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LEMANIA  
LAUSANNE SWITZERLAND



# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme & Preparatory Year

2025



since **1908**

In the heart of Lausanne



# 4 reasons to choose Ecole Lemania

## Teachers are the key to success

Our teachers have international backgrounds, many with PhD degrees and regularly update their IBDP training. Lemania teachers pay special attention to being available to their students.

## Understand the business world

The IB at Ecole Lemania offers a strong focus on business subjects and includes events and collaboration with our sister school Business School Lausanne.

## Lausanne, best small city in the world

The Olympic Capital topped the Monocle lifestyle magazine poll based on different criteria that contribute to making a city a great place to live, work and study.

## Multicultural & Multilingual

With over 40 nationalities on campus each year, Ecole Lemania offers you the chance to live and study with students from around the world.

# Dr Giovanna Crisante

## IBDP Coordinator



**“My name is Giovanna Crisante and I am proud to have been the IB DP coordinator at Ecole Lemania since August 2018.**

**I was born in Italy, in a small village in the province of L’Aquila (Abruzzo). Here, I earned my bachelor and master in Biology. I came to Lausanne in 2009 to start my PhD in life science at the University Of Lausanne (UNIL). I started, in the same year, my marvellous adventure as a biology and chemistry teacher in the IB Diploma Programme at Ecole Lemania.”**

### The IB @ Ecole Lemania

The programme is structured in such a way that students learn to be receptive to views and traditions of other communities, while learning to appreciate and value their own.

The IB Diploma Programme is particularly suited to students who are ambitious, curious and willing to commit to a demanding syllabus.

Ecole Lemania is continually looking for ways of introducing fresh and novel influences to our programme. To this end we have already entered into partnership with Business School Of Lausanne to enable students to understand the practical realities of what they are studying in Business Management and Economics. There are also plans to work with the International Red Cross in order to develop the empathy and generosity of IB students.



# 100%

pass rate

# 32

Av score

# Small class size

15 students per  
course maximum

# Preparatory Year

Grade 10, US system – Gr 11, UK System (15 years old)

- Rolling Admissions for Prep Year.
- Students can start at any time of the year, August to May.



## Number of hours per week

### English (3h30)

Focus on communication skills, writing for the IB and oral skills

### Biology, Chemistry, Physics (2 hours each)

Exploring concepts, theories, models and techniques that underpin each subject area, students develop an understanding of the scientific method.

### Business Management, Economics, History (2 hours each)

Become familiar with the IB syllabus in these subjects.

### Maths (3h)

Understand how to study math in the IB diploma programme and to bridge any gaps you may have.

### French (3h)

Ab initio – for beginners

Intro to French Literature – for French speakers

### Sport (2h)

A range of sports and activities are proposed according to the season and student preferences.

### Art (2h)

Students explore their own creativity and discover art with visits to museums and galleries

### Introduction to PSHE & IB study skills (1h20)

### Introduction to these two subjects which are fundamental for the IB Diploma programme

### TOK (1h20)

Theory of Knowledge

Students reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know.

### CAS (1h20)

Creativity, Action, Service

The project challenges students to: show initiative, demonstrate perseverance, develop skills such as collaboration, problem solving and decision making.

Pricing (in CHF)

Prep

School Fees  
(non boarder)

28'000

### Who is the Prep programme for?

Grade 10 students who are planning to take the IB in Grades 11 and 12.

### Why take the Preparatory Year?

Students who take this programme become familiar with the IB system and syllabus and improve their study skills. In the Prep Year, you will learn how to manage your time and handle the workload for revision, exams and homework.

If English is not your mother tongue, you will improve your level of English and become more confident.

### How do students develop on the Prep Year?

You will begin to understand your own strengths and preferences and this will help you in your choice of the 6 IB DP subjects.

### Start at any time

The Prep Year is a flexible programme and you could start at any time during the year. However you will have the best chance of success if you begin in September.

### Why is it important?

It makes a big difference to a student's success on the IB to have the extra year to adapt to life in a new environment. Prep Year students have the time to settle in to a new school and make new friends. If they are in boarding, they also need to adapt to a new lifestyle and new country and this can be difficult if they are also starting the IB at the same time.



### What do teachers say about the Prep class?

Mark Haccius

English, History & TOK teacher

Since starting in September the Prep class have:

- Bonded together as a group
- Demonstrated their own individuality and strengths
- Overcome personal challenges
- Made significant progress in English
- Become more independent in their studies
- Learned to challenge received ideas and express their own opinions
- Learned stuff
- Completed various CAS projects, including clothing for the Ukraine and this yearbook
- Begun to control their tenses
- Become IB students

It's been very rewarding to see this class develop, mature, build up their confidence; it's been a privilege to have been part of it.

# CAS Project

Creativity, Activity, Service

Showcase your skills and talent in the Prep Year



The CAS projects at Ecole Lemania are an important part of developing teamwork and building a strong community on campus. Emilie Bermejo in her Preparatory Year played a key role in the project to provide online English lessons to 70 students at a school in Peru.

This international collaboration with the Arca Beta Association in Iquito, Peru, provided the ideal situation for a bilingual student to become central to the success of the project.

Her participation was in preparation for the CAS module (Creatvity, Action, Service) that she will be taking on the IB. Speaking English and Spanish, Emilie's language skills put her centre-stage in the project. She ensured that teachers in Peru and Switzerland could communicate effectively and rapidly and enabled the successful running of this international collaboration.

Her commitment to the realization of the project has helped bring two groups of students on different sides of the world much closer together and has given Emilie a high profile in this international collaboration.



# PSHE – Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

In line with the IB principle of developing both academic knowledge and personal growth, PSHE addresses issues that are relevant to teenagers, who may be facing these difficult and complicated situations for the first time as they become young adults.

PSHE provides a holistic learning approach and look at how students can learn to cope with these issues and how each area is affected by many interconnected factors. It also supports student's academic development by highlighting how progress in school is influenced by personal difficulties, showing appropriate ways that students can react and respond to each situation.

The learning outcomes for each key stage are spread across three core themes:

- **Health & well-being**
- **Relationships**
- **Living in the wider world**

Numerous topics are covered such as physical and mental health, alcohol and drug culture, sex and relationships, education, economic well-being and careers.

PSHE should be considered as being part of a wider learning process of understanding the world around us, which will be of great benefit after high school when students become more independent.

# International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

This 2-year pre-university curriculum is highly regarded by universities and educators around the world for the following reasons:

- **Academic strength**
- **Diversity of subjects**
- **Community involvement**
- **Creating independent thinkers**
- **University preparation**



## Who is it for?

This is a rigorous academic programme which develops academic skills for university study. Personal development is also a strong component and through the CAS module, students participate in community activity and understand and appreciate their own position in a wider global context.

## What does it develop?

The IB Diploma Programme helps students become culturally aware, lifelong learners with an open mind and an international outlook. This is a major advantage when applying for university and throughout life.

## Why it is a good university preparation?

Students who complete the IB Diploma Programme will have shown that they are ready to take on university study. Ecole Lemania has an excellent record of helping students continue to prestigious institutions in Switzerland and around the world and over 35% continue to Swiss universities each year. Other students will study outside Switzerland either in Europe, USA or sometimes returning home to study at university.

Students from the Prep Year to IB2, will work with the university counselling team and use university and career counselling software to research and apply for the university and programme of their choice.



## 6 subject groups

### 3 at standard level and 3 at higher level

#### Group 1 – Languages A

English, French, Italian, Spanish, German, Russian (Mandarin, Farsi and other languages are offered on demand with an additional cost)

#### Group 2 – Languages B

French, Italian, Spanish, German, Russian, English (Mandarin, Farsi and other languages are offered on demand with an additional cost)

#### Group 3 – Individuals in Societies

Economics, Business Management, History (Information Technology in a Global Society, Psychology, Philosophy via Pamoja with cost)

#### Group 4 – Natural Science

Biology, Chemistry, Physics

#### Group 5 – Maths

Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches

#### Group 6 – Arts

An extra subject from Groups 1 - 4

#### University Counseling

Students and parents have access to the “Unifrog” platform and will be guided and coached by experienced counsellors.

#### Research Methodology

Students learn how to write essays and research papers for the IB (structure, methodology, resources, referencing).

#### Sport

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#### Creativity, Action, Service

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#### TOK

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#### Extended Essay

The extended essay is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper

## Grading & Pass mark

- Each subject is graded from 1 - 7.
- Up to 3 extra points are available through a combination of the Extended Essay and TOK according to grades received.
- Pass mark - 24 points  
Max 42 points with 3 extra from EE & TOK

Pricing (in CHF)	Prep	IB1	IB2
<b>School Fees</b> (non boarder)	28'000	36'000	36'000



# University counselling

## University guidance

Ecole Lemania has been helping IB students in their search for the right university and programme for many years. Each student is given their own account in the “Unifrog” university counselling platform to help them identify and choose a university in line with their career goals and aspirations. This is a process which progressively increases in workload through Preparatory Year, IB 1 and into IB 2 when students need to make their university applications.

Students are guided and helped by experienced counsellors who make sure that students stay on top of the task and prepare their application dossiers on time. Parents are also involved in the process and will meet with counsellors as well as having their own access to “Unifrog”.

## What do IB graduates study?

- Biology
- Law
- Veterinary Science
- Business Management
- Hospitality Management
- Biochemistry
- Languages
- Medical Science
- Anthropology
- Engineering
- Psychology

## Where do IB graduates study?

### Switzerland

- EPFL
- EHL
- UNIL
- UNIGE
- St-Gall
- Les Roches
- BSL
- CEFF Berne ES
- Cesar Ritz Colleges
- International Univ in Geneva

### Rest of the world

- (USA) Stanford
- (USA) Case Western Reserve
- (UK) Brunel University
- (UK) University of Westminster
- (UK) University of Dundee
- (UK) University of Sussex
- (UK) Nottingham Trent University
- (Italy) Istituto Marangoni Milano
- (Germany) Humboldt University of Berlin
- (Hong Kong) University of Hong Kong

# Lausanne Lifestyle

## Boarding at Lemania

Ecole Lemania is located in the heart of Lausanne, named «best small city in the world» by travel magazine Monocle. There is so much to see and do, but the city is small enough to make you feel welcome and at home. Culture, sport, cuisine, tourism, nature, there is something for everybody and easily accessible.



Lausanne is also known as a place of learning. With universities and schools known around the world, Lausanne is a vibrant place to live and study.

An excellent transport system and being at the center of Europe also means that it is easy to travel around Switzerland and further afield. Paris is only 4 hours by train and Milan 3 hours.





# Boarding

## Boarding school advantages

Living in a boarding school helps teenagers become independent and mature quicker than their peers. Having to take responsibility for oneself as well as living in a community gives boarding students a different perspective.

Their roommates and fellow boarders become life-long friends as they experience growing up together at this formative time in their lives.

Being a boarding student also helps by offering teenagers a structured life. It helps to take away the many choices and influences they may have and good habits become compulsory in class, study-time, leisure and sports. The organization and regularity that is needed for the harmony in boarding schools, builds good habits for academic and future success.

## Included in the fee:

- Full board
- Three meals a day
- Continuous snacks
- Daily housekeeping
- Weekly laundry and ironing service
- Supply of bed linen and towels

## Healthy eating at Lemania

Ecole Lemania applies “Fourchette Verte” standards for student meals in line with the WHO’s “Health for All” strategy. We are committed to promoting healthy eating and to providing a balanced diet. This creates good eating habits with meals taken in a pleasant and relaxing environment.

Evening menus are made in collaboration with our international boarding students. This helps to provide a range of popular and varied meals each week to keep students in good health as well as introducing them to cuisine from around the world.

- Unlimited Wi-Fi
- Educational supervision,
- Evening studies and tutoring
- Sport (fitness)
- Leisure, cultural and sporting activities at weekends

Throughout your stay at Ecole Lemania, Valentine Du Pasquier Zeis will ensure your well-being and the success of your studies with the focus on three key areas in a boarding school;

- **Personalised academic support**
- **Security & Health**
- **Personal development**

As a qualified language teacher, Valentine is perfectly placed to follow the academic progress of boarders. This pedagogical responsibility is one in which she fully devotes herself, keeping boarding students on the path to academic success.

Not only is Valentine responsible for student comfort and safety, but she will help you to develop your potential so that you can be an important part of our multicultural and multilingual environment in this vibrant city.



**Valentine Du Pasquier Zeis, Director of Boarding, professor of French & Italian.**

Our boarding school, spread over two floors (one for girls and one for boys), offers our students a warm atmosphere in a family-friendly setting. We offer three categories of welcoming, spacious and comfortable single and double rooms, some with balconies, with magnificent views of Lake Geneva, the Alps or the Jura, depending on orientation.

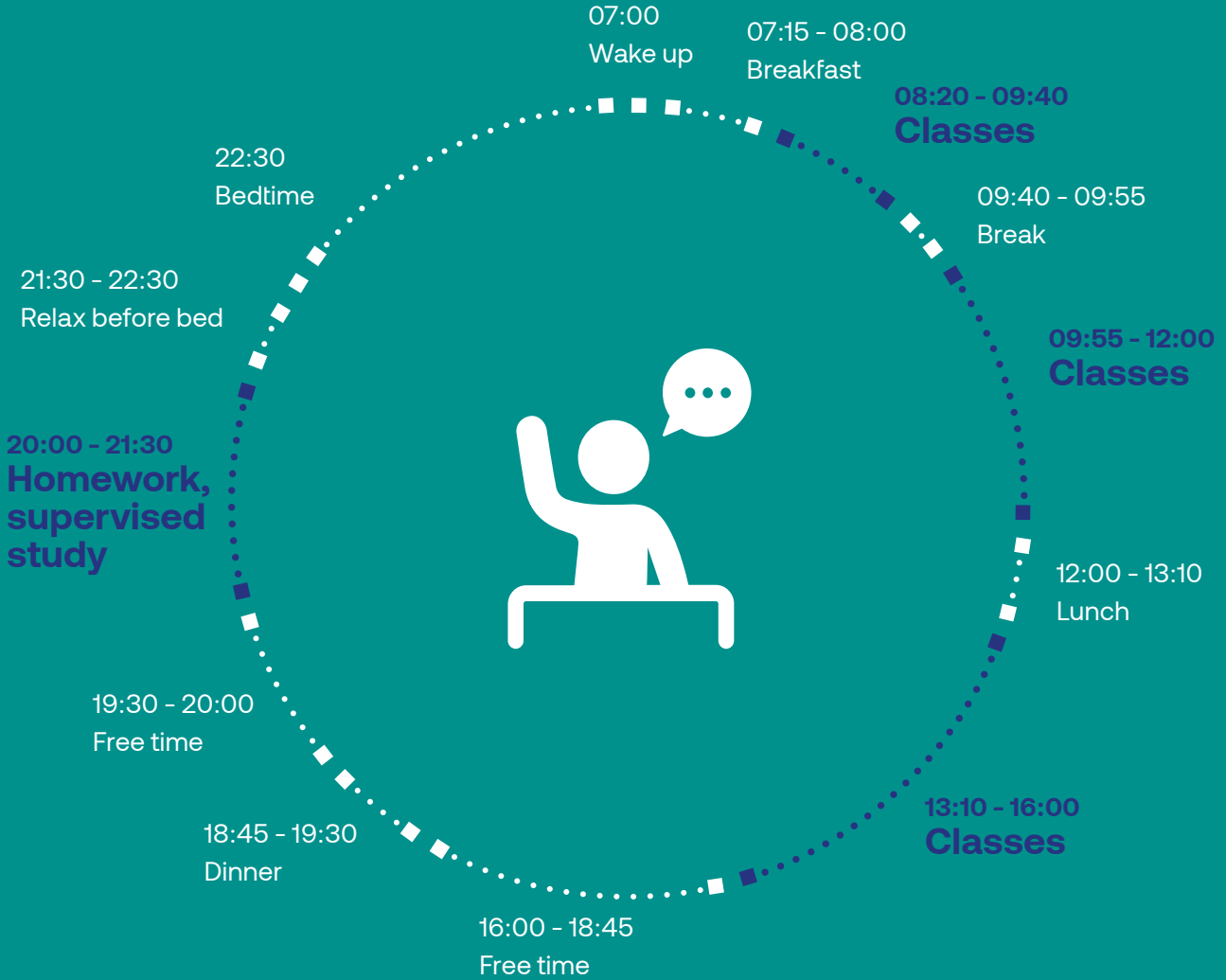
Our housekeeping team guarantees daily cleaning of rooms and common areas, as well as a weekly laundry and ironing service for personal linen. All our rooms are supplied with sheets and towels.

	Double (7 jours)	Single (7 jours)	Double (5 jours)	Single (5 jours)
Standard room	39'220	66'230	28'490	47'730
Comfort room	49'580	85'470	33'250	60'310
Comfort room +	58'830	105'080	42'920	74'000

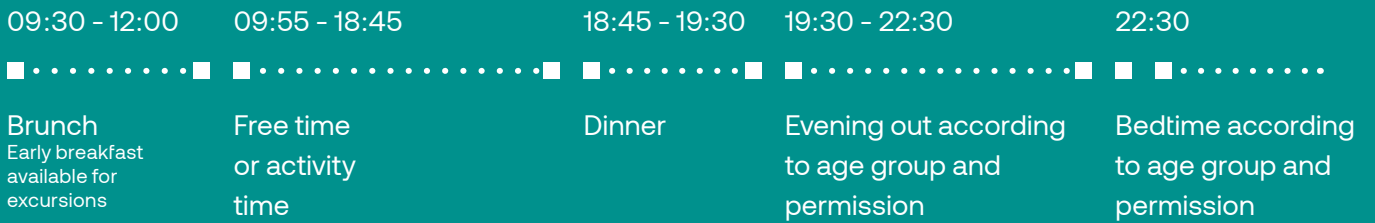
- Rooms in the Boarding House are limited and subject to availability.
- Full details on fees and conditions are available online, upon request and in the acceptance package.
- Boarding is reserved for students aged 15 and over.
- Ecole Lemania reserves the right to modify prices or terms and conditions if required.

# A typical day for a boarder

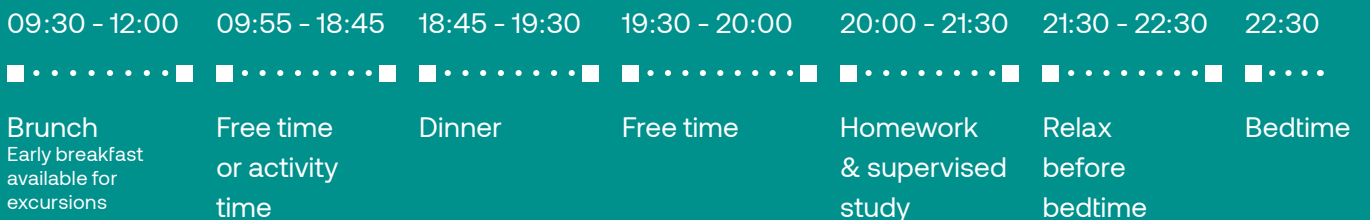
## Monday - Friday



## Saturday



## Sunday



## Weekends

### Free time or study time

Weekends can be a time to relax or a time to concentrate on extra study. As students approach exam periods or move up from Prep to IB1 then IB2, the study requirements increase. Our weekend schedule provides time for students to choose when to study and when to take the important moments to have fun with friends.

Throughout their time in the Lemania boarding house, student grades are monitored and the Director of Boarding will ensure that students take sufficient study time at the weekends.

When students go off campus, they are required to return at the correct time. A supervisor will call them directly if they are late.

### Telephone & screen time policy

The boarding team will abide by parents wishes with regard to screen time and the use of mobile phones. Should academic results be seen to drop, appropriate action will be taken to ensure that students are not spending too much time online.

### Trips and organised activity

Trips to many locations and events are organised during the year and students are informed in advance, these include visits to Europa Park, ski weekend, Bern, Geneva, Annecy (France), Zurich, Neuchâtel, hiking, VTT, Aquaparc, Lavey les-Bains, local sport and leisure activities, cinema, swimming, football, shopping trips, lake sports, basketball etc.



# Summer Camp

## Language Programme

**Age 14 - 18 years old**  
**June 22 to August 9**  
**1-7 week programme**

Lemania Summer Camp is a unique summer school, allowing participants to take intensive language courses in French or English, as well as an IELTS preparation course. Afternoons are devoted to sports, cultural and artistic activities for young people from 14 to 18 years old from all over the world, with participants from Lausanne and the surrounding area.



### Sport

horseback riding, soccer, golf, boxing, swimming in the lake, water skiing, all of this in Lausanne



### View Switzerland

Aquatis, visit Geneva and Bern, Olympic Museum and Chaplin Museum, Chillon Castle



### Activities

Laser game, horse riding, bubble soccer, archery, escape room, go-karting, aquapark, there's plenty to do with your new friends

Contact us  
for more  
information



summercamp.ch



### Visit

Lakes, mountains, shopping in Geneva, Evian, castles, museums and hiking. So much to see



### Courses

English or French,  
15 or 20 hours per week,  
IELTS preparation



# Improving student life

The feedback and input from students and parents about their experience at school is very important to us. We value this opportunity to receive comments and ideas that can only help



## Student council

The student council is composed of students from each year of the Preparatory Year and IB Diploma. Two students from each class are elected by their peers in late September to represent the views of the class. Two members of staff including one teacher and one senior member of the school administration attend each meeting to collaborate with the student council on issues which are important to students.

Members of the student council develop excellent communication and diplomacy skills which helps to ensure the smooth collaboration between students and school. This is a great way for students to not only contribute to the development of a better school environment, it gives students a chance to use skills that the IB values such as independence, taking responsibility and activity in the community. Skills that will be very useful in their lives.

to create a campus in which students feel at home and parents feel confident about their child's future.



## Parent meetings

Parents will meet with teachers at least once each term and at any time have access to grades and comments through the Managebac database. They can also call or send a message to any teacher throughout the year if they have questions.

Additionally, parents will meet once each term with the IB Diploma Programme director and Head of Enrolment to discuss current and future direction of the programme, student life and university options. This open door policy fosters collaboration and openness so that parents can see what direction the school wishes to take with regards to their child's welfare and education.



# How to apply

We suggest applying from November to February. This will enable you to guarantee a place on the programme and in the Boarding House if required and give you time to apply for the student visa, if required.

## STEP 1: Send the following documents

- Completed and signed Application Form
- Scanned copies of grading reports for the last two years
- Letter of motivation (250 words)  
“Tell us more about yourself”
- English level certificates or alternatively, English proficiency can be assessed during the candidate interview
- Non-refundable fee of CHF 1'500.– for each application, payable by credit card or bank transfer.

**STEP 2:** Upon receiving a completed file and application fee, we will complete the review process and contact you within 5 working days.

**STEP 3:** After receiving an offer (Conditional Acceptance letter) the student's place in Ecole Lemania is reserved on receipt of the first installment of the fees.

A receipt and VISA application information and package will be sent to Non-EU students at this point.

	Boarding Students	Day Students
<b>Application fee – non refundable</b>	<b>1'500</b>	<b>1'500</b>
<b>Administration fee</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Alumni fee</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>CAS Trip fee</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Deposit – refundable</b>	<b>6'000</b>	<b>1'000</b>

### October - April

Campus visits & interviews, in Lausanne or online

### January - April

Applications and decision time

### January - May

Visa application time for international students

### Summertime

Vacations and deserved rest time

### End of August

Start the IB at Ecole Lemania

# Contact us



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Our admissions office can provide any further information you may require such as admission requirements and details on how to apply for a visa if you require one.

A visit to Ecole Lemania will take from 40 to 90 minutes and includes an appointment with the academic director and tour of the school and boarding house. The aim of this meeting is to determine how Ecole Lemania can meet your current academic needs and to identify how this fits into your future plans.

We will also be pleased to organize a video call for students where a visit is not possible.

## How to get to Ecole Lemania

### By train

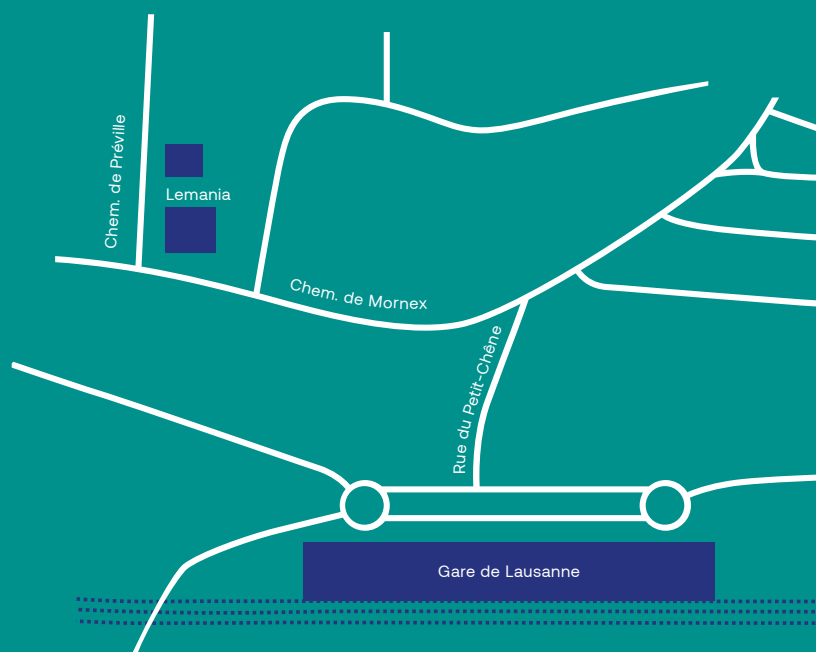
Our campus is a 5-10 minute walk from Lausanne train station.

### By car

Montbenon car park is only 100 metres from Ecole Lemania.

### On the Lausanne metro

The stop M2 Lausanne G is opposite Lausanne train station and is a 5-10 minute walk to the campus.



« A very professional school with attentive management and teachers who do not hesitate to go the extra mile. Both my children succeeded in their IB studies, thanks to the school's caring and rigorous supervision. Many thanks to the entire teaching team and to Mrs Crisante, the programme director. »

Mother of 2023 IB graduate

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Lemania IB Experience