



John F. Kennedy International School

Gstaad, Switzerland

Address

Chilchgasse 2, Saanen/Gstaad
CH-3792 Switzerland
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Founded: 1971

Enrollment

Day and Boarding School (25 boarding students)

Grades

K through 8 (boarding for grades 3-8)

Student Body

About 70 students

Student/Faculty Ratio: 6:1

Average Class Size: 6

Campus Size: 1+ acres

Location

JFK International School is located in the heart of Saanen, Gstaad, a beautiful village in the midst of the Swiss Alps.

Airport

Geneva International Airport (GVA)

Climate

Four seasons - colder temperatures with snowy winters

Modern Languages Available

French and German

Religious Affiliation: None



Uniforms: Required

Academics

JFK International School offers a strong academic program based on the Cambridge curriculum, with instruction in English and offering French and German as secondary languages. The curriculum focuses on learning skills, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity, collaboration and understanding, and self-management.

The Kennedy Alpine Curriculum underpins all learning and uses the beautiful surrounding environment to enrich students' learning, to develop their practical and social skills, and to give them an understanding and experience of life in the mountains.

ESL Program

JFK International School offers additional support in English ESOL learning, as well as for special learning needs.



Success Rate

100% of students matriculate to high schools after completion. Approximately 60% enroll in Swiss boarding schools, 30% enroll in UK boarding schools, and 10% return to their own country to continue their education.

Campus Life

JFK International School offers a unique, family-oriented educational and boarding environment for younger students. A series of traditional, historic Swiss buildings provides both teaching and boarding facilities at the school. The boarding house provides a welcoming home to 25 students, in which boys and girls are housed on separate floors and where they are cared for by the experienced boarding staff. A new Secondary Building provides modern classrooms, science laboratory and library media centre, as well as a large multipurpose hall providing space for drama productions, musical activities, and assemblies. The ski slopes are among the best in the world, and in winter, students spend three afternoons per week developing their ski level with experienced instructors.

Activities

Enrichment Programs on campus offer students varied experiences where they can develop their skills as well as learn new ones. There are a variety of athletic opportunities, as well as arts that encourage musical and artistic abilities. Students can participate in the school choir, theater and band, as well as individual instrument lessons. Cultural activities and trips enrich classroom learning with visits to local places of interest, and museums. Middle school students also participate in Model United Nations, where they study and discuss global issues.

Sports

Athletic and team sports develop physical skills and include swimming, climbing, soccer, karate, tennis, and horse-riding. Winter Skiing is considered a very important part of the JFK school experience, and takes place during the months of January, February and March. Highly qualified ski teachers provide instruction in techniques and racing skills and students may participate in local and regional ski races.

High School Acceptances:

Switzerland

- Aiglon College
- Brilliantmont International School
- College Alpin Beau Soleil
- College Champittet
- Institut Le Rosey
- Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz
- St. George's School
- The American School in Switzerland (TASIS)

United Kingdom

- Cheltenham Ladies' College
- Eton College
- King Edward's School, Witley
- Marlborough School
- Wellington College