

SHAPING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE TOGETHER

Welcome to
La Côte International School
Aubonne



LA CÔTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AUBONNE
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

SHAPING THE FUTURE, TOGETHER

At La Côte International School Aubonne (LCIS), every student is part of a community that knows them, believes in them, and challenges them to aim higher than they ever thought possible because we know the most important thing we can give a young person is the belief that they can shape their own future. We nurture that belief every day through outstanding teaching, a caring community, and opportunities that help each student discover who they are and what they can achieve.

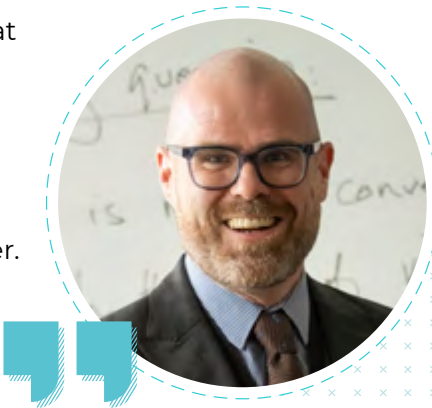
Learning at LCIS is engaging, purposeful, and rich with opportunities to explore new interests. Whether through academic challenge, creative expression, sport, or service, students develop curiosity, creativity, and resilience – the qualities they will need to thrive as confident learners and compassionate global citizens. Our personalised approach ensures each child follows a path that is right for them, with the support and stretch to reach their full potential.

Over the years, I have seen what makes our school truly unique: the strength of connection between students, staff, and families, and our shared commitment to combining high academic standards with a nurturing, inclusive environment. Here, students not only achieve excellent results, they also discover their passions, develop a strong sense of self, and leave ready to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

When young people are supported, challenged, and inspired, they flourish – in the classroom, in the arts, in sport, in leadership, and in service to others. We provide the opportunities, guidance, and encouragement that turn potential into reality.

Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions a family can make. At LCIS, you will find a vibrant international community where excellence is a shared responsibility and every student’s journey is unique. We look forward to welcoming you and to shaping the future, together.

Andrew McLoughlin
PRINCIPAL



OUR PROMISE

1. TRULY PERSONALISED LEARNING

Our structured and deliberate approach to personalised learning means your child will be given the challenges, support, and opportunities to achieve more here than at any other school.

2. CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Your child will leave our school with everything they need for success – whatever they choose to be or do in life.

3. VIBRANT INTERNATIONAL FAMILY

We are not just a school, but a family, and our parents, students, and teachers all act together as one to care for and nurture your children, to make our school the best place for each one to learn, grow and flourish.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL

1

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our internationally recognised curricula ensure academic rigour, create exciting opportunities, and help our students grow as confident young people and lifelong learners. Doors are open to a wide range of further education choices including the best universities in Switzerland and worldwide.

2

CARING, DEDICATED TEACHERS

With a wealth of experience gained both locally and internationally, our outstanding team of teachers share a genuine dedication to working with your children. Selected for their expertise, passion, and ability to inspire, they are committed to nurturing your child's academic and personal growth.

3

VIBRANT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

We are more than a school – your family will be part of a vibrant international community of over 40 nationalities that will welcome you from the start. Our parents, students, and teachers all work together to make our school the best place for your children to learn, grow, and thrive.



OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES

At LCIS, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Students can participate in local and regional field trips and expeditions that bring their education to life through real-world application. We are dedicated to empowering our students with the confidence, resilience, creativity, and learning skills critical to their future success.

4

ADVANCED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

With state-of-the-art technology and inspiring creative spaces for Design Technology, Sciences, and the Arts, your child will love coming to school. A large multi-purpose sports hall and a sports field set amidst apple orchards complement our commitment to the holistic development of our students.

5

SOCIAL PURPOSE

Students with a global mindset have a competitive advantage in our interconnected world. By providing leadership and service opportunities, we inspire our students to become thoughtful, active global citizens with the skills, belief, and determination to make a positive difference in their world.

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EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

FOUNDATION 1-2 / AGES 3-5

ENJOYABLE

STIMULATING

SECURE

At LCIS we believe in a foundation of confidence, curiosity, and skills that prepare your child for educational success as they continue throughout the school, and for life. Through play, and inspired by their interests, our passionate, bilingual teaching team guide your child's self-paced learning. Each student's progress and needs are monitored and assessed through seven key areas of development:

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts & Design

We encourage and extend your child's growth in maths, phonics, and writing, and support their language acquisition in French and English as needed. They also enjoy time with curriculum specialists for French, Music, PE, and Library.

EXPLORE

CREATE

DISCOVER

We use our outside space as an additional classroom. Regular time outdoors and local field trips help your child understand their world and place their learning in a broader context.



PRIMARY YEARS CURRICULUM

YEARS 1-6 / AGES 5-11

Our Primary Curriculum has been designed to nurture your child to become an informed, globally competent, and future-ready learner.

CURIOUS

CREATIVE

BALANCED

THOROUGH

PROGRESSIVE

We have combined the enquiry-based and creative approach of the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) with the balance and rigour of English and Maths from the English National Curriculum to create a stimulating and well-rounded Primary learning programme. Your child's wellbeing always comes first, and we place a strong emphasis on Personal, Social, Health, and Emotional education (PSHE).

Our cohesive, topic-led approach integrates History, Geography, Science, Arts, ICT, Technology, and International Mindedness and Society around a central theme. From Year 3 these subjects may be taken in either English or French.

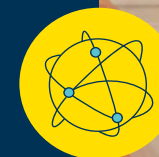
Specialised teachers provide PE (including swimming and skiing), Music, Drama, French (as both a first and foreign language), and the option of learning German.

Our focus on knowledge, skills, and understanding, supported by teacher- and student-led assessments, ensures academic rigour and progression in readiness for the next stage in their academic journey at LCIS.



Cultivating emotional, social, and academic skills through:

- Adaptability
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Empathy
- Ethics
- Resilience
- Respect
- Critical Thinking



Students have a wide range of extra-curricular activities to choose from, in both English and French.





LOWER SECONDARY CURRICULUM

YEARS 7-9 / AGES 11-14

The Lower Secondary Curriculum supports a smooth transition from Primary education, gradually preparing students to study towards their external exams - the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSEs) - in Year 10 and 11.

Our students build on their learning to ensure they acquire a solid foundation of knowledge, skills, and understanding to prepare them for the challenging and rigorous IGCSE and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). Benefiting from a holistic approach supporting academic, emotional, and social development we help our students live their values, achieve their goals, and shine.



Opportunities to apply learning in new contexts give it meaning and lead to a deeper understanding. We run cross-curricular activities and project days and give our students the chance to take part in fun and competitive external academic events. Progress for each student is closely monitored by our passionate and diligent teachers, through ongoing formative and summative appraisal.

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

YEARS 10-11 / AGES 14-16

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is one of the most academically challenging international qualifications for 14- to 16-year-olds. It is recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide.

This highly respected, exam-based curriculum is assessed by Cambridge International Education, and Pearson Edexcel, through a combination of coursework, assignments, oral and written examinations.

In addition to core subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, and French (either as a first or foreign language), students can tailor their learning towards future goals choosing from electives including Academic PE, Art, Business Studies, Design Technology, Drama, Music, Computer Science, German, Spanish, History, Geography, and English as an Additional Language. Altogether they study for 8 to 10 separate subjects.

We place a strong emphasis on Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education (PSHE), outdoor activities, and service and leadership experiences that cultivate essential skills such as communication, collaboration, adaptability, and respect.

The content-rich IGCSE curriculum requires students to learn about specific topics in detail. It is academically demanding, with a broad range of topics within core subjects like Science, Maths, and English. Working towards an examination in each IGCSE subject prepares our students well for the rigorous academic requirements of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) in Years 12 and 13.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

YEARS 12-13 / AGES 16-18

As an International School, LCIS has chosen the internationally recognised and highly respected International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) to give our graduates the international and Swiss choices they deserve for their further education. The adaptability of the IBDP means it provides an academically rigorous route to the best universities worldwide for all sorts of learner profiles.

Every year LCIS students are accepted to the best Swiss and international institutions. There, prepared and equipped with skills to be curious and thoughtful, to question and research, and to be excellent communicators, LCIS's graduates thrive.

The IBDP gives our students a unique, challenging, and diverse education. The programme focuses on 10 characteristics that reach beyond academic success, and make up the IBDP learner profile.

We aim to develop young people who are:

- Inquirers • Knowledgeable • Thinkers • Communicators • Principled
- Open-minded • Caring • Risk-takers • Balanced • Reflective

Fundamental, transferable skills set our young people up with the ability to adapt in a fast-changing world.

Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), and the Extended Essay (EE) make up the IBDP core. Designed to encourage self-directed learning, these subjects enable students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, research independently, and engage with the wider community.



As well as the core components, students select one subject from each of: Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics, and one additional subject from either Arts, Sciences, Humanities, or Languages. The wide range of subjects on offer at LCIS allows students to tailor their studies to their interests and aspirations. This is backed up with a rich extra-curricular offering, including: field trips for Biology and Geography, participation in the Model United Nations, our CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) Residential Trip, the opportunity to apply for the Student Body Leadership Team, supporting the learning of younger students, engaging in community-wide activities, and volunteering to help with and support school productions.

Our small class sizes and highly personalised academic and pastoral support, alongside university counselling, ensure excellent future opportunities for all our graduates.

YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY TO THEIR DREAM UNIVERSITY BEGINS HERE

At LCIS our carefully curated, all-encompassing approach to learning sees our students get fantastic results. This, coupled with our focus on wellbeing and personal growth, sees our graduates flourishing at the world's top universities and institutions, including those below.

SWITZERLAND

- EPFL - Lausanne
- EHL Hospitality Business School
- University of Geneva
- University of Lausanne

UK

- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- Central Saint Martins
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- Imperial College London
- University of Leeds
- University College London

EUROPE

- University of Groningen - NL
- IE Business School - Madrid - ES
- Leiden University - NL
- NABA - Nuova Accademica di Belle Arti - Milan - IT
- Utrecht University - NL

NORTH AMERICA

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- University of Toronto



OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Extra-curricular expeditions, events, explorations, and escapes for everyone!

We want our students to become responsible global citizens. Our opportunities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths), Performing Arts, Sports and Wellbeing, Academics, Languages, the Model United Nations (MUN) and the International Award, along with field trips and annual residential camps, give our students plenty of chances for learning beyond the classroom.

Two years ago, a group of our students took a life-changing 11-day Community Action Service trip to Thailand where LCIS students immersed themselves in the local culture, planted mangroves, taught English in a remote school, visited care homes, and more. The following year, another group of students continued to build on this project in Thailand to continue to develop this meaningful partnership with these communities. Last year, students returned to NAE's expedition base in Arusha, Tanzania, embarking on an incredible journey to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest point in Africa. The experience truly pushed their limits, fostering resilience, teamwork, and personal growth — and gave them the opportunity to create memories they'll cherish forever.

LCIS students may also participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Scheme. As part of the programme students learn the importance of self-discipline, enterprise, and effort. Each award level includes a 2, 3, or 4-day expedition either in the Swiss Alps or Jura Mountains. Participation in the scheme is a personal challenge, not a competition; the award encourages young people to design their own programme of activities, set their own goals, and challenge themselves to achieve those goals. It can play a critical role in your child's development outside the classroom. Students' achievement in the programme is recognised worldwide.

Whatever your child's interests are, whatever they aspire to, they will find adventures to suit them at LCIS!



GLOBAL CAMPUS

Nord Anglia Education's innovative online 'Global Campus' connects our students across the world through personalised learning with challenges, competitions, and more. Age-appropriate sections provide a range of learning materials, including Forest School, STEAM with MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Social Impact projects with UNICEF, Performing Arts opportunities through our partner Juilliard, a Writers' Corner, university advice, and health and wellbeing resources to encourage creativity, critical thinking, and personal growth.

OUR COLLABORATIONS



MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

Collaborating with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with our interdisciplinary approach to science and technology sets your child up to thrive in the 21st century. Students engage in creative thinking and hands-on problem solving, and learn the value of persistence in seeking solutions.

Our program also provides professional development opportunities for our teachers, and offers students the chance to visit MIT, further inspiring them in their future academic pursuits.



UNICEF

Our partnership with UNICEF provides experiences that cultivate a sense of global responsibility and equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a difference. Through resources and activities students are moved to actively address Sustainable Development Goals, locally and internationally, gaining awareness of global issues and discovering strategies to create change.



THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL

Igniting imagination, boosting self-confidence, and improving academic achievement are all part of our collaboration with The Juilliard School. With three in-person Juilliard Specialist visits per year, at LCIS your child will benefit from Dance, Drama, and Music enhanced by the world-leading conservatory. Each visit includes professional development for our Performing Arts team, and workshops with students and parents. Our teachers further enrich their teaching with curated educational resources from the online Juilliard Creative Classroom. Students are inspired to experiment, improvise, and perform independently, nurturing positivity and a growth mindset.



IMG ACADEMY

We're thrilled to announce our partnership with IMG Academy, a global leader in sports education. Started in summer 2025, participating students will gain access to elite sports training, wellness programmes, and leadership development—both online and in person. This exciting collaboration equips students with confidence, discipline, and resilience, enriching their holistic development on and off the field.



A SUPPORTIVE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

At LCIS you will join a vibrant international community of over 40 nationalities. Our families are supportive and proactive, making everyone welcome and included. There are opportunities for parents to get involved in the Parent Teacher Association, running extra-curricular activities, helping on trips and at school events, reading with lower school students, and joining social gatherings. To help maintain and build our strong network of engaged families we have an onsite café, The Coffee Corner, where you can meet and relax.



ADMISSIONS

Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions you can make as a parent and we are delighted to welcome you at La Côte International School, Aubonne. Our friendly Admissions team is here to make the admissions process as easy as possible, and we look forward to offering you and your child/ren personalised support every step of the way.

For more information and to apply for a place at LCIS, please visit our website, contact us, or scan the QR code.



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