



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL  
IN SWITZERLAND

# SUMMER PROGRAMS

FOR AGES 4-18

LANGUAGES • CULTURE • SPORTS • ADVENTURE • TRAVEL • FRIENDSHIPS





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**Boarding:** CHF 8500

**Day:** CHF 5100

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Intensive French

Academic Writing

Digital Photography & Filmmaking

Architecture & Design

Fine Art Portfolio

Musical Theater

Lean Startup Masterclass

### 2ND SESSION:

**SUNDAY, JULY 24–SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022**

**Boarding:** CHF 7000

**Day:** CHF 4200

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**Boarding:** CHF 8500

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English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Intensive French

Italian

Academic Writing

Musical Theater

Digital Photography

STEAM

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**Boarding:** CHF 7000

**Day:** CHF 4200

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Intensive French

Italian

Academic Writing

Musical Theater

Digital Photography

STEAM

## LE CHÂTEAU DES ENFANTS (CDE): AGES 4–10

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**Boarding:** CHF 8500

**Day:** CHF 4100 (full day); CHF 3300 (partial day)

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

French

STEAM

### 2ND SESSION:

**SUNDAY, JULY 24–SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022**

**Boarding:** CHF 7000

**Day:** CHF 3600 (full day); CHF 2900 (partial day)

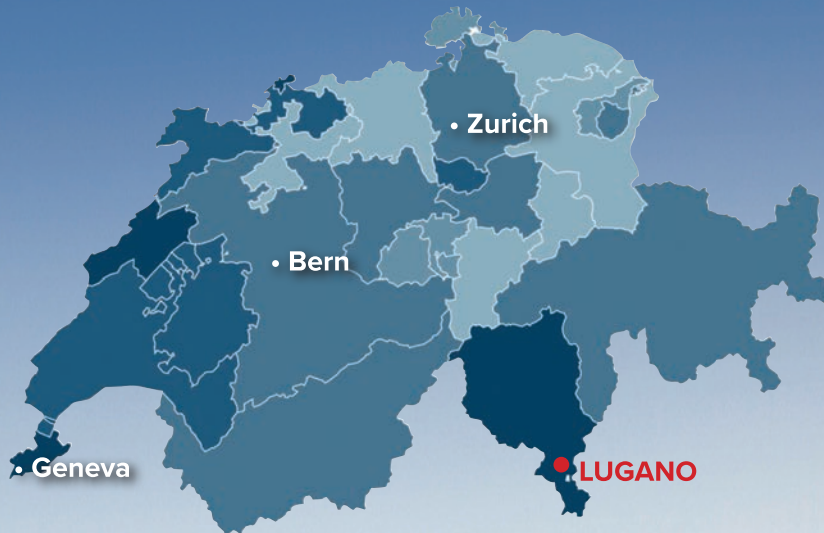
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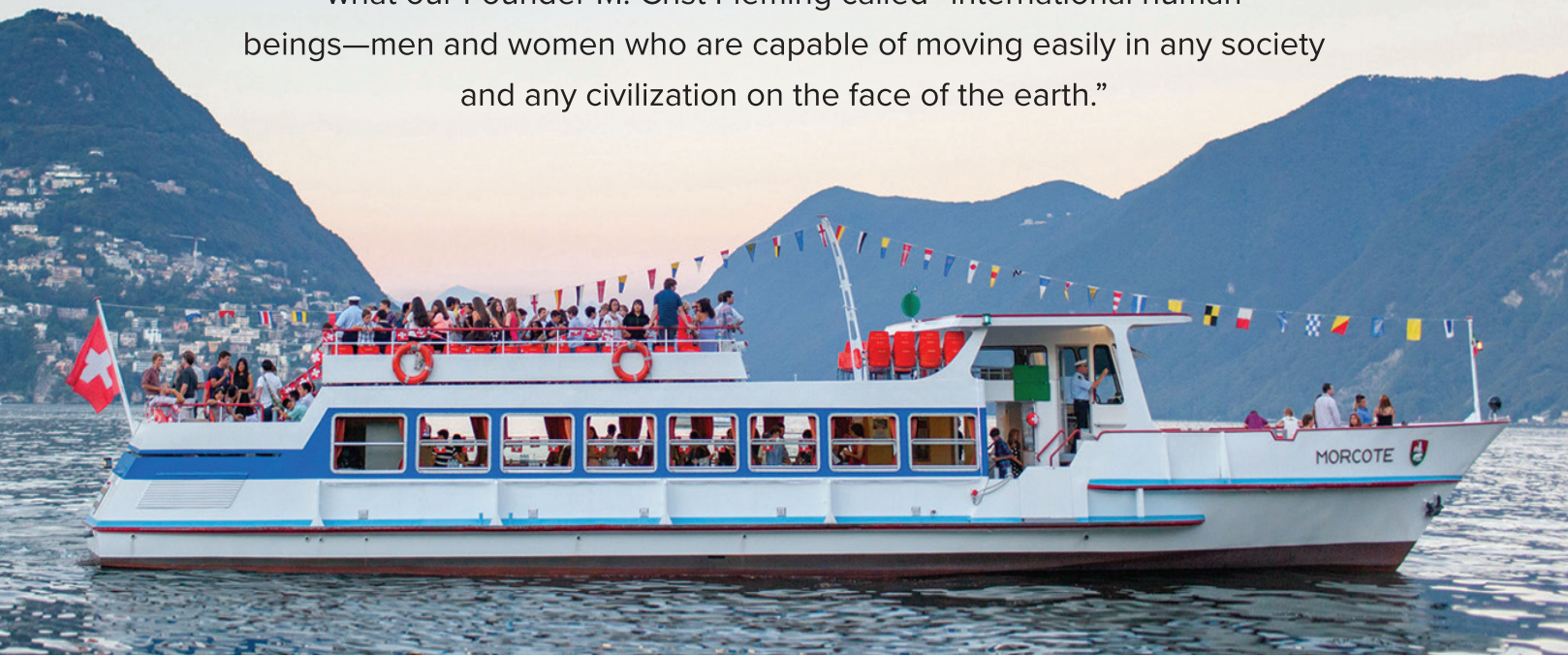


# Switzerland



Discover a vibrant global community of students who represent more than 60 nations and speak more than 30 languages.

The TESIS experience unlocks the unique potential of every student and produces what our Founder M. Crist Fleming called “international human beings—men and women who are capable of moving easily in any society and any civilization on the face of the earth.”



## BUILD LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!

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# DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF SWITZERLAND AND BEYOND

The magic begins on our campus. Perched on a hillside in sunny southern Switzerland with commanding views of snow-capped mountains, palm trees, and Lake Lugano, our ever-evolving global village comprises 25 buildings dating from the historic 17th-century Villa De Nobili to the state-of-the-art Campo Science Center.

Capitalizing on our location in the heart of Europe, our travel program will introduce you to majestic natural settings—from the Swiss Alps to the Italian lakes to the Mediterranean coast—and to stunning European cities, including Basel, Florence, Milan, Nice, Rome, Siena, Venice, Andermatt, Zermatt, and Zurich.



## WHERE WILL YOU GO?



# RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

- Go canyoning in Cresciano • Raft down the Rhine River
- Hike the Jungfrau • Ice climb the Furka Glacier in Andermatt
- Ride an alpine slide on Monte Tamaro • Kayak on the Ticino River
- Waterski on Lake Lugano • Paddleboard on Lake Maggiore



WHAT ADVENTURES WILL YOU CHOOSE?



# DEVELOP YOUR MIND

While our programs provide plenty of time to play and explore, most mornings are dedicated to traditional classroom learning with a first-rate team of dedicated educators. Among other options, you can take intensive courses in Italian, French, or English as an Additional Language; build

an academic writing portfolio; prepare for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program; learn how to cook like an Italian; develop your own lean startup; and study robotics, science, STEAM, digital photography, architecture & design, fashion & textile design, or musical theater.

WHAT  
WILL YOU  
LEARN?





# CREATE YOUR MASTERPIECE

Our visual and performing arts programs are designed to build confidence and bring out the artist in every child. Whether you want to star in an original musical, learn a new instrument, perform a modern dance, write your own script

or song, paint a canvas of the campus, take the perfect photo, design a poster, build an architecture model, or create a culinary masterpiece, our devoted team of professional artists and educators will help you achieve your goal.

## WHAT WILL YOU CREATE?





# THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (HSP) Ages 14–18

## LEARN

Challenging. Inspiring. Engaging. HSP courses offer you the opportunity to stretch your mind alongside new friends from around the world. Each student selects one of the following courses and focuses on that subject for approximately four hours each weekday morning. In addition, most students select a morning activity class from our menu of visual arts, performing arts, and STEAM offerings.

### ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

English courses are structured to improve fluency and confidence in an immersive environment. Lessons are reinforced through daily interactions with friends and counselors. Courses are offered for students of all English-speaking levels.

### ACADEMIC WRITING

Students practice the various forms of writing that are expected at quality international schools and universities. Classes focus on structuring and writing narrative, expository, persuasive, and research essays, and students leave with a portfolio of work that will enhance their school applications. This course is limited to native speakers or near-fluent students who are taught primarily in English during the academic year.

### INTENSIVE FRENCH

The French program is focused on providing an accelerated environment for learning the French language and learning about Francophone culture. Students develop speaking, reading, and writing skills and learn about French food, culture, songs, and films. Courses include beginner and intermediate levels.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PREP

This course is designed for students entering their first year of the IB. Students learn about the three core components of the IB program (Theory of Knowledge; the Extended Essay; and Creativity, Activity, Service) and develop their research, presentation, and academic writing skills. The class also discusses how to stay on track in the IB Diploma Program through realistic goal-setting and time management. Students must have at least an intermediate level of English and need to bring a laptop. This











course is limited to native speakers or near-fluent students who are taught primarily in English during the academic year. *Second session only.*

### LEAN STARTUP MASTERCLASS

Guided by an experienced teacher and the build-measure-learn feedback loop, students learn the basic principles of the lean startup approach, examine how the digital innovation explosion has rapidly changed the way an entrepreneur must approach starting a new business, identify which skills are most important in this new landscape, and ultimately develop their own ideas into a startup. A laptop is required. Prerequisite: intermediate English level. If a student does not meet the minimum language requirement, he or she will be placed in the appropriate EAL class. *First session only.*



### MUSICAL THEATER

Students lift their musical theater skills in this comprehensive course taught by our excellent performing arts team. This course concentrates on high-quality music, dancing, and acting classes that help prepare the students for an original musical experience, crafted for and by them. This one-of-a-kind musical theater program includes a demanding rehearsal schedule and elevates the performers to reach beyond their limits to create a unique summer arts experience.

### FINE ART PORTFOLIO

This intensive drawing and painting course offers young artists the unique opportunity to learn and practice techniques taught in 19th-century French art academies. The classic approach allows students to enhance both their artistic skills and portfolios and is an excellent option for students preparing to enter art school or for those studying AP or IB Art. Applicants are required to submit a recommendation from an art teacher. Prerequisite: intermediate English level. If a student does not meet the minimum language requirement, he or she will be placed in the appropriate EAL class. *First session only.*



### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMMAKING

This course is an introduction to the technical and aesthetic properties of digital photography and filmmaking with an emphasis on using a digital





camera as a tool for self-expression. Students learn how to process images and film with the tools offered in Adobe Creative Cloud, and trips around the region provide opportunities to practice shooting among some of the most beautiful and dramatic scenery in Europe. Students must bring their own DSLR camera. Prerequisite: intermediate English level. If a student does not meet the minimum language requirement, he or she will be placed in the appropriate EAL class.

#### ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

This course introduces students to the disciplines of architecture and design. Classwork includes studying and sketching architecture of the 19th and 20th centuries from slides and creating several models that are displayed during the Summer Arts Festival. A required weekend trip takes the class to Weil-am-Rhein Germany to explore the renowned Vitra Design Museum. Prerequisite: intermediate English level. If a student does not meet the minimum language requirement, he or she will be placed in the appropriate EAL class. *First session only at an additional cost of CHF 650 to cover the field trip.*

#### FASHION & TEXTILE DESIGN

This course introduces students to the fascinating world of fashion design and illustration. Students gain an understanding of the design process by engaging in fashion illustration, natural indigo dyeing, silk painting, and block printing while becoming more confident in design. Students develop an awareness of major sustainability issues in today's industry and learn ways to be more conscious consumers. The class has the opportunity to visit local fashion offices and museums. Prerequisite: intermediate English level. If a student does not meet the minimum language requirement, he or she will be placed in the appropriate EAL class. *Second session only.*

#### LA CUCINA ITALIANA

Learn to cook authentic Italian food! Students choose ingredients at Italian markets, tour Italian cheese and meat factories, practice knife skills, and learn how to perfectly balance spices. They leave with an extensive knowledge of the food culture of Italy—and with a few recipes to use for years to come! *Second session only.*

*I would like to praise the TASIS team for providing our daughter for a one in a lifetime experience! All was highly organized, the campus and town of Lugano were spectacular, the staff friendly and helpful. We are very pleased with her experience at TASIS Switzerland.*

**HSP Parent**





## EXPLORE

Hike the Jungfrau. Sketch in Venice. Climb a glacier. Eat in Rome. Explore Nice. Go canyoning, whitewater rafting, or kayaking. With a location in the heart of Europe, the HSP travel program introduces you to beautiful and exciting destinations—from the Italian lakes to the Swiss Alps to the Mediterranean coast.

## PLAY

Afternoons at HSP are devoted to sports, the arts, travel excursions, outdoor adventures, and other activities. Go windsurfing, paddleboarding, sailing, or swimming on the Italian lakes; play tennis, soccer,

basketball, or volleyball; or improve your fitness and flexibility with yoga or Pilates. Dance, drama, film production, and musical theater options are also available and culminate with performances during the Summer Arts Festival.

Special sport tracks are available at an extra cost. You may choose to participate in our **Olimpia Milano Basketball Club**, where coaches from the Olimpia Milano Armani Junior Program focus on improving physical strength, fitness, and confidence; in the **Milan Academy Scuola Calcio**, which offers the opportunity to work with coaches from the renowned AC Milan Club; in **Crossfit**, a program consisting of aerobic exercise, calisthenics, and weightlifting; or in **Golf** by playing beautiful courses in Italy and Switzerland.

*The memories that TASIS leaves in my life keep me coming back year after year. It's such an experience to come here every summer. Every time I come here I leave with bright emotions in my soul. I come back and the memories hit me. This is my family now.*

**Nikita, Russia**



# GROW

One of the most important aspects of HSP is friendship, and global friendships help us become global citizens. Where else can students meet peers from more than 60 countries who quickly become a second family?

The boarding program at HSP reflects the tradition of TASIS as one of the world's most exclusive boarding schools. Students are housed in spacious dorms on campus, and after a structured day of learning and sports, they enjoy an array of fun evening activities together.

Above all, HSP students are immersed in the values that TASIS holds most dear—culture, wisdom, knowledge, and truth—as they strive to unlock their full potential.

*The trips, the people,  
the languages—it's all special.  
TASIS is a part of the world where  
all people can come and learn  
about themselves.*  
*Sofia, Italy*





# THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (MSP) Ages 11–13

## LEARN

Stretch your mind and develop new skills with first-rate teachers and inquisitive students from around the globe. Each student selects one of the following courses and focuses on that subject for approximately four hours for five mornings each week.

### ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

MSP offers students the chance to improve their confidence and skills in English. The program language is English, so TASIS offers an immersive language experience for children. Our teachers make learning fun by providing interactive, challenging activities, and the MSP environment compels students to practice their English during sports, activities, meals, and excursions. Courses cater to all levels.

### ACADEMIC WRITING

Designed for native speakers and students who attend a school where the primary language is English, this course encourages young writers to express themselves in English. Students improve their writing through learning how to structure and write essays, short stories, and persuasive texts. They discuss what makes good creative writing and strengthen their comprehension and critical thinking skills.

### ITALIAN

Ticino, the only Italian-speaking Swiss canton, is the perfect environment for learning conversational Italian. Students build their vocabulary and learn to write about topics in the areas of fashion, food, art, and culture. They reinforce their classroom learning with excursions to locations throughout Ticino and Italy. Courses include beginner and intermediate levels.

### INTENSIVE FRENCH

Students learn from native speakers who are dedicated to helping them gain confidence in their skills. Optional trips to the French-speaking part of Switzerland provide a chance to use the language with locals. Courses include beginner and intermediate levels.





*Please note that there is a minimum English language requirement for the following three courses. Students are tested on the first day of the program and may be placed in an appropriate English course instead.*

### **MUSICAL THEATER**

In this one-of-a-kind course, students engage in high-quality acting, singing, and dancing classes, working alongside professional teaching artists. Students who are more interested in the production side of theater may choose to focus on costume design, lighting, sound design, and production design. All students are encouraged to be involved in the final performance at the Summer Arts Festival.

### **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

An experienced photographer works with students who are looking to make every photograph a better one. The curriculum focuses on camera features, composition, lighting techniques, and image processing, and the class takes various trips to scenic locations around Ticino. Students must bring their own DSLR camera.

### **STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH)**

The STEAM course draws upon elements of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to inspire and challenge students to think creatively. Hands-on activities and design challenges encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This course solidifies the math and science skills needed for high school, extending to projects using technology and engineering skills through robotics and 3D printing. This course is taught using the STEAM approach and is designed for near-fluent and native English speakers.







## EXPLORE

Climb up a mountain and take a zip-line down. Jump off a rock while canyoning. Pose with a peacock in a garden on Lago Maggiore. Watch an opera in Verona's Roman amphitheater. Taste fresh cheese and olive oil in Tuscany. MSP offers travel experiences that open your mind and broaden your world.

### HIKES

Spending time outdoors is an important part of the MSP experience. Students go on hikes at the beginning of each session that explore the local area, and hiking is a part of many of our MSP trips in Ticino and beyond. Children are able to connect with their peers, counselors, and teachers in meaningful ways as they explore nature together.

### DAY TRIPS

Weekends are reserved for travel. Among other options, adventure lovers can go canyoning, caving, or swimming in icy Alpine waters while culture enthusiasts can explore Milan, Como, or Lucerne. Day trips immerse students in the cultures of Switzerland and Italy.







## OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Overnight trips are an exciting blend of cultural and adventure activities. Trips may include ice climbing to an alpine hut near Andermatt, camping in the lush Swiss mountains, exploring the French-speaking region of Château-d'Oex, strolling the Italian coast between Santa Margherita and Portofino, visiting charming Tuscan hill towns, and marveling at the Matterhorn peak from Zermatt. These trips are a wonderful opportunity to bond with friends while experiencing a new part of the world.

## PLAY

During afternoons, MSP students have a **Sports** track. Options include archery, tennis, windsurfing, climbing, waterskiing, volleyball, and more, ensuring that students spend time exercising and learning to stretch themselves physically.

Those looking to take their athletic skills to the next level can join an **MSP Sports Club**. Students can train with professional soccer coaches from the renowned AC Milan Club in the Milan Academy

*I really like the trips we take. I went to the Italian Riviera and to Andermatt.  
I love to hike and to see beautiful sights. It was a great experience that I'll never forget.*

**Gabriela, Finland**





Scuola Calcio, work with first-rate basketball coaches in the Olimpia Milano Basketball Club, refine their tennis skills, or hone their golf games. Participation is at an extra cost.

**Evening activities** give students a chance to relax, play games, and spend time with friends. Every week features a cultural night, and other activities throughout the session include a World Cup soccer tournament, a giant game of Capture the Flag, and a semi-formal dance.

**Enrichment Afternoons** are once a week, when each teacher takes a group of students and immerses them in a structured non-academic lesson

that stretches their knowledge. Topics include first aid, touch rugby, healthy eating, exploring local biodiversity, and visiting the Bellinzona castles.

Saturday afternoons are spent doing **Leadership and Adventure Games**, including a regatta on Lake Lugano and the TASIS Olympics.

On Sundays, all students work on **Special Cultural Projects** that include planning and executing a Carnivale and producing a World Expo featuring food, music, dance, and more. These fun projects require teamwork and leadership and allow students to use their target language or musical theater skills in a variety of situations.

*I have friends from Turkey, Turkmenistan, Russia, Japan, China, the USA—loads of places. There are so many similarities between us, no matter where we're from. We're all the same. We really get close to each other in three weeks.*

**Lila, France**



# GROW

Meet new friends from around the globe while exploring some of the most beautiful and exciting areas in Europe, challenging yourself physically, and expanding your horizons in the classroom. MSP will broaden your world.

Pastoral care is integral to the boarding program and allows MSP students to thrive as independent young people. Housed at one of the world's renowned boarding campuses, MSP gives students the remarkable opportunity to be away from home within a nurturing and structured environment. The TASIS ethos of culture, wisdom, knowledge, and truth remains central to the program.

For many MSP students, this is the first time away from home and represents an intense period of growth. Our dedicated staff is trained to support our boarders through this transition. Students are housed with peers from countries and cultures unlike their own, encouraging cultural exchange and global friendships.

After a full day of classwork and activities, students spend their evenings enjoying group activities before nightly dormitory meetings.





# LE CHÂTEAU DES ENFANTS (CDE) Ages 7–10

## LEARN

Diverse. Nurturing. Fun. At CDE, learning happens through interaction and exploration. Small class sizes allow our dynamic teachers to engage the children through the use of songs, games, and hands-on activities. With a class full of peers from all over the world, it's bound to be an unforgettable summer!

Morning class time is used for intensive instruction while afternoon class time is reserved for the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Hour to encourage curiosity and learning across these disciplines.

Each CDE student enrolls in one of the following courses, each of which meets for around three hours per day. All students are tested on the first day of classes to ensure they are placed in the class where they will be the most successful.

### FRENCH

Our French course introduces children to the languages and cultures of French-speaking countries. Learning continues outside the classroom, as students sit together at meals to gain additional speaking practice and attend weekly field trips together. During afternoon class time, students participate in STEAM Hour with their French teacher. The French course is designed for beginner or intermediate French language learners.

### ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Our EAL course is a truly immersive English language learning experience, as English is the language of instruction and communication program-wide.

Small class sizes and strategic grouping ensure differentiated lessons for our young learners. During morning class time, children learn new academic language and vocabulary, participate in group projects, and engage in field trips that give them the chance to use their language in the real world. In the afternoon, students participate in STEAM Hour with their EAL teacher. The EAL course is designed for beginner, intermediate, or advanced English language learners who wish to establish or develop their English speaking and listening skills. Also offered is an **Advanced Reading and Creative Writing** course for high-level English students and native speakers.

### STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH)

Our STEAM course challenges students through project-based learning meant to boost student inquiry, dialogue, and problem-solving. This course draws upon the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Students learn foundational principles in math and science through design challenges and hands-on activities. This course is taught using a STEAM approach in both morning and afternoon class time and is designed for near-fluent and native English speakers who wish to bolster their critical thinking and communication skills.











## EXPLORE

Observe the skies at a local planetarium. Hike high above beautiful Lake Lugano. Explore the depths of an ancient cave. Watch Swiss chocolatiers work their magic. Visit the historical Bellinzona castles. CDE gives students the unique opportunity to explore Switzerland while forming strong bonds of friendship with peers from around the world.

### TRIPS

Every week, children go on a local excursion with their classmates to experience the delights of Lugano and the surrounding area. This could include a forest nature walk, a trip to the local children's museum, or a pedal boat ride on Lake Lugano. Boarding students spend their Sundays further afield, visiting the Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne, the Parco San Grato botanical gardens in Corona, and, a rainy-day favorite, the Splash and Spa water park in Rivera!

### CAMPING (AGES 10+)

One of the highlights of the summer for our oldest children is a camping trip to a site in the foothills of the Alps, just 25 minutes from campus. The trip helps children build confidence as they help with setting up tents and preparing meals—and even learn to make S'mores by a campfire!

## PLAY

Play is an integral part of childhood, and we believe in children having a choice of activities. In the morning, students choose from a variety of recreational activities. In the afternoon, they take part in a performing or visual arts course and choose between a number of creative activities, all of which aim to support language learning and expose children to new experiences.

### MORNING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Students have the option to partake in a number of daily recreational activities. **Sports** choices may include soccer, basketball, yoga, hiking, cooperative games, or swimming. **Environmental science** activities provide students with multiple ways to engage with the ever-present natural world, and **robotics** lessons introduce students to the exciting world of coding.





### AC MILAN CLUB & TENNIS JUNIOR CAMP

CDE students may also choose to take part in two intensive, four-day sports programs taught by highly qualified coaches during our morning recreational time:

- Milan Academy Scuola Calcio gives children the opportunity to learn from coaches from the distinguished club AC Milan.
- Tennis Junior Camp helps children improve their tennis skills by working with local professional coaches.

### AFTERNOON FINE ARTS

We believe that all children are artists at heart. Our afternoon performing and visual arts courses and activities allow students to stretch themselves in creative ways. Students showcase their work at the Summer Arts Festival during the final week of each session.

**Performing arts** opportunities include singing, dance, drama, ukulele, percussion, and even performing in an original musical!

Our **visual arts** teachers allow children to express themselves through a variety of mediums, from painting to photography to ceramics.

## GROW

CDE is proud to attract students from dozens of countries, truly bringing the world to your child. Our young learners delight in learning about each other's cultures. They continuously grow in their understanding of their place in this world, as both individuals and as global citizens. Staffed by caring and dedicated educators, the CDE program is a vibrant and intimate community that reflects the ethos of the TASIS schools by encouraging children to respect and learn from one another.

CDE students may attend as a **boarding student** or a **day student**. All students attend a language course, choose morning recreational activities, participate in afternoon STEAM Hour and performing or visual arts courses, and attend music classes together.

Students are encouraged to try a boarding experience in a safe and nurturing environment. With the support and guidance of our highly trained staff, children gain a sense of independence and improved confidence. Day students who are curious about the experience are welcome to try a sleepover weekend on campus.

*TASIS is magic! Children don't want to come back home! It is an extraordinary, fantastic, wonderful place with a great team, a gorgeous landscape, and beautiful-hearted people. It has been a real family to our children, and the children are so happy at TASIS! Really happy!*

**CDE Parent**





### BOARDING STUDENTS

CDE boarders are placed with students from cultures and countries different from their own and enjoy a highly structured routine that helps them feel safe and **encourages them to find their independence**.

After dinner, counselors and teachers lead boarders in a “surprise” **evening activity** that focuses on teamwork and friendship. Favorite events include a scavenger hunt, a talent show, an outdoor movie on the lawn, and a carnival hosted by the Middle School Program.

On Saturdays, students take part in a number of exciting **Saturday Clubs**, which range from paddleboarding to chess, French cooking, and watercolor painting. **Sundays** are spent on special trips further afield.

### DAY STUDENTS

The day program provides students an exhilarating language immersion experience during **weekdays** while allowing them to spend evenings and weekends with their families.

After student drop-off, day students join the boarding students for the morning meeting, where they learn about the day’s schedule.

*Our daughter has made friends from around the world...she loved the excitement of learning.  
You have made an unimaginable impact on her, which I am sure will have a positive lifetime effect on her perspective on life.*

**CDE Parent**



# (CDE) MINNOWS Ages 4–6

## LEARN

It's never too early to become a global citizen. As the youngest members of CDE, Minnows spend their day immersed in language learning through structured and open-ended play with children from all over the world. Students quickly become a tight-knit community of diverse learners. Talented teachers create a **warm and inviting environment** where learning is **fun, interactive, and student-centered**. Parents are invited to experience this first-hand at our Open House.

Children enroll in either **English** or **French** courses. Classes meet formally for approximately one hour per day, focusing on spoken language and basic vocabulary. We ensure a balance of modeled, teacher-led lessons and open-ended, hands-on activities. Our goal is to nourish each child's natural curiosity for language learning and see them excited to continue to pursue it in the future.

## EXPLORE

**On campus**, Minnows enjoy choice time in our exploration rooms. After students learn key vocabulary in their classes, they enter spaces that are set up with multiple learning areas that encourage authentic peer-to-peer communication. Students choose which areas they wish to explore each day. Areas incorporate many facets of STEAM and may include experimenting, singing, cooking, constructing, role-playing, counting, writing, and drawing. This open-ended exploration allows teachers the opportunity to work individually with students to reinforce their usage of English or French in meaningful ways.

**Off campus**, Minnows explore the local area alongside our nurturing staff. Favorite field trips have included making cheese at an Alpine dairy farm, going on a nature walk in the Montagnola woods, touring downtown Lugano, and visiting Swissminiatur Park. Minnows also take a day trip to a mountainside campsite, where they picnic, sing camp songs, hike, and make their own S'mores!

Minnows have the opportunity to explore as either a **partial-day student** (4–6-year-olds) or a full-day student (6-year-olds only). Students in both pathways enroll in a language course, engage in age-appropriate music and art exploration, and partake in weekly morning field trips.

### Partial-Day (ages 4–6)

Our partial-day Minnows program is from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 15:00 in our beautiful Early Childhood Center, Al Focolare. Just 200 meters down the hill from the main TASIS campus, Focolare is a spacious and inviting location for learning.



### Full-Day (age 6+ only)

Our full-day Minnows program is from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 18:00. After the partial-day Minnows depart at 15:00, our full-day Minnows move up to the main campus for the afternoon. They cool off with a swim and then join the older CDE children for our performing arts and visual arts courses and singing with our CDE counselors and DPAT team.

## PLAY

In the Minnows program, play and creativity are the key ingredients in our recipe for success. Both ingredients encourage interaction, problem-solving, teachable moments, experimentation, innovation, and, of course, laughter. Above all, play bonds children and enhances verbal and non-verbal communication.

Students have the opportunity for open-ended play during choice time, where they are encouraged to choose from a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Outdoor choices focus on gross motor skills and may include playground play, sandbox construction, or kicking a soccer ball with a friend. Indoor choices focus on fine motor skills and are typically teacher-directed sensory and art experiences.

## GROW

It never ceases to amaze us just how much a young child can change and grow in only a few weeks. The children learn about each other and create their own community in which each child is valued and supported by one another. We look forward to welcoming you and your children to the Minnows!



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## TESIS ENGLAND SUMMER PROGRAM

Ages 10–17, England

- Located on a beautiful campus 18 miles southwest of London
- Courses in Geometry, Writing Enhancement, STEM, Debate & Public Speaking, British Council accredited English Language lessons, Beginners French, IELTS Review, TV Production, London Through a Lens, Fashion & Textile Design, Drawing & 3D Design, and International Business
- Weekend travel throughout Britain



## LES TAPIES ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS

Ages 13–17, France

- Hands-on study in architecture, painting & drawing, and photography
- Excursions draw on the cultural richness of the South of France
- Idyllic location in a beautifully restored, 17th-century stone hamlet in the Ardeche



## TESIS SUMMER INSTITUTE • Ages 14–18, Lugano

Launched in the summer of 2020, the TESIS Summer Institute aims to help rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors prepare for advanced levels of study—including IB and AP courses. A variety of academic offerings ranging from short, 2.5-hour courses to two-week, 30-hour courses are offered both online and on the TESIS campus in Lugano. The live classes are reserved for day students who attend TESIS during the academic year.

## LUGANO CAMPUS





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[www.tasisengland.org](http://www.tasisengland.org)



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