

COPPERFIELD

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VERBIER







BUILD A SCHOOL FOR THE STUDENTS,

WHAT WOULD THAT SCHOO LIKE?





MARCH 2020

The story begins a stone's throw from the Thames.

In March 2020, Dr

Hugh McCormick
founded a college
in London dedicated
to helping students affected by the pandemic.

Copperfield London supported many young people as they battled with the most unpredictable educational conditions.

JANUARY 10TH 2021

Copperfield's 12-strong team was ready to open its doors to 30 curious students and their families.

2020

2021

NOVEMBER 2020

To the Alps!

After months of hard work at Copperfield in St James, Hugh was presented with the opportunity by British business leader, **John Porter**, to open a school in Verbier in the Swiss Alps.

One visit in November 2020 was persuasive enough: the challenge now was to recruit students, staff and **find a campus.**

MARCH 2021

We become an Authorised World School Candidate to teach the International Baccalaureate PYP and DP.

JOURNEY

JUNE 2022

After an intensive
18-month programme,
Copperfield is authorised
to teach the International
Baccalaureate Diploma

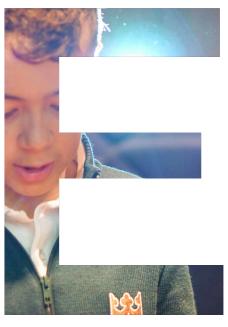
2022

NOVEMBER 2021

10 months later, and our team now comprises former concert cellists, members of the Swiss Armed Forces, experienced leaders from Swiss boarding schools, and our student body continues to grow.

















We teach young people to be members of their community, drawing out what is aready inside them: creativity, compassion and courage. We guide without commanding, encourage without emanding, and show each student that they are xtraordinary.

The Copperfield vision is to reassure students that to be human is to be imperfect: that it is acceptable and even useful to make mistakes. To 'have the courage to be imperfect' does not mean to accept mediocrity, but instead to be honest about our imperfections and respond with a passionate and earnest desire to improve.

We coach students that problems and conflicts are natural, and can be solved with optimism and focus. We show them that the world is a good place, and it can be made better through positive thought, action and collaboration.

Copperfield is a global community of ideas, respect and optimism.

We are an international school founded in 2021 to fulfill a vision of a world-class school in the Swiss Alps: an international community in a unique and inspiring setting.

We teach young people to live with both compassion and courage, developing the moral compass, strength of character and technical skill that they will need, whatever they wish to do. At our ski-in, ski-out campus, we offer students and families a safe and inspiring environment in which to come together and learn.

Our school will always be student-centred. We start each day, each lesson and each interaction by asking 'what is best for the student?', and each of our decisions flow from that principle. With 2 students per teacher, we are able to know your child and family in a way that is a daydream to teachers at larger, traditional schools.





Switzerland is safe, and as a Swiss mountain village, Verbier is one of the safest places in Switzerland.

It is an international community: our school has students from every inhabited continent, and children are immersed in languages: there are 14 languages spoken in our community. Students as young as 7 walk or ski home from our picturesque campus, they breathe in pure mountain air, drink mineral water from the faucet, and are surrounded by trees and ponds. Our children have a healthy glow and joy for mountain life.

The world's best ski resort deserves the world's best mountain school, and it is with this ambition in mind that our educators arrive at work each day, ready to deliver inspirational learning experiences in an awe-inspiring place.

At the end of each school day, our students gather around the school cafe, talking excitedly as they wait for their parents or make their own way home.

There is no safer, healthier, or more beautiful place to educate your children than in Verbier.



PROGRAMME

We have built a team

of compassionate, **empathetic and inspiring educators** who have taught at the best international schools in the world. Our teachers have, on average, eleven years of classroom experience, are fluent in at least two languages, and **above all, are kind and professional practitioners whose mission is to improve the lives of young people.**

Our educational programme

includes the core curriculum offered by all schools, as well as a diverse range of subjects and activities unique to Copperfield. Lessons occur in groups no larger than ten and often much smaller.

This gives us a **family atmosphere** where every step in the learning journey is individualised, and where innovation is inevitable. We teach languages through music, and science through cooking.

Our facilities are unique

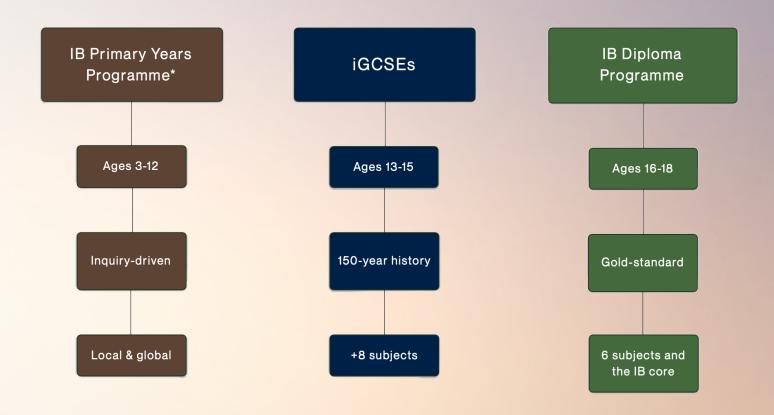
Our campus is ski-in, ski-out and our secondary classrooms are situated at over 7.000 feet.

We offer all of this under **three of the world's best academic programmes** for international schools: the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, the Cambridge IGCSE, and the international.



ACADEMIC LIFE AT COPPERFIELD

Teachers from the world's best universities, Gold-standard curricula, & Individual support for all students.



At Copperfield, we provide a range of first-class academic options for ages 3-18. Our experts with experience in all the above curricula are ready to lead your children to academic excellence.

Copperfield International School is a Candidate School* for the Primary Years Programme. The school is pursuing authorization as an IB Primary Years Programme School. These are schools that share a common philosophy: a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Copperfield believes is important for our students.





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I love going to school every day. The most important thing is that our teachers allow us to have fun and be creative. They love it when we are happy, and my parents love that too.

Year 8 student

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We moved from Sweden to Verbier as we wanted our children to have an international upbringing and education, surrounded by different nationalities, cultures, and languages. At Copperfield, they are taught in English and French, and each day they are exposed to many more languages. Add the Verbier lifestyle of outdoors, sports and skiing and we have exactly what we wanted.

Mother of a 7 year old girl, 10 year old boy, 13 year old girl





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I've been to many of the best schools around the world and I can guarantee that there is no other school doing well-being as good as this.

Father of an 11 year old boy and 14 year old girl

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I didn't know what a "Homeroom" was, but now my daughters love to start the school day in Homeroom with their well-being tutor. Together with the weekly assemblies, where all parents are invited, I feel that the school share my focus on well-being. It's no exaggeration to say that everyone in the school community knows each other's names and faces. That's special.

Mother of an 8 and 10 year old girl







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