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After completing the IB programme, I felt much more prepared for university. My improved time management skills and IB knowledge helped me balance studies and student life faster than my peers. I'm also grateful to the boarding house, which taught me essential independent living skills and the importance of building community away from home.”

Zoe Aguilar | ISSH Graduate 2024
Enrolled at the University of British Columbia

Why ISSH boarding works

Ages 14 to 19

Preparing students for university success

Unique neighborhood living

Authentic community integration

Academic excellence

10+ years of 100% IB Diploma pass rates with above-global-average scores

Max 10 students per house

Individualised care in a home-like setting

Structured independence

Students develop university readiness through real-world responsibility

Safe Swiss city

with global connections
40 minutes from Zurich Airport

Authentic Swiss immersion

Local sport clubs, community engagement and cultural integration

Expert boarding staff

Focus on developing confidence, autonomy and intercultural competence

ISSH Boarding

Where real life becomes real learning

It's a Tuesday evening at the boarding house. Madeline from Vietnam is teaching her Swiss roommate how to make summer rolls while they discuss their upcoming biology exams. Down the hall, Stanislaw is working on his university application essay, while Elisabeth, a boarding house carer is talking to a young Spanish student about balancing his sports training with his upcoming homework assignments.

This is the **ISSH boarding experience**, where real-life skills meet academic excellence.

Here, learning extends far beyond textbooks

Our neighbourhood-style boarding houses are located in quiet residential communities, where students experience the authentic rhythm of Swiss life.

In small boarding groups, students don't just study time management, they live it. Balancing homework and housecleaning, exam preparation and extracurricular activities, students learn responsibility and develop independence. In a structured and supportive setting, our students grow into confident and capable young people, ready to thrive at university and beyond.



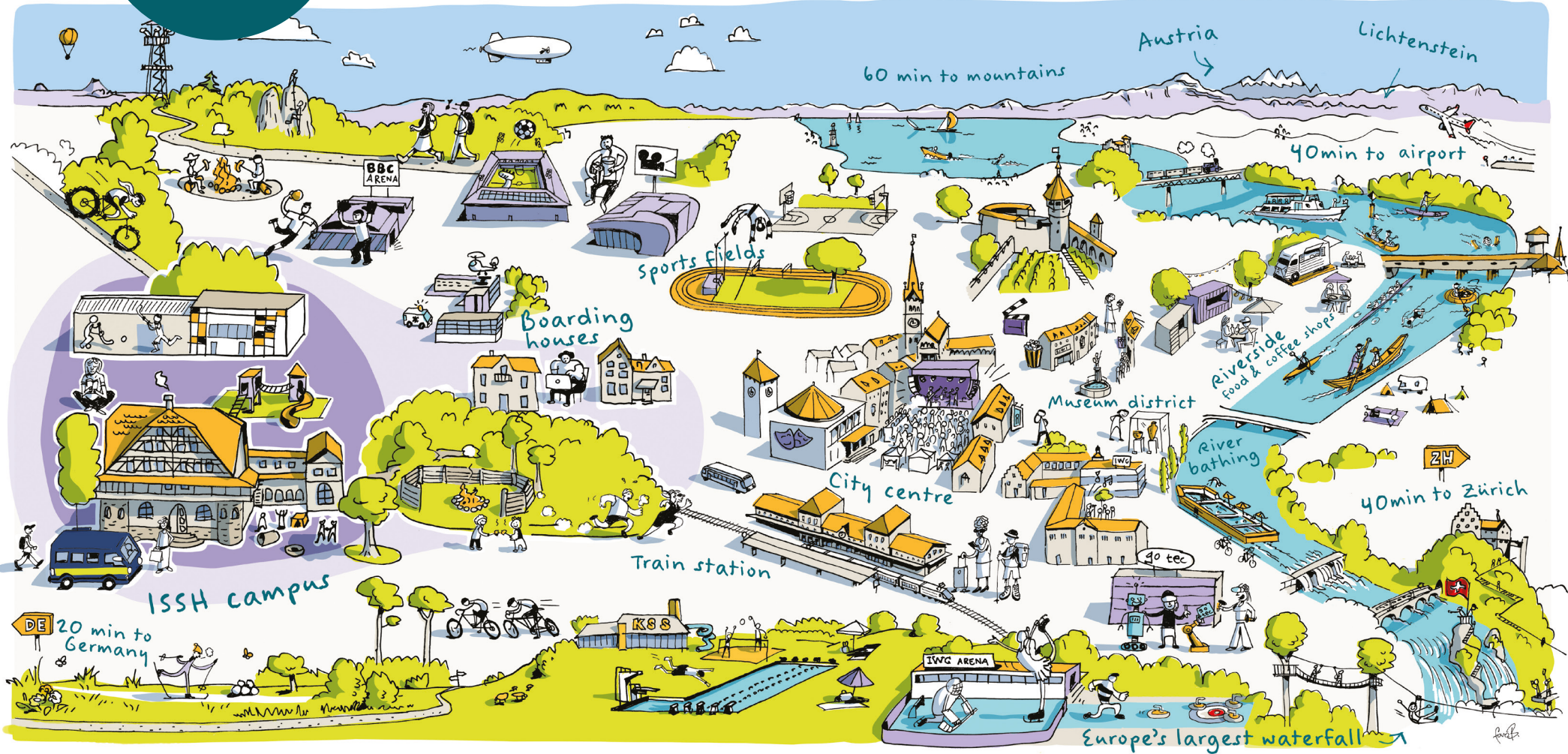
Schaffhausen becomes your extended classroom.

Our city, your campus

Join a football team where you'll stay fit while practicing your German. Attend painting classes with local artists and watch your creativity flourish. Check out regional festivals and immerse yourself in Swiss tradition.

The city's compact size makes everything accessible by foot and public transport. Yet, all the amenities of a big city are found right here, on the banks of the Rhine river.

Day trips to Zurich or Basel become regular adventures. The quiet and secure environment allows students to explore with confidence, and build independence through experience.



The rhythm of learning and living

MORNING

Enjoy breakfast with housemates and hop on the shuttle bus to school.

SCHOOL DAY

Academic excellence with a STEM focus. Learn in small classes, with an average of six students in DP courses.

AFTER SCHOOL

Practice German with your sports club, hang out with local friends, or hit the books.

DINNER TIME

Collaborate on meal prep, enjoy multicultural dinner conversations and connect as a community.

EVENING

Homework with housemates, board games and reading, or sharing ideas for weekend plans.

WEEKENDS

Have a sleep in, enjoy a local festival, Rhine walks, Alpine excursions, and study time.

Welcome to the
International School of Schaffhausen,
where our city is your campus.



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Contact our admissions team today!

Together, we
thrive



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