



THE AMERICAN SCHOOL
IN SWITZERLAND

SUMMER PROGRAMS

FOR AGES 4-17



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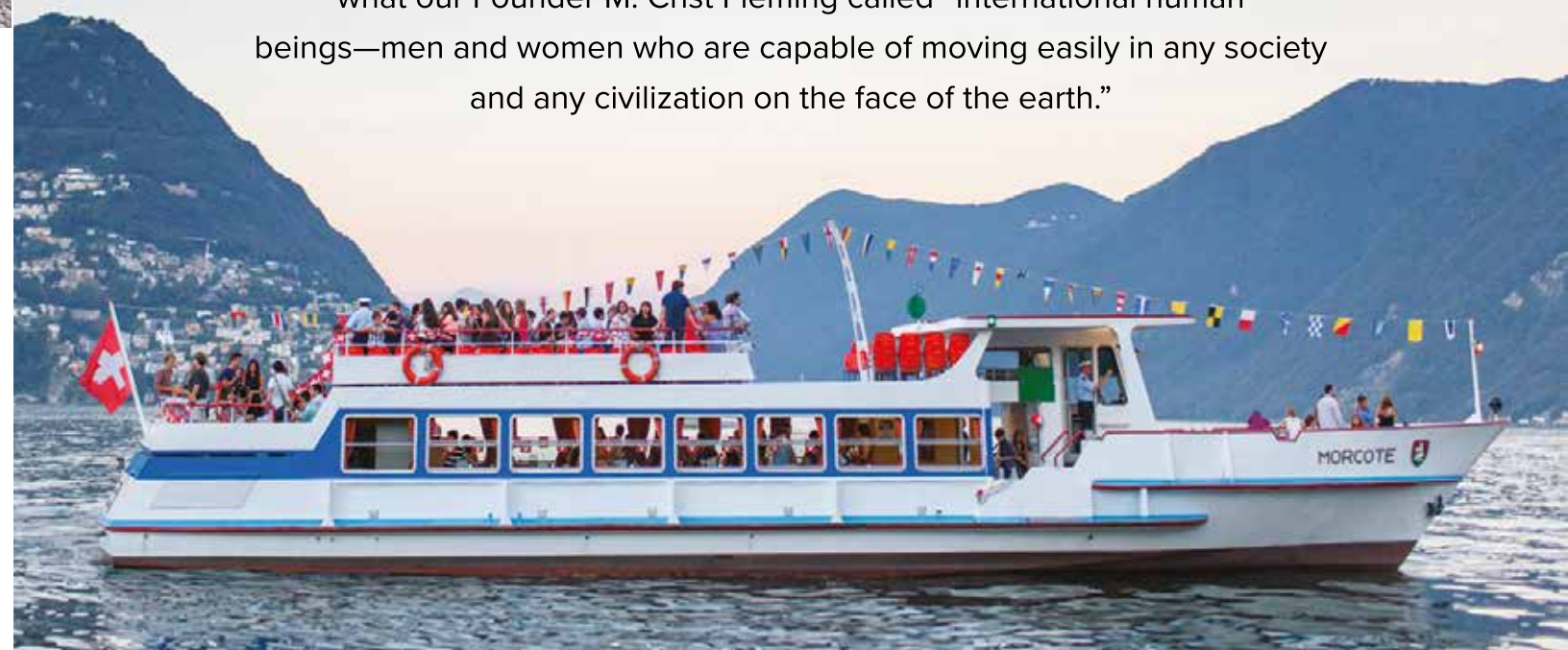


Switzerland



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

The TASIS 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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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (HSP): AGES 14–17

1ST SESSION:

SATURDAY, JUNE 24–THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

Boarding: CHF 9000

Day: CHF 5350

2ND SESSION:

SUNDAY, JULY 23–SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

Boarding: CHF 7400

Day: CHF 4400

- English as an Additional Language (EAL) • Intensive French • Academic Writing • Digital Photography
- Architecture & Design • Fine Art Portfolio • Musical Theater • Lean Startup Masterclass • Filmmaking
- International Baccalaureate Prep • La Cucina Italiana • Fashion & Design

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (MSP): AGES 11–13

1ST SESSION:

SATURDAY, JUNE 24–THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

Boarding: CHF 9000

Day: CHF 5350

2ND SESSION:

SUNDAY, JULY 23–SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

Boarding: CHF 7400

Day: CHF 4400

- English as an Additional Language (EAL) • Intensive French • Italian • Academic Writing • Musical Theater
- Digital Photography • STEAM

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

1ST SESSION: 2ND SESSION:

SATURDAY, JUNE 24–THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

Boarding: CHF 9000

Day: CHF 4300 (full day); CHF 3450 (partial day)

SUNDAY, JULY 23–SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

Boarding: CHF 7400

Day: CHF 3800 (full day); CHF 3050 (partial day)

- English as an Additional Language (EAL) • French • Italian • STEAM

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 & 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 14–17

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 primary academic course and focuses on that subject for approximately four hours each weekday morning. In addition, most students select a morning Discovery class created by our teachers to share their passions, covering topics ranging from natural history and graphic design to songwriting and science experiments.

Below is a sampling of our course offerings, which typically include language classes and a variety of courses that allow students to challenge themselves and try something new. (You can always visit tasis.ch/summer to see our most updated list of courses, sports, and activities.) Please note that an appropriate level of English is required for experiential courses, and students who do not meet this prerequisite will be placed in the appropriate EAL class.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

English courses are structured to improve fluency and

confidence in an immersive environment, and 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. A laptop is required.

INTENSIVE FRENCH

The French program is focused on providing an accelerated environment for learning the 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. This course is limited to native speakers or near-fluent students who are taught primarily in English during the academic year. A laptop is required.

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.

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. Opportunities extend beyond performance to backstage, focusing on costume and set design, stage management, and direction. 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.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

This course introduces technical and aesthetic properties of digital photography with an emphasis on using a digital camera as a tool for self-expression. Students learn how to process images 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.

FILMMAKING

Students participate in a variety of intensive filmmaking units, honing their production skills to create an original short film. Students craft their own original short film script in the Screenwriting unit, learn the basics of acting on film in the On-Screen Acting unit, and learn the craft of film production both on and off screen during the Filmmaking Lab. Students need not have any previous experience—only an interest in the process of making a story come to life through film.

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. *There is an additional cost of CHF 800 to cover the cost of the field trip.*

FASHION & 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.

LA CUCINA ITALIANA

Taught by professional chefs, this course inspires students to create their own Italian meals. Students visit markets to source local ingredients and visit local producers and a historical mill. Classes meet in a professional kitchen in downtown Lugano where students learn knife skills, food safety and hygiene, and basic principles of cooking. They leave with knowledge of the food culture of Italy and with recipes to share with friends and family.

"My daughters just returned from TASIS 10 days ago. Since then, we have been overwhelmed by their stories of activities—drama, music, talent shows, sports, trips, socials—along with their incredible counselors and, most of all, their newfound friends. I wanted to personally thank you for all of your team's work in providing our children with such an engaging and enriching summer experience. In our girls' case, it was rather life-changing!"

Parent, UK

"I am sure you will agree that, in today's world, it is increasingly challenging to allow children to be children, to engage them in productive and positive ways and to teach them how to interact 'in real life.' I sincerely believe your summer program has achieved all of this. Again, we thank you—and I am rather sure you will be seeing my daughters next year!"

Parent, Brazil



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.

Students can spend their weekends visiting cities, traipsing through the Swiss countryside, or touring world-class museums. Choose from overnight trips to destinations in Switzerland, France, and Italy or from a variety of exciting day trips.

Day trips focus on destinations that are a shorter drive from campus. City breaks to Milan, Zurich, or Lucerne include cultural tours and time to explore with friends. Adventurous students may choose from canyoning, canoeing, rafting, or caving. Or students can relax at a lido in Ascona, Locarno, or Tesserete. All trips are included in tuition, and students return to TASIS each night.

Overnight trips let students explore destinations further afield. Cultural trips may include Nice and Monaco, Venice, or Rome. Adventure trips explore the natural terrain around Zermatt, Interlaken, or Andermatt. Students stay for one or two nights. *These trips are at an extra cost.*

PLAY

Afternoons at HSP are devoted to sports, the arts, 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.

Sports clubs are available at an extra cost. You may choose to participate in sports such as **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; in **Tennis Academy** with first-rate instructors in personalized lessons; in **Golf** by playing beautiful courses in Italy and Switzerland; or in **Horseback Riding** through the remarkable Ticino terrain. Special sports are dependent on sufficient enrollment.

All students take part in singing classes and learn songs to perform at the HSP Talent Show at the end of the program. They also gather in the Palmer Cultural Center for *tutti singing*, a Karaoke-style event with a live band, one evening per week.

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 SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

We welcome families to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final days of the program! View student art, design, and science exhibits; watch the HSP Musical and Musical Showcase; and enjoy short films created by our Filmmaking students.



"This is our sixth summer, which is all the testimonial you need. What I appreciate is the age-appropriate activities and expectations, the freedom they are given within the structure of the programs. I trust the staff at TASIS completely. My children love them, and they love my children, and that's the best feeling, when you know your child is safe and cared for."

Parent, Croatia

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. Students also choose a morning Discovery class created by our teachers to share their passions, covering topics ranging from rugby to graphic design and songwriting to science experiments.

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.



"The biggest change is in my son's confidence. He is comfortable talking to new people and contributes more to conversations, even with adults. He grew up so much this summer in ways we are discovering every day."

Parent, Germany



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 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.



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. It is taught using the STEAM approach

and is designed for near-fluent and native English speakers.

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.

"I had no idea the influence TASIS would have on my children. They are still telling stories about their time at TASIS many weeks on. They look at the world differently."

Parent, Italy



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.

Day trips include exciting destinations a short drive from campus. Cultural tours include cities like Lucerne and Milan, the Alpine village of Engelberg, and the lush, genteel Borromean Islands and Villa Balbianello. Adventurous students can enjoy rafting, canyoning, and hiking trips. Or students can relax while visiting the Brissago lido or swimming at Val Verzasca. All day trips are included in the cost of tuition, and students return to campus at the end of the day.

Overnight trips give students a chance to explore destinations further afield. Trips might include ice climbing and hiking in the Alpine village of Andermatt, touring the cosmopolitan city of Zurich, or spending time on the beautiful Italian Riviera. All overnight trips come with an extra cost.

PLAY

During afternoons, MSP students have a **Sports** track. Options may include archery, tennis, windsurfing, climbing, waterskiing, volleyball, and more, ensuring that students spend time exercising and being active.

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 Scuola Calcio, refine their tennis skills, hone their golf games, or go horseback riding in the mountains. *Participation is at an extra cost.*

All students also take part in daily *Tutti Singing* classes to prepare songs to perform at the end of the session.

Leadership activities such as building a boat for a regatta on Lake Lugano, creating a Carnivale for the younger TASIS children, and producing a World Expo with food, dance, and music give students a chance to shine. Evenings include cultural events, games, a semi-formal dance, and a World Cup soccer tournament.

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.

The boarding program at HSP reflects the tradition of TASIS as one of the world's most exclusive boarding schools. Students are housed in dormitories that give them the opportunity to be away from home in a nurturing, structured environment. Roommates are from countries and cultures different to one another, encouraging cultural exchange and global friendships.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

We welcome families to join us for the **TASIS Arts Festival** on the final day of the program! View student art, design, and science exhibits; watch the MSP Musical; and enjoy songs performed by our MSP community!



*"What an amazing experience this summer was for my child! We can't stop talking about it!
It is not an exaggeration to say it was life-changing! Look forward to next summer!"*

Parent, USA

LE CHÂTEAU DES ENFANTS (CDE) Ages 7–10

LEARN

Diverse. Nurturing. Fun. At CDE, our goal is to encourage your natural curiosity. Learn alongside new friends from around the world while being immersed in languages, music, science, movement, and the arts.

Every CDE student studies one of our **three language offerings** for about two hours each day with passionate educators from around the world. Classes are highly active, student-centric, and cooperative, and they include cultural elements alongside language use.

ENGLISH

CDE offers a truly immersive English-language learning experience. English is the language of instruction and communication program-wide, and the courses offer students time to practice and build on their existing skills. Class sizes are small and cater to beginning, intermediate, and advanced learners.

FRENCH

This course introduces students to a variety of French-speaking countries and cultures while focusing on vocabulary and phrases that help students build their confidence. This course is designed for beginning or intermediate learners.

ITALIAN

CDE Italian classes are immersed in the culture and language of Ticino, the only Italian-speaking Swiss canton. This course teaches vocabulary and phrases that children can use when off-campus (learning how to order gelato is a favorite) as well as Italian culture. It is designed for beginning or intermediate learners.

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

All children also attend STEAM hour every afternoon, focusing on creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

EXPLORE

Observe the skies at a local planetarium. Hike high above beautiful Lake Lugano. Explore the depths of an ancient cave. 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.

All students take part in **weekday excursions** that explore beautiful Ticino. Taken with their teacher and classmates, these field trips connect to the classroom curriculum. Past favorites have included visiting the Locarno Falconeria, seeing the bear



"We were impressed with the activities on offer. TASIS is many things—an academic camp, sports camp, outdoors camp, travel camp, music/drama camp—and being able to try a lot of things was challenging and fun for our children. They miss their friends and counselors so much!"

Parent, Venezuela



caves on Monte Generoso, taking nature walks on San Salvatore, and pedal boating on Lake Lugano.

On Saturdays, boarding students take **weekend trips** where they travel to destinations further afield. Destinations change each summer but have included the Swiss Transport Museum in Lucerne, the Parco San Grato botanical gardens in Corona, Lido Locarno, and a rainy-day favorite, the Splash & Spa water park in Rivera! On Sundays our boarders take part in two half-day **weekend clubs** that allow them to play and learn in creative and exciting ways. Popular clubs have included tie-dying t-shirts, nature photography, kayaking, creating board games, and a DIY Spa Day...the opportunities are endless!

One of the highlights of the summer 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! Throughout the years, CDE has taken thousands of students camping, many for their very first time. All boarding students camp overnight while CDE day students have the choice to camp overnight at no additional cost.

PLAY

Play is an integral part of childhood. We believe in children having a choice of activities that, to quote our Founder M. Crist Fleming, “stretch them in ways they never imagined.” Our activities are carefully curated to appeal to children of all personalities and interests with the goal of them trying new things too.

MORNING ACTIVITIES

Morning activities at CDE focus on fitness and movement. Students choose from a number of options, including organized sports (kickball, basketball, dodgeball, cooperative games), individual activities (yoga, hiking, table tennis, mindfulness), or swimming.



Sports Clubs

As an alternative to our morning activities, students can enroll in sports clubs that take place at the same time. These are at an additional cost and are in lieu of our morning activities. Possible options include Milan Academy Scuola Calcio, featuring coaches from the distinguished club AC Milan; Tennis Junior Camp with Lugano-based professional coaches; and time with award-winning instructors from local top-tier horse riding schools.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Afternoons at CDE are filled with creativity and hands-on learning through the arts and sciences. These activities allow children to grow in courage and confidence as they express themselves in new ways.

All students take part in daily *Tutti Singing* classes to prepare songs to perform at the end of the session.

Students choose two afternoon electives each week that center around the culinary arts, visual arts, design, and science. Past activities have included crêpe-making, wax sculptures, painting, ukulele, drumming, knitting/crocheting, soap-making, fashion design, robotics, and environmental science.

CDE Musical

Young performers may choose to audition for the CDE musical. Rehearsals take place at the same time as our afternoon activities.

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.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

We welcome families to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final day of the program! View student art, design, and science exhibits; watch the CDE Musical; and enjoy songs performed by our CDE community!

“My daughter had a rough first week, but by the end of the second week she was ready to move to Switzerland and attend TASIS year-round. My son loved it from the first day, especially AC Milan, and now thinks he can be a footballer and a scientist thanks to STEAM classes. Both children are asking me how many weeks until TASIS...I guess we’ll be back!”

Parent, UK



(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.

The Minnows language program focuses on the spoken language. We use a whole brain approach for long-term retention of the spoken language. Whole brain teaching emphasizes active learning, in which the student makes connections that tap both hemispheres.

Our small classes allow for lots of fun and engaging interaction with teachers and peers and give space for the teacher to be as creative as possible. Our language curriculum is constantly changing to accommodate the learner's language level, with classes organized according to age and language proficiency level.

Minnows can enroll in **Italian**, **French**, or **English** courses. Classes meet formally for approximately two hours 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 pursue it in the future.

EXPLORE

On campus, the Minnows choose from a variety of open-ended activities that are designed to support the vocabulary and themes presented in their language classes. These include arts and crafts, group games, singing, cooking, and playing in our outdoor playground. Special events such as Circus Day, a Renaissance Fair, and a Science Fair are perennial favorites.

Off campus, Minnows explore the local area. Favorite field trips have included making cheese at an Alpine dairy farm, going on a nature walk in the Montagnola woods, touring downtown Lugano, visiting Swissminiatur Park, and seeing the Bellinzona castles. Minnows also take a day trip to the CDE 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 or a full-day student:

Partial-Day (ages 4–6)

Our partial-day Minnows program is from Monday to Friday from 8:40 to 15:00 in our beautiful Early Childhood Center, Al Focolare. Just 200 meters down the hill from the main TASIS campus, Al 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 8:40 to 17:30. After the partial-day Minnows depart, our six-year-olds cool off with water activities, enjoy working on science projects, or join the older CDE children in their afternoon activities.

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 helps children build friendships and enhances their 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!

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

The Minnows Open House is the final week of the program. This event allows you to view student projects and meet your child's teachers. We also welcome you to join us for the **TASIS Summer Arts Festival** on the final day of the program. View student art, design, and science exhibits and enjoy songs performed by the Minnows and our CDE community!

WE WELCOME DAY STUDENTS AND BOARDING STUDENTS.

The **day student** program is a unique, five-day program that includes classes, trips, and activities. Day students attend every weekday (Monday to Friday) from 8:30 to 17:30.

The **boarding student** program includes classes, trips, activities, and sports as well as three meals a day and dorm accommodation at night. Boarders also stay at TASIS on weekends, where they participate in off-campus trips and special activities that are included in the cost of tuition.

Boarding students are supported by our experienced counselors and become like family. They are assigned rooms with students from cultures and countries different to their own and enjoy a highly structured routine that helps them feel safe and encourages their independence.

CDE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:45	Boarding students: wake up, morning routine
8:00	Boarding students: breakfast & phone calls home (after the first week)
8:30	Day students are dropped off
8:40	All students: Morning Meeting
9:00	Language classes
11:00	Morning activities & sports clubs
12:30	Lunch
13:00	Rest time
14:00	Tutti Singing
14:45	STEAM Hour
16:00	Afternoon activities
17:30	Day students are picked up
17:30	Boarding students eat dinner
18:00	Evening activity (Popular activities include Cultural Night performances, water games, a World Fair, a Games Night, and a Movie Night.)

"My son can pick out nearly every language he hears. We might be at the supermarket and he'll hear German or Turkish or French. He is more attuned to cultural differences and wants to learn about other people.

The cultural aspect of TASIS has been deeply influential on him."

Parent, USA

OTHER TESIS SUMMER PROGRAMS

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TESIS ENGLAND SUMMER PROGRAM

Ages 11–17, England

- Located on a beautiful campus 18 miles southwest of London
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- Weekend travel throughout Britain



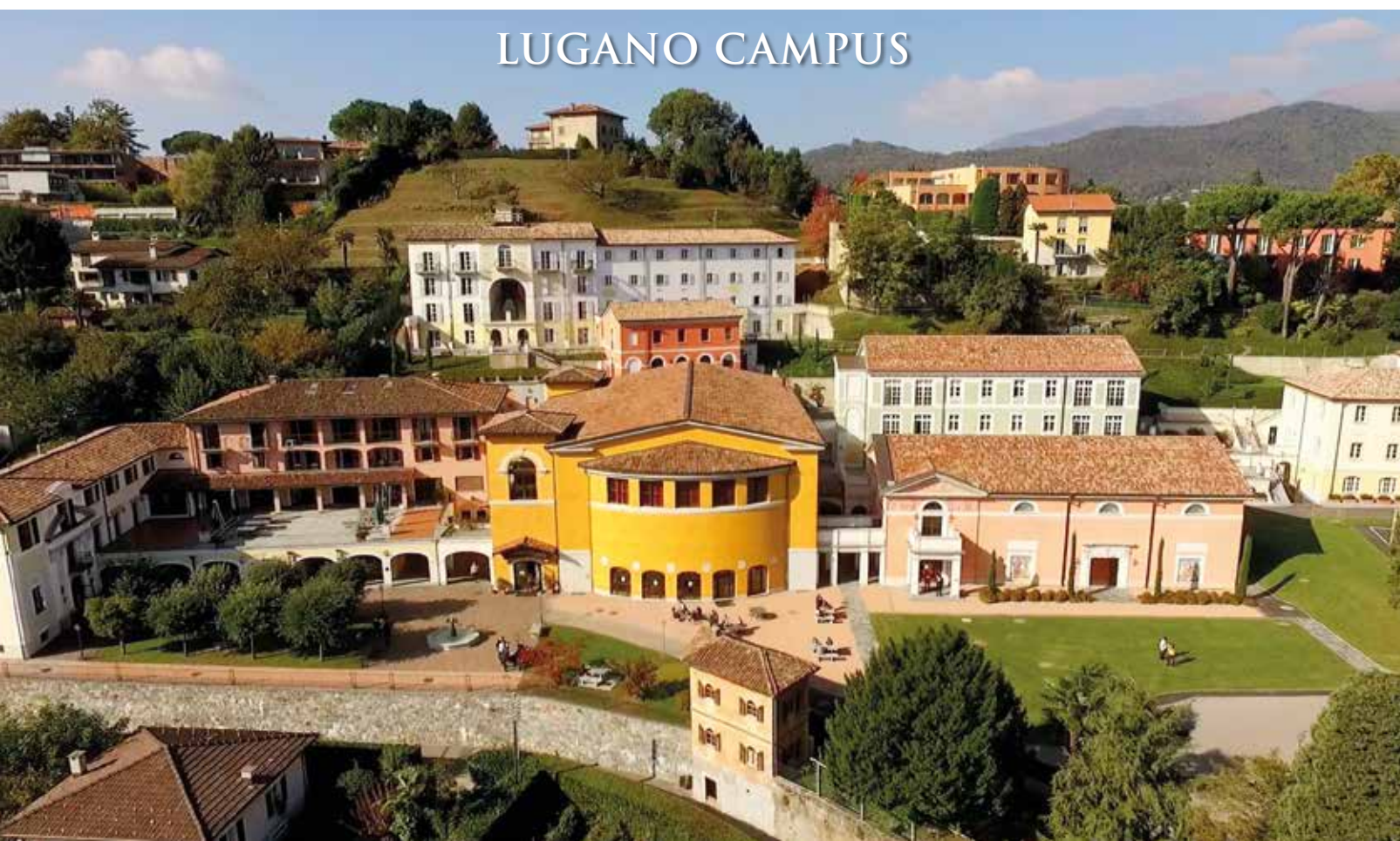
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