland's alpine environment. Of course, our location gives us easy access to some of the best alpine destinations in the world, and LAS students enjoy regular trips to world-class destinations such as Zermatt, Verbier, Saas-Fee, and Crans-Montana.







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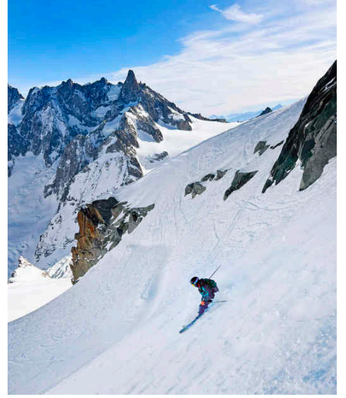



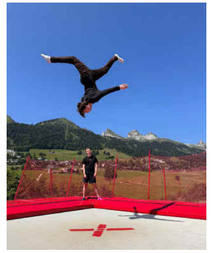



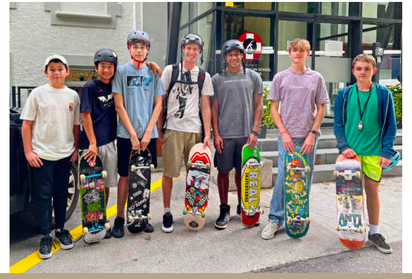
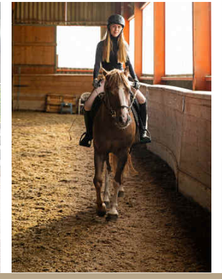

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CULTURAL **ADVENTURES**

Whether you are excited about active international adventures or cultural immersions in some of Europe's most popular cities, at LAS, the world is truly at your fingertips! Our students have quick access to the incredible beauty of the European continent and the world beyond through our curated travel programs, including cultural trips, weekend excursions, and day travel.

Our students might read about ancient Greek history one week and then tour the ancient ruins in Athens the next! Recent student trips include an Italian art and culinary experience in Venice, service work in Zimbabwe, scuba diving in Cyprus, French language immersion in Monaco, Theory of Knowledge (TOK) studies in Florence, and team building through Outward Bound in Germany.

No matter where the adventure takes them, LAS students can connect with their peers while discovering traditions, languages, and experiences that are different from theirs. These experiences allow them to gain a more intricate understanding of the world and their place in it while developing into independent, globally-minded young adults.

33
Overnight Trips Offered Per Year

2
Cultural Trips Per Year

14
Countries Visited by LAS Trips Per Year

133
Weekend Activities & Day Trips Offered Per Year



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UNIVERSITY ADVISING:

HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR BEST FIT

We take pride not only in educating stellar students but also attracting the attention of strong universities. Our university advisors begin working with students in grade 9, building relationships that focus on character and personal excellence. Since every student has different interests, academic needs, talents, and personalities, the LAS university advisors recognize the need to personalize a plan to help each student develop a realistic and balanced list of universities. At LAS, our philosophy is to guide students in their quest to find the pathway and the university plan that "best fits" their abilities, interests, and needs.





69%

Top 100 universities accepting LAS students (as chosen by the Times Higher Education in their World University Rankings Top 100 list)

83%

Russell Group Universities (UK universities with a focus on research and academic achievement) accepting LAS students

% of LAS Students Matriculating to Each Region:

CANADA 3%

CONTINENTAL EUROPE 36%

USA 29%

UK 22%

WORLDWIDE 6%

GAP YEAR 2%

OTHER 2%

SWITZERLAND AND BEYOND

Welcome to Leysin, our picturesque mountain home in the heart of the Swiss Alps.

Time in Leysin is best enjoyed outside, and our students take full advantage of our beautiful alpine environment. Of course, the fantastic skiing options often come to mind first, but Leysin truly shines year-round. From mountain biking to hiking, Leysin is a world-class destination for outdoor recreation in any season! On any given weekend, students enjoy canyoning, paragliding, climbing, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, swimming, and so much more.

Our campus is just a short drive away from three international airports and all the major cultural centers of Europe. Within a few hours of leaving our front doors, you could find yourself wandering historic cobbled streets in Austria, swimming in crystal clear lakes in Italy, or enjoying a cosmopolitan city experience in France!



Lake Geneva
30 Minutes



Zermatt
2 Hours



Zurich
3 Hours



Milan
4 Hours



Paris
6 Hours



Cinque Terre
6 Hours



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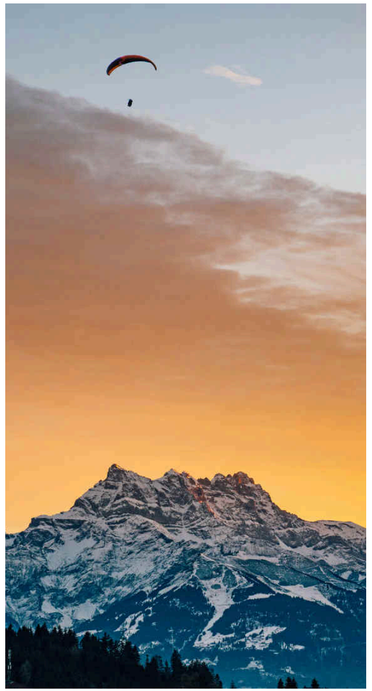



YOUR **HOME AWAY FROM HOME**

First, you will notice the incredible view that greets you everywhere on campus. Our campus is in one of the prettiest spots in the Swiss Alps, and year after year, our alumni tell us that Leysin had a profound impact on their lives and their commitment to the environment.

LAS is in the middle of a region steeped in history. The town of Leysin tracks its earliest inhabitants back to Roman times, so each time you go for a hike or wander through our local area, you are walking through history! But falling in love with the history of the area is only the beginning. Whether you are munching on a fresh croissant from one of Leysin's multiple bakeries, paragliding from the top of the Berneuse Mountain, or sipping boba tea on a town park bench, you are sure to have a good time here on the Magic Mountain.

But the best part about LAS is that it feels like home, and over 60 years of LAS alumni will tell you that they found a home and family on our Magic Mountain. Schedule a visit to campus, and we are certain that you will find your home away from home, too!



SUMMER IN SWITZERLAND

AT LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL

The Summer of a Lifetime

Since 1949

THE **SUMMER** OF A LIFETIME

Have the summer of a lifetime at LAS Summer in Switzerland! Since 1949, LAS Summer in Switzerland has offered an incredible residential summer experience at our beautiful campus in the Swiss Alps. Our program combines all the elements of an incredible summer camp, and students from all over the world connect in a safe and supportive alpine community as they enjoy classes, clubs, and exceptional summer activities. Switzerland is their playground, and our weekend excursions allow our summer students to take advantage of the best that our incredible country has to offer.

Students can take advantage of regular excursions to locations such as Zermatt, Bern, Interlaken, and Zurich. These trips allow students to explore and learn about Switzerland while making memories and trying new things!

Most of our students say that living with other students is their favorite part of summer school. LAS Summer allows students to make lifelong friendships with peers from all around the world!

Join us, and see why so many of our campers return year after year! Contact to learn more.

Summer in Switzerland
at Leysin American School

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