



SURVAL MONTREUX
GIRLS' SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND

High School Programmes





A Surval education empowers girls to embrace challenge, take ownership of future pathways and lead dialogue for positive change.

A Surval graduate leaves school with the academic credentials, breadth of interests and open attitude to set her on a pathway to success with entrepreneurial and creative flair. She can walk into any room with self-assurance, presence and cultural awareness.

Une éducation délivrée par Surval permet à des jeunes filles de faire face à des défis, de prendre en main leur trajectoire et de délivrer un discours positif.

Une élève de Surval quitte l'école avec son diplôme, la soif d'apprendre et une ouverture d'esprit pour emprunter la route du succès avec un flair entrepreneurial et un élan de créativité.



Surval Montreux

Creating powerful stories,
transforming futures

Surval is an exceptional international boarding school for girls aged 12-18, where we seek to empower ambitious, globally confident young women who are entrepreneurial and adventurous in spirit and have the inner confidence to follow their own path.

Why study at Surval?

Studying at Surval is a very different experience to many other schools due to our small size and highly personalised approach which lends itself to lessons being more tutorial style. Surval classes are small, ranging from 1 to 10 students. This means students benefit from a great deal of individual attention from subject teachers and can progress at their own pace.



Personalisation

Our starting point is the girls. Where are they with their learning when they arrive in Surval and how do we take their learning forward to ensure challenge and progression? What are their goals and aspirations and how do we tailor their Surval programme to help them achieve these goals? In establishing this, we build the curriculum around them to ensure they graduate from High School with strong academic credentials fit for university admissions around the world. Our teachers are adept at tailoring individual pathways.



The power of an all-girls education

- Girls take centre stage and are on the front line of leading initiatives;
- All opportunities are for girls - in the classroom, science laboratory or art studio, in sports and adventure activities, in assemblies, committees and masterclasses;
- Girls are surrounded by strong female role models providing inspiration to be ambitious for their future;
- Girls are surrounded by a supportive, collaborative environment which gives them space to grow and develop through their teenage years;
- Girls are able to focus on their academic studies and make the most of opportunities free from any perceived barriers;
- Girls are actively called on and encouraged to participate in class and to challenge assumptions and voice their opinions.



Survall's High School Programmes

At Surval, girls enjoy living and studying alongside students following both the High School programme and the French Language & Culture programme. High School and Language & Culture students follow separate academic courses, but join together for the Surval COL programme of electives.

	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	French Language and Culture
Academic	<p>Springboard to High School</p> <p>English, Maths, French, Science, Global Perspectives</p>	<p>High School I</p> <p>English, Maths, French, Science, History</p>	<p>High School II</p> <p>English, Maths, French, Science, History</p> <p>1 year IGCSE courses available on demand</p>	<p>High School III & IV with Advanced Placements</p> <p>English, Maths, French, Science, Business, History</p> <p>AP options: English, History, Art History, French, Maths</p>	<p>A Levels</p> <p>Options: English, History, French, Art, Maths</p>	<p>French Language and Culture (DELF)</p> <p>Etiquette</p> <p>Culinary Arts</p>
COL	<p>The Surval COL Electives programme</p> <p>Language Enrichment, The Arts, Sports</p> <p>Global Etiquette & Communications, University & Careers Masterclasses, Life Skills, Service</p>					

The American High School Diploma

Awarded on the basis of obtaining the required number of academic and non-academic credits over Grades 9-12.

- Academic subjects cover, as a minimum, Maths, Languages (English and French), Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Social Studies (History and Business)
- Survival COL electives count as non-academic credits (The Arts, Language Enrichment, Sports, Survival Core)
- Regular assessment grades contribute to a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) marked out of 4



Suits students less confident in sitting exams



The GPA can be raised above 4 by taking APs to add academic rigour



US Advanced Placements

APs are 1 year academically rigorous courses culminating in an external exam in May

- Shows academic strength ahead of joining university
- APs offered at Survival: English (Language, Literature), History (European, US), French, Art History, Maths
- Other AP subjects available by discussion

Support for SAT/IELTS/TOEFL preparation



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Minimum of 5 AP classes to apply to the most competitive US Colleges



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Minimum of 3 AP classes to apply to the UK, 5 to be on the safe side



UK Advanced Levels (A Levels)

Academically rigorous 2-year courses taken in Grades 11 and 12 (Grades 12-13 in UK schools).

- Most widely established route to UK Universities
- Most students will pick 3 A-Level subjects. High achievers will sometimes take 4 A-Levels
- Highest attainable grade is A*. The most highly competitive universities require students to have at least 2 A*s
- Survival follows the Pearson Edexcel course specification
- A Level subjects currently offered at Survival: English, History, French, Art, Maths.

Support for IELTS preparation





Your week (a sample High School programme)

	Morning				Afternoon (COL)		Evening Session
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	19h00 - 20h30
Monday	English	French	Social Studies	Maths	The Arts - electives		Study / Free time Evening activities
Tuesday	Social Studies	English	Maths	Study	French	Science	
Wednesday	French	Social Studies	English	Science	Language Enrichment		
Thursday	English	Maths	Science	Social Studies	Sports & Wellbeing		
Friday	Survival Award	Maths	French	Science	Survival Core		
Saturday	Cultural Day excursion OR						
Sunday	Residential Trip (Independent travel for 17 years+)						

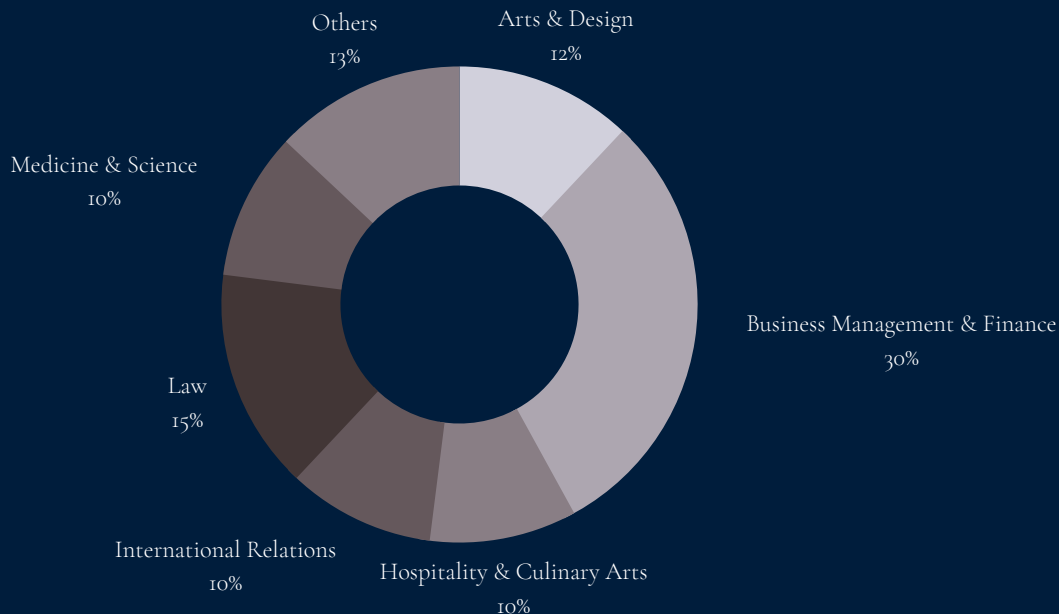
7h30 Wake-up call 7h45 - 8h15 Breakfast
 12h55 - 13h45 Lunch
 Clubs / Supported study
 Free time to go to Montreux
 18h30 - Dinner
 21h30 Rooms (lights out by age)

University Guidance at Surval

An integrated part of the "Surval Core" for all students.

- Careers Masterclasses
- Business-oriented visits
- Partnership with international university and careers counsellors
 - Bespoke workshops looking at:
 - applications to universities in UK/US/other
 - building your profile including summer school opportunities
 - 1:1 guidance programme: 5 hours of 1:1 support leading to individualised roadmap to university

Where Survaliennes go off to study



ART ACADEMY
LONDON

KING'S
College
LONDON



Queen Mary
University of London

REGENT
UNIVERSITY

THE NEW SCHOOL
PARSONS
PARIS

McGill
UNIVERSITY



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

*A list of some of the universities attended by Survaliennes



Survival's Values



Challenge Yourself

Embrace opportunities to step out of your comfort zone to develop new skills and perspectives

- Embrace the experience of living in Survival's multicultural community
- Push your multilingual competency and gain fluency in French
- Step up to challenges in your academic studies
- Try a new adventure sport
- Look for opportunities to show creativity and entrepreneurship
- Explore new places with open-mindedness

Own Your Voice

Engage actively, take responsibility for your learning and development, and use the power of your voice constructively for positive impact on yourself and the community

- Take an active part in 'Survival Voices' (student committees)
- Step up to opportunities to present and promote areas of interest to others
- Look after your wellbeing
- Engage in dialogue and debate in the classroom and ask questions
- Organise your time to ensure appropriate balance between study, enrichment activities and relaxation

Lead Your Journey

Identify personal goals and take responsibility for your choices to enable you to meet your targets through self-reflection and personal challenge

- Personalise your academic and enrichment programme to match your interests and goals and set you up for your future pathway
- Reflect on your progress and identify next steps
- Seek ways to make a difference in the community
- Show commitment to wider opportunities
- Step up to ambassadorship opportunities

Challenge, Own, Lead (COL)

The Surval COL curriculum

The Surval COL curriculum draws together all the distinctive elements of Surval's programme which lie beyond the focused academic courses. This features a range of non-academic electives where students have an element of choice to pursue their interests, whilst keeping a balance across physical, creative, linguistic and cultural domains.

The Arts	Fine Art, Photography, Fashion Design, Ceramics, Music, History of Art <i>(Options vary by term and are confirmed according to interest)</i>
Language Enrichment	Additional French conversation, Beginner Italian, Beginner Spanish, home language tuition
Sports and Wellbeing	Autumn and Spring Terms: Tennis, Hiking, Cycling, Running, Horse riding, Sailing, Golf <i>(Options vary)</i> Winter Term: Skiing or Snowboarding
Surval Core	Global Etiquette and Communications for Personal and Professional Success, Careers & University Masterclasses, Life Skills, Service
Passion Project	Putting Challenge, Own, Lead into practice. Identifying a particular interest to research and explore further, guided by a Surval mentor. This may link with a future study/career interest, relate to language studies, involve cultural exploration, or a creative project, or lead to a social enterprise initiative. The focus is on students taking the lead in enhancing their portfolio and exploring an interest individual to them.
Tailored Electives	Additional electives are available according to interest, for example, Psychology, Business and Marketing, preparation for IELTS and SATs.

Sports and Wellbeing

The philosophy of Surval is to ensure that every student can access a physically active lifestyle which supports their overall health and lifelong participation. Throughout the year girls enjoy a dedicated afternoon of sports, in addition to evening and weekend sports opportunities.

During timetabled sports lessons, girls are taught the importance of healthy lifestyles and physical activity for lifelong participation, enjoying both our internal facilities (tennis court, dance studio, fitness gym and surrounding forest), and external opportunities (water sports, horseriding, golf), to provide a balanced curriculum of sport.

During the winter term the timetabled sports session becomes winter sports (ski or snowboard) visiting local resorts to provide girls with expert tuition from Ecole Suisse de Ski (ESS) Montreux on the slopes.



The Surval Award

The Award covers all aspects of a student's experience at Surval and leads to the Surval Award certificate, with Pass or Distinction. The award is underpinned by an online portfolio completed by each student, in which she records her experiences and reflections, evidencing how she has embraced all aspects of a Surval education and how she has demonstrated Surval's values Challenge, Own and Lead.





School Year Programme Fees 2024-25

Please refer to the Fees, Terms and Conditions for full details.

Application Fee	CHF 2'500.-
Deposit (refundable)	CHF 5'000.-
Personal Account	CHF 5'000.-
Tuition and Boarding All-inclusive annual Fee	CHF 112'000.-

The annual fee covers all educational courses and related items, activities, full board and lodging. A detailed overview is available in our Fees, Terms and Conditions.

Additional charges for optional residential trips, bespoke sports activities and private 1:1 tuition.

2024-25 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

29 August to 13 December 2024

Autumn mid term break: 19 to 27 October 2024

Winter holiday : 14 December to 5 January 2025

Winter Term 2025

5 January to 21 March 2025

Ski Week: 26 January to 1 February 2025

Spring holiday: 22 March to 6 April 2025

Spring Term 2025

6 April to 12 June 2025

Graduation: 12 June 2025





Admissions information

At Surval Montreux we welcome students who will make the most of a Surval education and all the opportunities this brings, in and beyond the classroom. We are a diverse international community and all students are expected to embrace this with openness.

We welcome girls with all levels of English, from native speakers to near beginners. There is no minimum entry academic requirement but we ask for recent school reports so that we can tailor each girl's programme to ensure progress and continuity in their studies and place them in the appropriate grade level.

Our Admissions Process



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