

# The School Profile

2023-2024

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College Board CEEB Code: **796768** | UCAS Code: **47143**

International Baccalaureate School Code: **0928**

IB, CIS & BSA Accredited



**337** Total Students    **126** Day Students    **211** Boarding



## 1. GENERAL

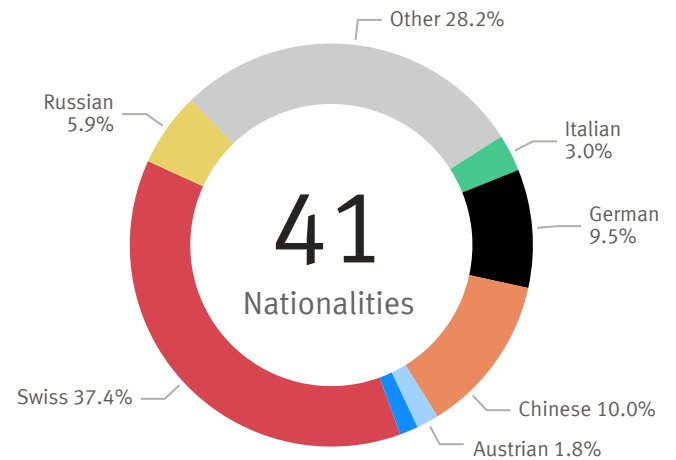
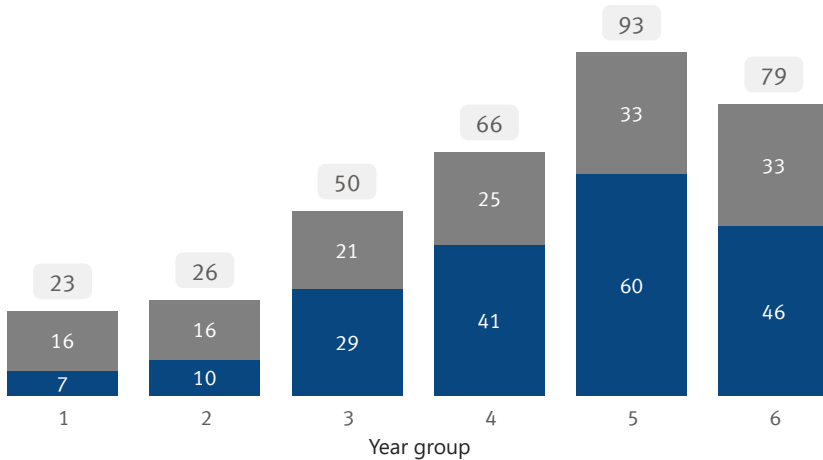
Founded in 1904, the Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz is located in a small village in the Engadin valley, near St. Moritz, in Switzerland. We start in Year 1 (grade 7) and finish in Year 6 (grade 12) though students may join in any year up through Year 5.

## 2. THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The **Swiss Matura, Pre-IGCSE, IGCSE, International Baccalaureate Career-related Program (IBCP)** and the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP)** each provide a rigorous and challenging academic experience. In addition to the demanding courses available, our students pursue a rich variety of extracurricular activities:

- **Environmental and development projects** have led our students to [Ghana](#) recently, raising environmental, social and economic awareness.
- **Lyceum Balance** provides a range of afternoon activities from Lyceum Ambassadors, Science, Photography, Sports, Arts and Creative Writing, among others
- **The Lyceum Alpinum caters for many sports** and has teams that represent the school at local, national and international level. These include Competitive Skiing, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Volleyball, Fives, Cricket, and Football (soccer). Skiing/snowboarding is obligatory for all students in the winter.
- **The Visual and Performing Arts Programme** is particularly vibrant thanks to the school's continued investment in dedicated facilities. Available are English and German theatre groups, music ensembles and bands, a school choir, Design & Technology and the Visual Arts.

● International Section ● Matura



## 3. SCHOOL ENROLMENT AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Our commitment to creating a vibrant international community, with no one dominant culture, is strong. It allows for an exciting exchange of ideas and experiences. The language of instruction in the International Section is English, and in the Matura program, it is German, or Bilingual with English.

## SWISS MATURA

The cantonal curriculum of the Matura is taught in German across years 1-6 (age 12 to 18) or Bilingual German & English across years 4-6 (age 16 to 18). In years 5 and 6 students select 12 subjects from the following options:

• <b>First language</b>	German
• <b>Mandatory</b>	English, Maths, Biology (in German or English), Chemistry, Physics, History (in German or English), Art or Music, Geography (in German or English)
• <b>Second language</b>	French
• <b>1 applied choice</b>	Visual Arts, Maths & Physics, Economics & Law or Spanish
• <b>1 further choice</b>	History (in English) or Geography, ITC, Economics & Law (in English)
• <b>Matura Essay / Project</b>	

Grades are awarded from a low of 1 to a high of 6 with an overall of 4 needed for promotion. Chemistry is examined in the 5th Year. The average of the Matura class of 2023 (with 20 students) was 4.78, while the top student achieved an average of 5.77. 20 of the 20 students examined in the Matura passed.

## PRE-IB & THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM (IBDP) AND CAREER-RELATED PROGRAM (IBCP)

The Lyceum Alpinum currently runs its own curriculum program in years 1-2, delivered in English, and this leads into the IGCSE in years 3-4, and to the IBDP or IBCP in years 5 and 6. Students new to the school in year 4 will not take the IGCSEs. In years 1-4, students experience a wide range of curriculum content, taking up to 12 subjects at a time facilitating a broad exposure, while in years 1-3 students whose English is less developed can focus both on English mastery and subject knowledge in the EAL sections.

In year 4, students make their IB choices but there is no standardized testing such as IGCSEs at this time – these will begin this year with first exams in 2023 thus there are no results to report to universities other than internal grades. Grades awarded in individual subjects range from a low of 1, to a high of 7, while 4 is a passing grade.

**Theory of Knowledge (TOK)** and **CAS** are core areas of study in the IBDP and, along with the **Extended Essay (EE)**, both are mandatory elements of the Diploma Programme.

The IBCP program graduated its first class in 2020. Students take the International BTEC Level 3, an applied vocational program that works for businesses. Study is in a vocational context, assessed internally, moderated externally by Pearson. In addition, students take at least 2 but no more than 3 IB subjects as Certificate Candidates as well as the CP core of **Personal & Professional Skills**, a **Reflective Project**, **Language Development** and **Service Learning**.

30 of 42 of the IB candidates received the full Diploma in May 2023. The average score (total points) was 30 pts, while 39 points topped the class. Currently in the class of 2024, there are 45 IBDP candidates and 3 are IBCP candidates.

IBDP Students have to select courses from the following options choosing three HL courses with restrictions of choice given scheduling issues. In the IBDP2 students taking 7 Subjects and/or 4 HLs will be asked to choose 6 subjects and 3 HLs only:

• <b>Language A</b>	English A Language & Literature SL/HL; English A Literature SL/HL; German A Language & Literature SL/HL; Self-Taught Mother Tongue Literature (SSST) SL
• <b>Language B</b>	English B, German B, French B, Spanish B HL/SL, French or German ab initio SL
• <b>Individuals and Societies</b>	Economics or Business & Management; History SL/HL
• <b>Sciences</b>	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Design Technology SL/HL
• <b>Mathematics</b>	Maths Approaches & Analysis HL/SL; Maths Applications & Interpretations SL
• <b>Arts</b>	Visual Arts SL/HL or Music HL; or another subject from Group 1-5.

## Class Ranking & GPA

is not part of the Lyceum ethos and we do not calculate a cumulative GPA as students come to us from varied educational backgrounds at different points in their educational journey.

## Current attainment on the transcript

This is the grade that the student is working at in this point in time. It is a holistic judgement for the period based upon a series of different kinds of assessment. The grade reflects the level at which the student has most consistently performed through that semester. We offer each semester individually on our transcript.

## Students in the Class of 2023 and Gap Year 2022 and 2021 matriculated in the following countries:

- USA – 6
- Spain – 5
- Gap Yr – 11
- UK – 7
- CH – 15
- NL – 4
- H – 1
- CAN – 1

## IGCSE

Results for IGCSE will be available for the Class of 2025.

#### 4. SELECTION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED: 2017-2022

**Bold is where students have matriculated.**

<b>AUSTRALIA &amp; NEW ZEALAND</b>	ESCP (F)	<b>New College</b>	<b>Duke University, NC</b>
University of Auckland	Erasmus Univ College (NL)	<b>Northeastern</b>	Emory University, GA
University of Melbourne	GBS, Madrid (E)	Northumbria University	Fordham University, NY
University of Waikato	<b>Humanitas (I)</b>	<b>Oxford Brookes University</b>	<b>Georgetown Univ, DC</b>
Griffith College	<b>IE University (E)</b>	<b>Queen Mary London</b>	Gonzaga University, WA
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>IMC (A)</b>	Queen's Univ, Belfast	Goucher College, MD
Bishop's University	Leiden University (NL)	<b>Regent's University</b>	<b>Haverford College, PA</b>
Huron Univ. College	<b>LUISS (I)</b>	<b>Royal Holloway</b>	High Point University, NC
King's University College	<b>Maastricht University (NL)</b>	<b>UCL</b>	<b>Illinois Inst of Technology</b>
<b>McGill University</b>	<b>Marangoni Institute (I)</b>	University of Aberdeen	<b>LMU, CA</b>
Queen's University	<b>Meduni Graz (A)</b>	University of Bath	Marist College, NY
Ryerson University	National University of Ireland, Galway (IE)	University of Birmingham	Middlebury College, VT
<b>UBC</b>	Paracelsus Medizinische (A)	University of Brighton	<b>New York University</b>
University of Guelph	<b>Parsons Paris (F)</b>	<b>University of Cambridge</b>	<b>Northeastern Uni, MA</b>
<b>Univ of Ontario Institute of Technology</b>	Radbound University (NL)	University of East Anglia	Pace University, NC
University of Ottawa	<b>SLU, Madrid (E)</b>	<b>University of Edinburgh</b>	<b>Purdue University, IN</b>
<b>University of Toronto</b>	San Raffaele Medicine (I)	<b>University of Exeter</b>	<b>Pratt Institute, NY</b>
University of Waterloo	Sigmund Freud Univ (A)	<b>University of Glasgow</b>	<b>Quinnipiac Univ, CT</b>
University of Victoria	<b>Suffolk Univ, Madrid (E)</b>	University of Kent	Rhode Island School of Design
Western University	<b>Tilburg University (NL)</b>	<b>University of Oxford</b>	Rollins College, FL
York University	TU Delft (NL)	University of Leeds	St Lawrence University, NY
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>TU Eindhoven (NL)</b>	University of Leicester	Sarah Lawrence College, NY
Bus Sch Lausanne	<b>TU Munchen (DE)</b>	<b>University of Manchester</b>	SCAD, GA
<b>EHL</b>	<b>Uni Bergamo (I)</b>	University of Nottingham	SAIC, IL
<b>ETH</b>	<b>Univ College Cork (IE)</b>	University of Portsmouth	<b>School of Visual Arts, NY</b>
<b>F+F Zürich</b>	<b>Univ Coll Groningen (NL)</b>	University of Plymouth	Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ
<b>Franklin University</b>	<b>Univ Coll Roosevelt (NL)</b>	<b>University of Reading</b>	Syracuse University, NY
<b>Geneva Business School</b>	Universidad de Navarra (E)	<b>University of St Andrews</b>	The New School, NY
<b>Glion</b>	<b>Univ of Amsterdam (NL)</b>	University of Southampton	Tufts University, MA
<b>Hochschule Luzern</b>	<b>Univ of Groningen (NL)</b>	University of Surrey	Univ of California - Berkeley, Davis,
<b>SBS</b>	<b>Webster Univ Leiden (NL)</b>	University of Sussex	Irvine, <b>Los Angeles</b> , Riverside, Santa
<b>Universität Bern</b>	<b>Zepplin University (DE)</b>	<b>UAL</b>	Barbara, <b>Santa Cruz</b> , San Diego
University of Geneva	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	University of Warwick	Univ of Miami, FL
<b>Universität Liechtenstein</b>	Cardiff University	<b>UWE, Bristol</b>	Univ of Michigan
<b>Universität Luzern</b>	<b>City, University of London</b>	<b>University of Westminster</b>	<b>Univ of Southern Carolina</b>
<b>Université de Lausanne</b>	<b>Coventry University</b>	University of York	Univ of Vermont
<b>Universität St Gallen</b>	<b>De Monfort University</b>	<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>Wake Forest Univ, NC</b>
<b>Universität Zürich</b>	Durham University	American University, DC	Wesleyan Univ
<b>Webster Univ Geneva</b>	Edinburgh Napier Univ	Auburn University, AL	
<b>EUROPE</b>	Goldsmith's	<b>Babson College, MA</b>	
American Univ of Paris (F)	<b>Hult International Business School</b>	<b>Bentley Univ, MA</b>	
Bocconi University (I)	<b>Imperial College</b>	Berklee Coll of Music, MA	
Cattolica Università (I)	<b>INTO, University of Exeter</b>	<b>Boston University, MA</b>	
<b>Detmold Hochschule für Musik (DE)</b>	<b>King's College</b>	Carnegie Melon Univ, PA	
<b>EADA (E)</b>	Lancaster University	College of Wooster, OH	
EBS (DE)	Loughborough University	Columbia Coll Chicago, IL	
<b>EDHEC (F)</b>	<b>Newcastle University</b>	<b>Connecticut College</b>	

**5. GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR IB 1ST YEAR (GRADE 11) 2022-2023**

	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2
<b>Group 1 – Strongest Academic Language</b>											
English A Language + Literature HL			5	4	5	1					
English A Lang + Lit SL		2	3	1	6	1	1				
German A Literature HL				2							
German A Literature SL	1		3	1	3	4	1				
Chinese A Literature SL	2		2	2							
Russian A Lit SL - SSST	1	1									
Arabic A Lit SL - SSST					1						
Italian A Lit SL - SSST	1		1		1						
Japanese A SL - Lit SSST					1						
Portuguese A Lit SL - SSST						1					
<b>Group 2 – Language of Acquisition</b>											
English B HL			4	2	5	3	1				
English B SL	2										
German B HL	1										
German B SL			5		1	1					
German ab initio SL	2		1	1	2						
French B HL	2										
French B SL						2					
Spanish B HL	1			1	1						
Spanish ab initio SL	1					1		1			
<b>Group 3 – Humans and Societies</b>											
Business & Management HL	3	6	6	1	3						
Business & Management SL		2	6	1	2	1					
Economics HL	1			3	1	2	1				
Economics SL	2	1						1			
History HL		2	2	2	2	3	1				
History SL				1	1		1				
Psychology HL	3		1							1	
<b>Group 4 – Sciences</b>											
Biology HL	1		5	3	3	1	3	2			
Biology SL		1		2				1	1		
Chemistry HL	6										
Chemistry SL	1	1	2								
Design Technology HL			4	1		1	1				
Design Technology SL		1		2	1	4					
Physics HL	1	2			2		2	5			
Physics SL			1								
<b>Group 5 – Mathematics</b>											
Mathematics: analysis and approaches HL	3		1		2	2			1	2	
Mathematics: analysis and approaches SL	4		3	1	4	2	3				
Mathematics: applications & interpretation SL	3		4	4	4	2				1	
<b>Group 6 – Arts</b>											
Visual Arts HL	4		1								
Visual Arts SL				1	2		2				
Music HL	1		1								

**6. GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR SWISS MATURA CLASS OF 2023 (GRADE M5 2022-2023)**

	6	5.75	5.5	5.25	5	4.75	4.5	4.25	4	3.75	3.5	3.25	3	<3
<b>1. Mandatory</b>														
German 1st Language	1	2	2	1	4	2	5	1	1	1				
English 2nd Language	2	4		2	2	3	4	2	1					
<b>2. Students choose 1</b>														
French 2nd Language			3		1		6			2	1			
Italian 2nd Language				1	1	1			2					2
<b>3. Mandatory</b>														
Maths	1			1	2		1	1		5	1	2	2	4
Biology (taught in English)		1	1			2	1		1					1
Biology (taught in German)	1			1	2	2	3	1	1	1			1	
Chemistry			1		2	1	4	3	6	3				
Physics			2	1	5	4	2	3	2	1				
History (taught in English)			1	3	2		1							
History (taught in German)		1	1		3	3	1	2	1			1		
Geography (taught in English)				1	2	1		1		2				
Geography (taught in German)				4		3	3	1	1	1				
<b>4. Students choose 1</b>														
Visual Arts		3	2	3	1	3	3	1						
Music			2			1	1							
<b>5. Students choose 1</b>														
Applied Visual Arts			1		1									
Applied Spanish	3		1											
Applied Economics & Law		1	1		1	1				1				
Applied Biology & Chemistry					2	1	1		1					
Applied Physics & Math					2	1			1					
<b>6. Students choose 1</b>														
Further History (taught in English)			1	3	2									
Further Economics & Law			2	1		1	3	1						
Further Geography					1	1	1	1	1	1				
<b>7. Mandatory</b>														
Sport	1		3	7		3	2	3		1				

**7. IB DIPLOMA RESULTS: 2021-2023**

