

The School Profile

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1. GENERAL

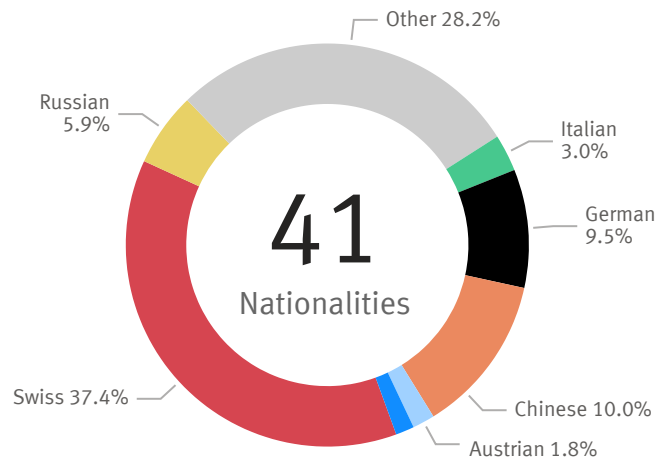
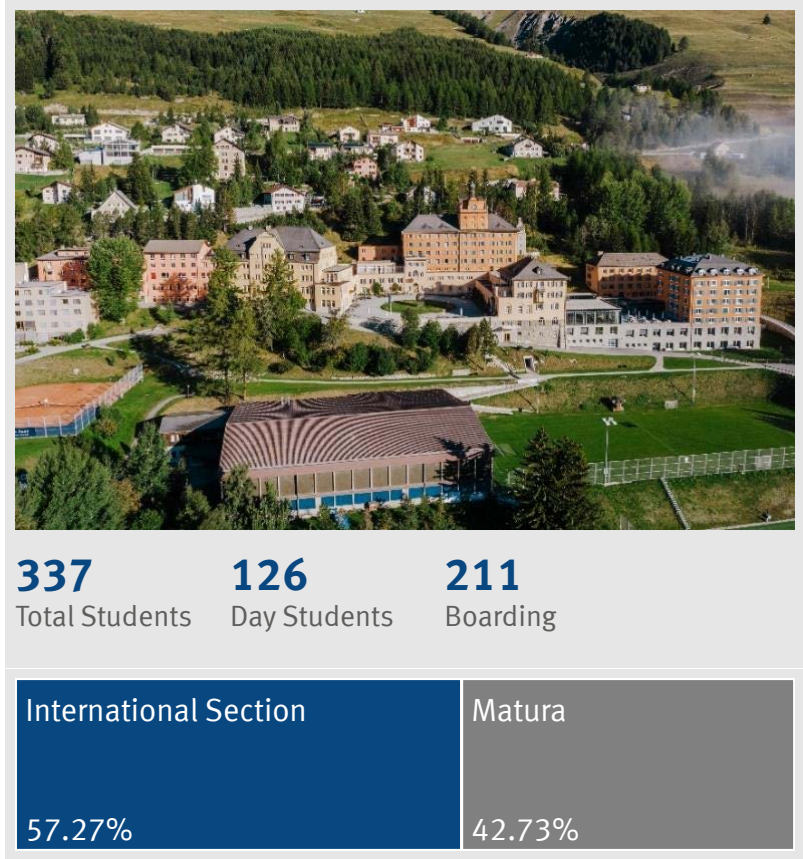
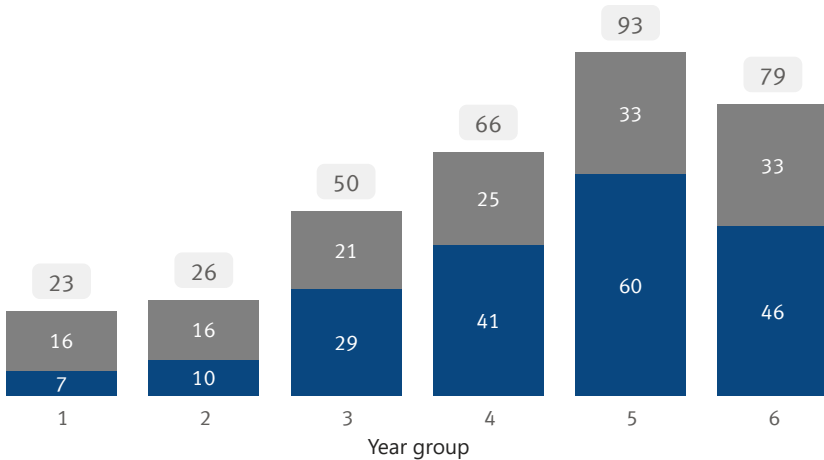
Founded in 1904, the Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz is located in a small village in the Engadin valley, near St. Moritz, in Switzerland. We start in Year 1 (grade 7) and finish in Year 6 (grade 12) though students may join in any year up through Year 5.

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:

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

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 Certificates 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:

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

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