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SAINT-CHARLES
- COLLÈGE ET LYCÉE -

SUPPORTING GROWTH

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MISSION STATEMENT AND SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

MISSION

Our mission is to provide students with a high-quality education while developing the attributes of kindness, respect, and responsibility towards others and the environment.

PHILOSOPHY

Collège et Lycée Saint-Charles, follows the Humanist and Christian values of caring for others and the environment, respecting cultures and individuals, and approaching the world with openness and positivity.

Thus, the school aims to develop the same values in students and to support them in becoming responsible, global citizens who work to make the world a better place.



COLLÈGE AND LYCÉE SAINT-CHARLES

A STUDENT-ORIENTED SCHOOL, OPEN TO THE WORLD

One's first steps on the path to knowledge are crucial. At Saint-Charles, we guide your child on his or her educational journey and provide the tools to ensure his or her future success.

Founded in 1897, the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles, located in Porrentruy at the foot of a magnificent Castle in the canton Jura (CH), welcomes young people from 10 to 20 years old.

Surrounded by a wooded garden, our establishment is located next to the river Allaine. Porrentruy has a population of nearly 7,000 and is known for its long tradition in the field of education, its openness to the world and its thirst for knowledge.

THE HUMAN BEING AS A PRIORITY

The Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles offers a quality education, while emphasizing self discovery and growth in community. Teachers and students form a cohesive whole, and under the motto of "supporting growth", all the employees of Saint-Charles do their utmost to help students become young adults and global citizens. Our students are united in their sense of curiosity and strong commitments to tolerance in their educational journey.

A COMPLETE PEDAGOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL PACKAGE

From primary school to University, the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles offers a complete educational program and a wide range of teaching methods, allowing students to learn at their own pace and find their own way.

Through small class sizes, a focus on language learning and partnerships with other schools, our school offers the highest quality educational standards that exceed the requirement of both the International Baccalaureate and Swiss Matura.

The Swiss programme, which covers the 5th Swiss academic year up to the last year of senior school, is based on Swiss Cantonal and Federal directives and enables students to access post-compulsory courses and post-Lycée courses (universities, polytechnics).

Renowned for the quality of its language teaching, the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles offers a bilingual French-English structure from primary school onwards.

Access to universities around the world, thanks to the worldwide recognition of diplomas: we can offer our international section students the two International Baccalaureate programs MYP and DP.

Our day students are supervised for full days including breaks, lunch and homework guided sessions. Our boarding school accommodates students for five or seven days a week.

The Swiss education system is divided into several pathways. At Saint-Charles, we offer a middle school curriculum that corresponds to both academic (Track A) and professional (Track B) opportunities in Switzerland. Both pathways produce well-trained students who are prepared for their future academic or professional careers.

The Swiss lycée or High School programme lasts four years, which allows for a style of work focused on research, extensive personal projects and excellent preparation for university studies.

In order to encourage a balanced approach to studying and recreation, the school offers a wide range of sports activities. Its facilities include a sports centre, a swimming pool and ample school grounds.

RHYTHM AND RULES OF LIFE

Our basis for teaching and life at Saint-Charles is the golden rule: treat others the way you wish to be treated. The consistent and rigorous application of these rules contributes to the institution's efficiency and harmony.

Our teaching aims to respect the learning rhythms and methods of each student. Attention, sensitivity and individual follow-up are key elements of the educational philosophy of the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles.

Quality of education is at the heart of everything we do. The school encourages the continuous training of its staff to ensure that its curricula and teaching methods are kept up to date with the latest developments and innovations.

In Saint-Charles, all the teachers have already undergone an advanced training course and continually attend professional development and study in different areas of expertise. They are life long learners.

Communication and collaboration are essential to the functioning of our institution and the well-being of our students. We value cooperation, availability and good listening skills in our employees.

Interdisciplinary work and collaboration is the core of the curriculae: we value educational coherence. The team works closely together in a warm and friendly environment. Students are called upon to participate in extracurricular activities and to develop projects with teachers and other professionals at the institution.

"THE STRENGTH OF A COUNTRY LIES IN
ITS YOUNGSTERS, AND THE GREATEST ASSET
OF ANY YOUNGSTER IS THEIR EDUCATION."

Charles Burrus (1929 - 2011),
Honorary President of the Collège
and Lycée Saint-Charles



SAINT-CHARLES THROUGH THE YEARS A MODERN SCHOOL SINCE 1897



KEY EVENTS

1897	Opening of a boys' boarding school (Catholic Institute) by Ernest Daucourt
1910	Opening of the Professional School of Drawing as part of the Catholic Institute
1913	Permission to open a primary school granted
1914	Permission to open a secondary school granted
1915	The Catholic Institute becomes the Institut Saint-Charles
1925	Institut Saint-Charles becomes Collège Saint-Charles
1930	Chapel dedicated to Saint Theresa and the Child Jesus
1932	New annex building with eight literary classes
1962	New classroom building
1972	Léon Burrus sports centre (hall and swimming pool)
1975	Girls are first admitted to the school
1978	The school receives permission to issue Maturas
1987	Development of the library reading room and girls' boarding facility
1989	Polyptych by Bregnard installed in the chapel under the auspices of Abbé Chèvre, rector
1991	Josiane Pourchet becomes the first female rector of Saint-Charles
1997	Renovation of the historical building for the centenary of the college, with the support of patrons from the Jura
2001	Introduction of German by immersion in the primary grades
2014	Creation of the new boys' boarding facility
2015	New library
2015	Renovation of all computer equipment
2016	Introduction of the French-English Bilingual Matura
2017	Teaching rooms renovated Celebration of 120 years and inauguration of new classrooms
2018	Candidate school for International Baccalaureate MYP & DP programmes Transformation of the aula into an auditorium and creation of a cinema room
2019	Authorisation process for the IB DP programme Science rooms are renovated
2020	Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles becomes an IB World School



**"THE HISTORY OF THE SAINT-CHARLES COLLÈGE
WAS NOT ALL CAREFULLY PLANNED FROM THE BEGINNING.
IT TOOK SHAPE DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS,
ACCORDING TO A PROVIDENTIAL PATH."**

Edgar Voirol, canon and rector of Collège Saint-Charles between 1940 and 1967

PHILOSOPHY AND OPERATION

SUPPORTING GROWTH

The Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles has built its reputation on the thoughtfulness of its supervision and the quality of its instruction. Students benefit from personalised follow-up throughout their course of study. This careful guidance allows them to flourish in their school environment. We encourage students to participate in all the school has to offer, knowing that they will be surprised with their new competences in pushing their abilities.

A STRONG EMPHASIS ON LANGUAGES

Particular attention is paid at Saint-Charles to language learning. The school aims to develop a taste for languages in all of its students. German is taught intensively from primary school onwards. English is practised at an early age and a bilingual French-English Matura is offered.

Our approach to language teaching aims at acquiring a solid foundation in the classroom. The learner's German and English skills are strengthened through lively and intuitive practice; in immersive workshops; and through regular contact with students abroad. Valuable links with institutions in Germany and Great Britain make it possible to organise language exchanges. An optional Mandarin course is offered, as well as a German club.

SCIENCE FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL ONWARDS

Basic science is a part of the curriculum from primary school onwards. Biology and environmental sciences provide our youngest students with knowledge of life sciences, natural phenomena and scientific method.

PERSONALISED AND À LA CARTE MENTORING

Each student is unique. In addition to small class sizes, we promote conversation between teachers, students and parents. Students are taught how to organise themselves and do their homework in a structured way, thanks to assisted homework time and the methodology used in the classroom.

Particular emphasis is placed on supporting students with special educational needs, such as students with high potential. The teachers of Saint-Charles are particularly attentive to such needs. The school offers special supervision for these students: development groups, dedicated activities, courses in organisation and learning strategy.

A PROSPECT FOR OUR LYCÉE STUDENTS

The Lycée Saint-Charles offers its students the opportunity to join the final three years of the International Baccalaureate's Middle Years Program. Detailed documentation regarding the post-compulsory school program is available from our offices and the admissions department.

USEFUL EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE

The journey from primary to secondary school is a key moment in every student's career, and Saint-Charles pays particular attention to it. School guidance takes place after the ninth grade (swiss curriculum), in very small groups, with rigorous monitoring and close collaboration with parents.

A framework for educational and vocational guidance, designed in conjunction with the Centre d'orientation scolaire et professionnelle du canton du Jura, enables teachers to help 10th and 11th grade (swiss curriculum) pupils to choose their future path: Lycée, middle school or apprenticeship.

A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT AROUND THE CLOCK

At the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles, school life continues around the clock, allowing a favourable welcome for the students and making organisation easier for families. Compulsory schooling is organised in block timetables. The restaurant Charly's Corner offers balanced meals, every day of the week.

Each day, students who wish to do so can take part in supervised homework sessions. Assistance is provided by teachers from the school. In addition, day students can benefit from an extended stay outside the usual hours, which can be arranged at parents' request.

SPORT: CULTIVATE A TASTE FOR EXERCISE

Open to all Collège and Lycée students, sport plays a special role in Saint-Charles. Equipped with a large multi-purpose sports hall, outdoor grounds and an on-campus indoor swimming pool, the school offers a wide range of activities, allowing students to practice individual and team sports.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR EXCELLENCE

Saint-Charles offers students the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities designed to encourage sharing and curiosity. Run in groups and supervised by our teachers, these special moments offer students the opportunity to develop their talents and knowledge, while getting to know others and especially themselves.

In addition, these budding artists, musicians, singers, actors and dancers are encouraged to showcase their work at the school's various ceremonies.

CURRICULUM

Below are the programmes offered at Saint-Charles, laid out for easy comparison with other schools curricula.

The qualifications in the blue frames correspond to the university preparatory degree program in each country.

AGE	PROGRAMS OF SWISS MATURA OF SAINT-CHARLES	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IN SAINT-CHARLES	UNITED STATES	UNITED KINGDOM	RUSSIA	CHINA	BRAZIL
8	5		Grade 2	Year 3	3	2	2°
9	6		Grade 3	Year 4	4	3	3°
10	7		Grade 4	Year 5	5	4	4°
11	8		Grade 5	Year 6	6	5	5°
12	9		Grade 6	Year 7	7	6	6°
13	10		Grade 7	Year 8	8	7	7°
14	11	MYP 3	Grade 8	Year 9	9	8	8°
15	1st	MYP 4	Grade 9	Year 10	10	9	9°
16	2nd	MYP 5	Grade 10	Year 11	11	10	1°
17	3rd	DP 1	Grade 11	Year 12	1°	11	2°
18	4th	DP 2	Grade 12	Year 13		12	3°

FRENCH-ENGLISH BILINGUAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

KINDLING KNOWLEDGE

Saint-Charles takes pupils from the Harmos 5th year (8 years old). Students receive structured instruction from motivated and dynamic teachers. These teachers work as part of a closely-collaborating pedagogical team to offer interesting lessons that stimulate students in a creative and intellectual way. As children follow the Swiss school curriculum, the content goes beyond traditional requirements to provide a more solid foundation for their future.

KEY POINTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL:

- Solid basis of concepts
- Learning strategies
- Focus on fundamentals
- Scientific method
- Cultural activities and experiences
- Hands-on learning

CURRICULUM

From the 5th to the 8th Harmos years, students follow the official Swiss-French program. A strong emphasis is placed on learning skills, awakening to the scientific method and developing a real awareness of the world around us.

Small class sizes allow students to address topics in greater depth, which make all the difference.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

STRUCTURING KNOWLEDGE

At the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles, we offer your child the necessary framework to ensure that his or her academic career will set them on the road to success. Our structure makes it possible to hold off on choosing an educational path until the student makes the transition to Lycée. With the help of specialised staff, students will take a pre-university preparation path (pathway A) or focus on general education, commercial schools or apprenticeships (pathway B).

KEY POINTS ABOUT LYCÉE:

- Structured courses in small groups for personalised support
- Physics and applied mathematics with an emphasis on science
- Language holidays abroad
- International intercultural opportunities
- Teaching in French, German, English (with the option of Latin)
- Experiments to facilitate learning

CURRICULUM

SECONDARY	9th	Year of orientation in small classes	
	10th	Secondary A Sciences or Latin	Secondary B
	11th	Secondary A Sciences or Latin	Secondary B



LYCÉE – SENIOR SCHOOL (SWISS MATURA AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE)

DEPLOYING KNOWLEDGE

The award of an IB diploma or Matura opens the door to higher education institutions, such as, universities. The Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles is recognised by the Swiss Confederation and is authorised to administer the Matura exams to its students on site under the supervision of experts from the Cantonal Matura Commission. The Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles offers three distinct programs to meet students' educational objectives and prepare them for their higher education goals.

KEY POINTS OF THE PROGRAMMES:

- Consolidation of knowledge
- Development of content knowledge, skill application and development of self
- Language proficiency (including preparatory courses for internationally recognised degrees)
- Combination of core subjects and individual electives
- Focus on strengthening science and mathematics

CURRICULUM

Swiss Matura (French)	Bilingual Swiss Matura (French and English)	International Baccalaureate (English)
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Each program offers a rigorous educational path for students that prepares them for university in Switzerland and around the world. The detailed syllabuses of the three courses are available in separate brochures.

Whichever programme is chosen, students will put work into the study and development of projects through which they can make sense of themselves and their environment.

High school studies aim to open students to the world around them, to make them aware of global issues and to accompany them in their process of personal and inter-personal growth.

Our purpose is to turn the young people entrusted to us into responsible, critical thinkers who can actively engage in their community.



"AT SAINT-CHARLES, THE HUMAN BEING
TAKES CENTER STAGE. STUDENTS AND
FACULTY TOGETHER FORM AN ENTITY
FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION."

Carmen Kocher, Rector



LIFE ON CAMPUS
A BOARDING SCHOOL
FOR GLOBAL CITIZENS



A BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

The boarding school of the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles allows students to be welcomed in a friendly and family-like environment. 24-hour supervision is provided by a professional team, supervised by a head of boarding. This space allows students to live together in a pleasant and secure environment. The mix of different nationalities on campus encourages openness to others and stimulates curiosity, which is the key to learning to play an active role in tomorrow's world.

Living areas such as the study room and library provide a setting and atmosphere conducive to serious and sustained work as well as peaceful relaxation. The sports hall, swimming pool and recreation areas are available to the boarders during their free time, offering them a physical counterpart to their studies which is essential to a balanced intellectual development. Activities are organised to enable them to make their studies at Saint-Charles diverse and enriching.

SUPERVISION: SUPPORTING GROWTH

The headmaster and the boarding school staff are the main point of contact for the boarders: they are present 24 hours a day to ensure that studies run smoothly, and to organise interesting activities for the pupils. The prefects remain in close contact with the parents and the school management.

Community life and teaching at Saint-Charles are structured to help students in their development. Consistent application of the guidelines contributes to the school's effectiveness and harmony. If problems arise, parents are contacted to resolve them quickly.

SCHEDULE: A FULL WEEK

The boarding school offers stays of 5 days or 7 days a week for students. Optional activities and trips around Europe are planned for the autumn, February and spring holidays as well as for students travelling long distances.



AN OPENING ON THE WORLD

The students of the Collège and Lycée Saint-Charles are able to go on cultural excursions to Swiss and European cities. During these visits, teachers offer general, cultural and historical information. During different inter-disciplinary weeks, students get to know different areas and work together with classmates from other classes and age groups.

Saint-Charles also offers a wide range of sporting activities such as swimming, horse riding, flying, golf or tennis.

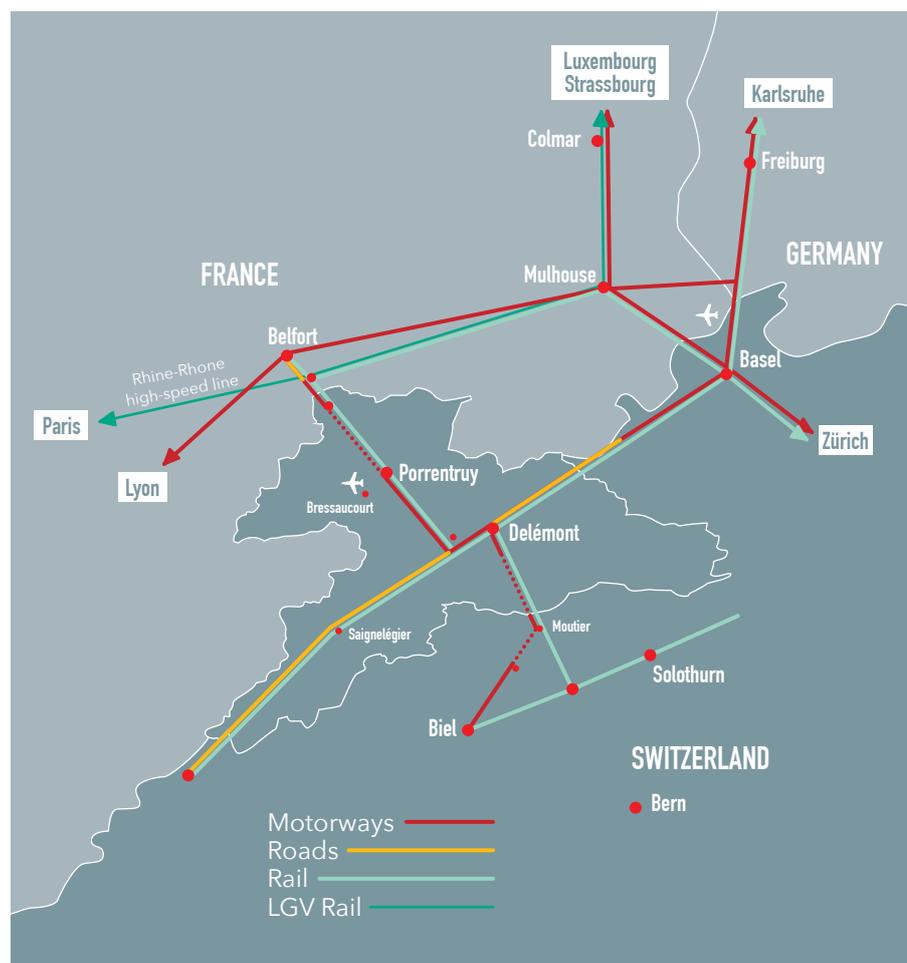
The Catholic tradition of the Collège et Lycée Saint-Charles, linked to the Diocese of Basel, is transmitted in two courses: history of religions and religious studies. These subjects are taught at all school levels.

A pastoral care team is on hand for all students, both boarders and day. It oversees the preparation of religious celebrations with students throughout the year, such as the feast of St. Charles and Christmas. For many, it is an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the Christian tradition and to strengthen ties around common humanistic values. Teachers complement this spiritual presence. They provide a listening and facilitation service for students and teachers.

SAINT-CHARLES COLLÈGE AND LYCÉE, IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

The location of our establishment in the heart of Europe and at the centre of an efficient transport hub, allows us to welcome guests and host exchanges.

We are easily reached by train, plane or private transport.



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