



ISSH Junior College

Residential Programme

Boarding at the International School of Schaffhausen



A message to parents from the Head of School

Welcome to the Residential Programme of the International School of Schaffhausen.

ISSH is a well-established international school in the Zurich North area reputed for its family-like atmosphere. We make students feel at home away from home. With the new Junior College residence programme, we invite teenagers aged 16-19 from around the world to join our international community of learners, to share our passion for knowledge and to develop into lifelong learners.

Over 40 nationalities are represented in our student body. This diversity of cultures, languages, faiths and experiences creates a learning and living environment which is extremely rich in perspectives and where care and respect for one another are fundamental.

We offer a unique residential programme and an international university entrance qualification that will open doors to universities across Europe, America, Africa or Australasia.

Our residential programme is different from the traditional boarding school concept as our programme focuses on enabling teenagers to become independent and responsible young adults who are well prepared for university life abroad and have a clear vision of their talents, strengths and goals for life.

We provide a **REAL** education.

We want our boarders to develop into **Responsible** community members. Our boarding section is for senior students only. They take on projects for organizing weekend activities and are engaged in service within the school and local community. They develop independence and self-sufficiency through a freedom of choice within clearly defined boundaries. We respect the needs of senior students while ensuring a healthy, well-structured and balanced lifestyle.

We encourage our students to be **Engaged** in our community, engaged in their learning and engaged in shaping their own future. Both the ISSH community and the local Schaffhausen community offer a wealth of possibilities for active participation. We have built up strong links to Schaffhausen businesses and institutions. This has enabled us to forge a unique work experience programme which is a central element in our careers planning process.

We want our students to be **Active**. Our tutors and mentors engage with each student so that their talents and interests are nurtured and further developed. The options for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities within easy reach are manifold. The programme comprises visits to CERN or the United Nations Organization in Geneva, excursions to the Alps, water sports on the Rhine and explorations of the Black Forest. Europe's capital cities like Paris, Berlin or Rome are within easy reach for weekend trips or class excursions.

Learning for understanding as opposed to memorization is a fundamental principle of the IB programmes. Inquiring, making connections to previously acquired knowledge and transferring knowledge and understanding between subjects are skills that our students use on a daily basis. Inquiry is the catalyst for all teaching and learning at ISSH.

ISSH is a non-profit organization owned by the ISSH foundation. The facility is generously equipped and located in a quiet and green environment on the outskirts of Schaffhausen, a charming Swiss city just north of Zurich.

Switzerland lies at the heart of Europe and is known for its efficiency, safety, friendliness and unspoiled landscape. It provides an ideal environment in which young people can flourish and explore.

We look forward to welcoming your son or daughter into our community.

Gundula Kohlhaas
Head of School





ISSH Values

Be unique

The IB curriculum stimulates and encourages students to become independent thinkers who are confident in their own identity and make their own well-balanced choices. The mix of nationalities at ISSH highlights and supports each student's uniqueness and fosters an atmosphere where each individual is valued and respected.

Take responsibility

At ISSH we develop young minds to become responsible global citizens who make ethical decisions and are actively involved in shaping their own and the world's future. The ISSH residential programme encourages the boarders to take responsibility in the ISSH and local community.

Achieve your potential

The IB Diploma Programme is a rigorous and intellectually challenging but also well balanced education. It caters for a range of talents, interests and language abilities and is designed to meet the needs of international students, both mother tongue English and EAL (English as Another Language). This way all students can achieve their full potential.



Why study at ISSH?

- ✓ Our well-qualified and experienced teachers are highly enthusiastic and passionate about their subjects.
- ✓ The small class sizes and time given for individual attention enable our staff to build strong relationships with each student and to cater for different needs.
- ✓ We provide a forward thinking approach to residential education. In contrast to the traditional boarding school model we are neither isolated nor exclusive. Our students learn how to live in and contribute to the real world.
- ✓ We offer special support programmes for students whose mother tongue is not English.
- ✓ We offer the study of German at 3 different ability levels.
- ✓ We are an international community of learners where ethnic and faith differences are celebrated and each student is strengthened in his or her own cultural identity.
- ✓ Students can choose from a variety of subjects to build upon their strengths and get optimal support in areas of development.
- ✓ We embrace a culture of excellence where students are expected to achieve their full potential.
- ✓ We provide an environment where young people are encouraged to take responsibility, to become critical thinkers with an open mind and to approach challenges with confidence and optimism.



An internationally recognized education

The International School of Schaffhausen has a long standing history with the International Baccalaureate programmes. The IB is recognized as one of the world's leading educational programmes. The IB Diploma, which is a two year programme, is highly valued by universities as being one of the best programmes to prepare for university.

The IB Diploma course leads to university entrance qualification recognized in over 60 countries. The programme has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities. It prepares students for success in higher education and to be active participants in a global society.

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IB Diploma Programme students choose their subjects from a range of options and levels and can thus balance their strengths, weaknesses, talents and interests by choosing a personal profile. They, nevertheless, cover a range of subject areas ensuring breadth of knowledge so that their options are open in choosing the right university or professional career later on.

The programme is rigorous and globally recognized for its high standards. IB Diploma Programme graduates develop the skills and attitudes they need for both academic and personal success. Their studies increase their understanding of languages and cultures and they explore globally significant ideas and issues. This is what makes them stand out from their fellow students with a national curriculum background.

The IB Diploma not only opens the doors to universities worldwide, but also focuses on the development of the whole person through one of its core requirements called CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service). CAS encourages students to be involved in artistic pursuits, in sports and in community service, thus fostering their awareness of and appreciation for life outside the academic arena.

For more information on the IB DP programme, please visit www.ibo.org .





Preparing for an international career

Languages are the key to success in a global society. ISSH is an English-speaking community. English is the language of communication and instruction. We have structures in place that give extra support to students for whom English is not their mother tongue, so that they can reach their full potential. As the host country language, German can be taken as an additional language. There are different levels of German on offer ranging from German ab initio to mother tongue courses. The German speaking environment and the school's strong links to the Schaffhausen community enable our students to regularly practice their German outside the classroom. We also offer French and Spanish.

Our **career counselling and university services** enable students to understand the different avenues, options and choices at hand when planning their future. The service comprises aptitude tests and profiling as well as information on different career paths, university requirements and course options.

An essential element of our career guidance programme is our **work experience programme**. We want our students to experience first-hand the world of work.

We collaborate with local companies to offer trial days or weeks for students who are interested in a certain profession. An insight into the day-to-day routines and challenges of a potential future job is of essential value and helps our students make the right choices.

Many internationally operating companies have established their headquarters in Schaffhausen. We can thus enable our students to get a glimpse of the workings of such global players with their different departments and operations units. We also cooperate with social institutions and many local companies and can offer a wide choice of internships to suit every student's career interests.

Responsible
Engaged
Active
Learning

The boarding programme developing independence as a responsible community member

Learning in an international school and living in a boarding residence requires cooperation, negotiation and empathy. As part of a group of young people of similar age from a variety of backgrounds, every student learns how to contribute and succeed in a small community.

Our boarding programme is for senior students (aged 16-18) only. Our boarding staff understands the needs and challenges of teenagers. Under their care, your son or daughter will develop **Responsibility** in self-management and decision-making.

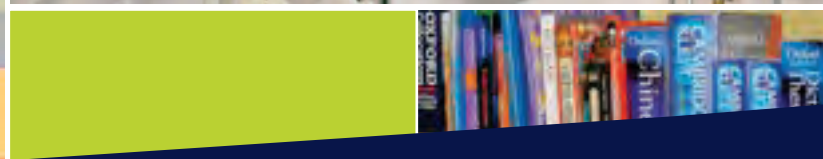
The ISSH Boarding House is located near the Schaffhausen town centre. Our school buses pick up the boarders in the morning. The single-sex apartments contain 2 double and 1 single room with a kitchenette and shared bathroom. The common quarters contain the boarding staff room, a lunch room, a kitchen and lounge area. The Head of Boarding and her team of boarding staff cater for the needs of our boarding students. On the weekends, they are taught how to live independently. They take responsibility for organizing the weekend shopping, cooking and outings. In their home away from home, they all **Engage** in and contribute to community life.

During weekends our students explore the area, go on trips or participate in sporting, artistic or service activities as required by the IB CAS - Creativity, Activity, Service - programme. Students are encouraged to develop a healthy lifestyle through physical **Activity**.

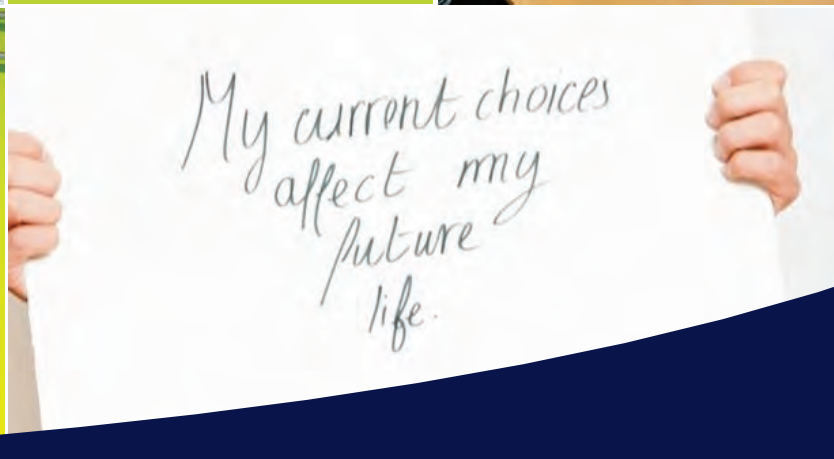
Our boarders can participate in the great range of activities on offer by the ISSH and local community which include water sporting activities as well as team sports and winter pursuits. Creativity encourages students to engage in the arts and creative thinking. The service component of the programme enables students to give voluntary service hours to the school, local or wider community in a variety of forms that will suit each student's tastes and talents.

Your son's or daughter's well-being, their **Learning** and social integration will be closely monitored by the Head of Boarding. She will regularly be in touch with you, your child's teachers and her boarding staff. This way we ensure good communication between all partners and early intervention in case of need.





A modern learning environment
ISSH facility



The facilities at ISSH are first class.

Classrooms, laboratories, media centre, sporting and cultural venues are equipped with the latest technology.

Classrooms are fully networked with desktop computers in teaching areas. We also have pods of laptops and iPads for students to use.

There are excellent sports facilities on campus and in the Schaffhausen community.

The spacious grounds include all-weather surfaces and a well-equipped gymnasium.

The laboratories for biology, physics and chemistry cater for hands-on experiments. The classrooms are spacious and friendly with all the necessary equipment to ensure excellence in teaching and learning.

Our language departments are well-resourced and cater for different levels of language competency, even for beginners.

Schaffhausen an active and international community in the heart of Europe

Schaffhausen is a small charming city with much to offer. It is the capital of the most northern canton of Switzerland. Zurich is just a 40 minute train ride away and world cities like Munich or Paris are within easy reach.

The central location coupled with the quaintness of the medieval city centre has attracted many expatriate families. They cherish the authenticity of the Swiss community, its safe and well-organized environment, and the beauty of the green, scenic landscape along the river Rhine which lends itself to year round sporting activities in nature.

Schaffhausen also has a lot on offer for culture lovers. It is famous for its monastery, museums, theatres, concerts and vibrant arts scene.

Zurich airport and the excellent European railway system provide opportunities to discover capitals like Paris, Rome and Berlin. The comprehensive public transport system and the safety and coziness of Schaffhausen are the ideal environment where young people can develop independence and self-sufficiency.



ISSH Junior College

A forward thinking approach to residential education

“Whilst still located in a beautiful and safe environment, in contrast to the traditional boarding school model, ISSH Junior college is neither isolated nor exclusive. Our international students learn how to live in and contribute to the real world. They develop a sense of responsibility for themselves, others and their environment and fully engage with their studies and career planning. Our students are active both mentally and physically.”



Chris Taylor, Principal Secondary School

„We prepare our students for the next stage of their life through guidance and freedom of choice within clear boundaries. Teenagers turn into young adults growing in independence and self-sufficiency.“



Silke Fox, Head of Boarding

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