

COPPERFIELD
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
VERBIER

**The only ski-in
ski-out school...**



**in the
world**

- The world's only ski in ski out school
- Extremely safe, clean and secure setting
- Students lead an active, outdoor, healthy lifestyle with unparalleled freedom
- Excellent academic support with top quality teaching faculty
- Flexible educational offer – boarding, day or short term with IB curriculums offered
- Small class sizes with one-to-one support
- Student:staff ratio 3:1
- International multi-cultural community of 27 nationalities
- Wide range of outdoor sport and extra-curricular activities
- World-class residential facilities with single and double ensuite bedrooms for boarders from 11-19 years
- Excellent pastoral care and wellbeing support
- Based in the stunning village of Verbier, an area of outstanding natural beauty
- DoE approved partner



Location

Verbier is in the heart of the French-speaking region of Switzerland, in the centre of Europe.

It is one of the world's best ski resorts with 450km of ski runs, 100 ski lifts and, at 3300 of elevation, it offers a wide range of sporting and leisure activities all year round. An extremely safe location, students can enjoy freedom and are known and looked after in a family-style community.

The village has a wide range of sport and leisure facilities, high-end shops, top quality Michelin-starred restaurants, spa and wellness centres and is only 90 minutes from Geneva Airport. The school is located just above the village, right on the main piste, on a pedestrianised campus with underground car park.

In terms of facilities, Copperfield has 14 bright and airy classrooms, auditorium for assemblies and concerts, seminar rooms and an on-site gym as well as outdoor courtyard with basketball and tennis courts.

Our students make full use of the wide variety of extensive sporting facilities locally for skiing, horse riding, golf or mountain biking and for those residing with us, our sensational four-star, hotel boarding accommodation is of the utmost quality.



Academic



All our students benefit from bespoke, high quality, academic 1:1 learning programmes

Our students live with 4 languages spoken on site and every student learns at least two. Our class sizes are small (average seven to a class) and every student receives one-to-one support no matter which curriculum - PYP, MYP or IBDP - they choose.



IB PYP (4-11 years)

- Introduction to all the main subjects including English, Languages, Maths, Science, Social sciences, Arts and Personal, Social and Physical Education
- A curriculum focusing on developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people
- Day students whose families live or have moved to Verbier permanently or for the winter season

From 2024 we are moving from IGCSEs to the Middle Years Programme (MYP) part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) designed for students aged 11 to 16.



- **Holistic Education:** The MYP emphasizes a holistic learning approach that fosters intellectual, personal, emotional, and social development. This approach aims to develop well-rounded students with a strong sense of their own identity and culture.
- **International Mindedness:** The programme encourages students to think globally and understand different cultural perspectives, aligning with the IB's mission to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
- **Curriculum Framework:** The MYP curriculum consists of eight subject groups: Language Acquisition, Language and Literature, Individuals and Societies, Sciences, Mathematics, Arts, Physical and Health Education, and Design. This broad and balanced approach ensures that students receive a comprehensive education.
- **Concept-Driven Learning:** Learning in the MYP is driven by key concepts and related concepts specific to each subject area. This methodology helps students to connect what they learn in the classroom with real-world issues and applications.
- **Approaches to Learning (ATL):** The programme places a strong emphasis on teaching students specific skills for learning. These include thinking skills, research skills, social skills, self-management skills, and communication skills, which are crucial for both academic and personal success.



IB PYP & MYP 4-16 years

- **Community and Service:** Students are encouraged to engage with their local and global communities. This component of the MYP aims to develop active citizens who contribute positively to society through service and action.
- **Assessment:** MYP assessment standards are criterion-based, meaning students are graded against pre-specified criteria for each subject group rather than against the performance of their peers. This allows for a more personalized and detailed feedback on student progress.
- **Personal Project:** In their final year (MYP 5), students undertake a personal project which allows them to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the programme. This project is student-centered and inquiry-based, reflecting their particular interests and talents.

The MYP programme not only prepares students for further education, such as the IB Diploma Programme, but also helps them develop a lifelong passion for learning and an ability to engage with the world around them.



International Baccalaureate

16-18 years

- IB designed for academic excellence and personal growth and development
- Six subject areas studied including maths, science, humanities, two languages, an elective plus the core programme
- Three subjects studied at higher level and three at standard level
- Subjects graded out of seven for a total of 42 points from internal and external assessments
- First results expected June 2025

Subject Areas	Content
Language and Literature	Language A: English Language and Literature
Language Acquisition	Language B: Beginners and prior experience – French, German and Spanish
Individuals and Societies	History, Geography, Business, Economics
Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Mathematics	Analysis and approach, application and interpretation (AI)
Arts	Music, Visual Arts, Theatre

- Three additional points awarded from the core programme to result in an absolute maximum of 45 points
 - Extended essay (EE) – development of research and writing skills
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK) – reflection on the nature of knowledge and how it is acquired
 - Community service (Creativity, Action and Service programme) (CAS) – promotes healthy lifestyle and community engagement



Individual tuition

The school offers a variety of individual support programmes to support the students on their individual educational path, such as tuition in specific subjects (most often languages), learning support and college counselling.

University Guidance

- 1:1 university guidance including Oxbridge and Medicine
- Preparation for university in the UK, US, Europe and worldwide universities
- Access to Dukes Education Oxbridge, A-Plus US Applications, Medic and Law Portal and InvestIn work experience programmes
- Current students looking at options in the UK, US and Europe





Sports



The Alps is a playground for sport!

Skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and ski touring are on offer during the winter months as well as a wide range of active outdoor sports year-round including tennis, golf, basketball, lacrosse, football, horse riding, gymnastics, mountain biking, hiking, running, swimming and Duke of Edinburgh.

Our faculty includes national level sports people including skiers and ultra-runners who inspire our sportsmen and women to perform at a high level. However, whatever their level, our aim is to instil a lifelong passion for physical activity, teamwork and sportsmanship that will sustain our students throughout their lives.







Skiing and snowboarding programme

Most students and their families come to Verbier to enjoy its stunning terrain of mountain pistes.

Here at Copperfield we offer personalised tuition for both regular and competition ski and snowboard programmes.

Regular ski/snowboard programme

- Tuition twice a week with an optional day on Sunday
- Combi ski programme of free ride and competition skiing
- Taught by our team of ski instructors
- Monitoring for technical and sporting developments
- Designed to be challenging and enjoyable
- Includes free skiing, freeride, free style and introduction to racing
- Runs early December to end of April, vacation periods plus one week of ski training camp in Saas Fee in October on demand



- Focuses on balance, coordination, power, speed, reaction and visual anticipation
- Off snow strength and conditioning programme in the school gym and large weights room at Verbier Centre Sportif
- Psychological training to improve mindset, mental resilience and wellbeing

Includes:

- 7-day pre-season ski camp in Saas Fee in October on demand
- Winter season in Verbier early December to late April
- Summer training programme of conditioning and other mountain sports
- Visits to other regional ski centres in Switzerland including Vicheres, Les Crosets, Anzere, Champéry, Zinal, Nendaz, Veysonnaz and Leukerbad

Competitions programme

For high level skiers who want to compete.



An appreciation of the arts is an important part of a balanced curriculum.

- Developing a creative mindset enabling students to be innovative, good communicators and to think critically
- All students encouraged to learn a musical instrument
- Taught by professional musicians who have performed in some of the world's most renowned orchestras
- Individual lessons, musical groups and concerts
- Associated Board Examination Centre
- Art and photography clubs
- Drama and performing arts
- Annual school theatre production
- Dance club
- Hosting concerts with professional musicians during Verbier's electric music season
- Theatre visits from international performance companies such as the Theatre du Heron



Arts programme



Learning support



The right support for every child.

Every new student on arriving at Copperfield is assessed on their academic, sporting and creative activities as well as their wellbeing. We gather as much information as possible through our conversations with families and during one-to-one sessions with our learning support team.

Once settled in at school, our academic and learning support teams collaborate on individual educational plans based on the goals, interests and skills of the student.

Our Head of Learning Support will oversee the implementation of this plan, leading regular sessions with each student and communicating with other staff to ensure that learning support becomes a faculty-wide effort.



Pastoral care and wellbeing

Happy children learn more.

Copperfield has been highly praised by parents for its strong wellbeing programme. We believe happy students learn more and being kind is respected and valued, so we focus our resources on wellbeing by building a culture where students know their teachers care, go the extra mile and accept them for who they are.

Our pastoral care programme encourages students to:

- Show empathy
- Offer your time, respecting boundaries
- Celebrate
- Encourage professional help
- Avoid judgement
- Listen actively
- Take care of yourself
- Spend time together

In addition, we have open discussions on mental health, stress and anxiety, depression, eating disorders and substance misuse, in a supportive environment and age appropriate, to help our students understand how to avoid or manage any difficulties they may come across and to know what to do or to whom they should turn.



Copperfield welcomes students from all over the world who would like to live in Switzerland and enjoy the free, active outdoor lifestyle on offer.

Boarding

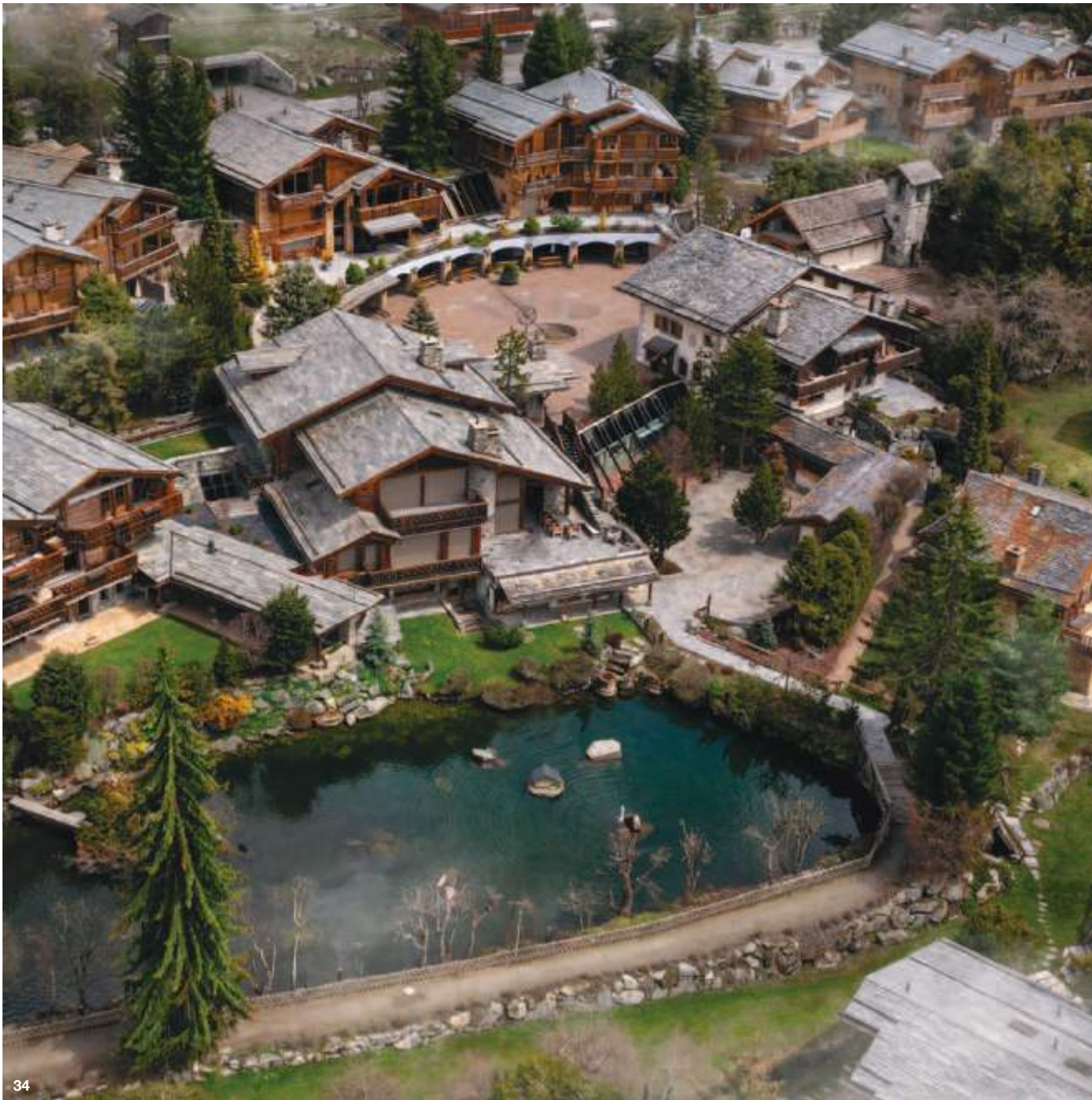
We want all our students to feel calm, comfortable and looked after as part of the Copperfield family. The accommodation we provide is world-class with chalet-style, spacious facilities and houseparents on hand for a cosy chat or support.

There is plenty to do at weekends with organised outdoor activities and trips and socially we celebrate birthdays, special occasions and arrange events for our boarders. Weekend activities planned this term include: visit to Montreaux, swimming, surfing and skate, Tree Top Park, Mont Fort Zip Line, rock climbing and squash, Lausanne Olympic Museum, Verbier Cinema, Escape Rooms, trampolining and wave surf, Christmas markets and a House party.

Homework is supervised with our teaching staff on hand to help with queries and the environment is one of relaxed informality where our students can feel happy and safe.

- Stunning Four* Hotel Alpine Chalet accommodation
- Mix of premium single, double and triple study bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, high quality furnishings, private balconies and stunning mountain views
- Living and dining areas with large balconies
- Staffed by House parents 24 hours a day. Three staff members on rotation throughout the year
- Teaching faculty visit the chalet three times a week to support with study, sport, extra curricular, and evening activities
- Located three minutes walk from main ski lift
- 10-minute safe walk through the town to the school campus (younger students accompanied) and adjacent to the village bus stop (free village buses) – four-minute bus ride to school





Entry requirements

- Complete application form and send latest school report, passport and birth certificate
- Interview with Director of School/Head of Admissions
- Pay the 350 CHF registration fee if not already paid
- Delighted if you can visit, meet our staff and pupils and see the school for yourselves. Please contact Hannah Leggett on admissions@copperfield.education or telephone +41 275206100
- Online English test. IELTS support provided in school
- Offer letter and deposit (3,000 CHF) sent. Parents asked to accept/decline offer within two weeks
- Deposit issued (3,000 CHF) and on payment, place confirmed

Fees

School Fee (CHF)	Annual	Winter
Primary Year (1 - 6)	34000	19500
Lower Secondary (Year 7 - 9)	41800	29260
Middle Secondary (Year 10 - 11)	42800	29960
Upper Secondary (Year 12 - 13)	46500	32550
Boarding Fees (Year 7 to 13)		
Sharing in a room of 2 with bathroom	50000	35000
Individual double room with bathroom	70000	49000

15% sibling discount for second and subsequent children enrolled

Short term courses

Some families come to Copperfield for the winter season where their children can ski on some of the best slopes in the world, enjoy the free outdoor lifestyle that Switzerland offers and make lifelong connections with friends from around the world whilst not compromising on their education. Whether for one week or a whole season, students at Copperfield all have an unforgettable experience.



Winter Camps

(During Easter holidays 13-26 April)

- Options for both day students and boarders
- Between 1-2 weeks in length
- Allows students to mix between a week of full skiing and a week of skiing and language
 - Morning – skiing with experienced instructors
 - Lunch – healthy, quality food with fresh ingredients
 - Afternoon – practice more technical skiing aspects to improve skills
 - Apres-Ski – Post-ski activities to include swimming, yoga, tennis, climbing trampolining, dancing
 - Dinner/Evening – boarders enjoy a varied dinner followed by evening activities such as torch night walks, movie nights, ice skating and board games
- Cost: 3500 CHF per week



Winter Camps – Ski and Languages

- Language instructors in French and English
- Small class sizes to give personalised attention
- Follows set criteria for levels of language proficiency with detailed certificates and portfolio of work
- Includes:
 - Full day skiing
 - Chalet accommodation
 - Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
 - Ski pass
 - Ski Equipment Hire
 - Insurance
 - Airport transfers (on request)

Instructor Preparation Course

- For intermediate to advanced skiers
- Two-week course giving students the opportunity to learn skills and improve their technique, which is required on an instructor training course
- All students provided with a certificate at the end of the two-week course.



Summer Camps

- Available for children of all ages and boarders from 13-17 years old
- Verbier is a bustling hub of summer activity including hiking the 500km of trails, mountain biking, via ferrata, trail running, golf, E-biking, horse riding, zipline, swimming and nearby surfing and wakeboarding
- The Centre Sportif has a 600m climbing wall, two squash courts, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, volleyball court, gym, omnisport field, sports hall and swimming pool
- The region is also famous for living traditions and food products so food tastings, practical courses and visiting local attractions can also be included
- Options to come for the entire summer season where families can enrol their children at Copperfield to continue their studies

Summer Camps

(Sunday 29 June to Saturday 26 July 2025)

- Between 1-weeks in length
- Price per week 3500 CHF
- Includes:
 - Sports activities
 - Chalet accommodation
 - Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
 - Lift pass
 - Airport transfers (on request)





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