

HIGH SCHOOL - BACK TO SCHOOL 2026-2027

Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome all students to Collège du Léman for the new academic year. This letter will outline the key events and dates for the first few days.

Orientation Day for students and parents new to CDL – Thursday 20th August

All High School students and parents new to CDL will be welcomed to the school on **Thursday 20th August**, from 8:00 a.m.

General orientation and tours of the school will take place during the morning after which we invite all families for lunch, provided by CDL.

During the morning, students will sit a placement test in English. Any students who could not complete the other placement tests in Maths or French will be informed and can either complete them at home that evening or in school in at 1:30 p.m., as per the schedule below.

A summary of timings is as follows:

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 a.m.	Welcome	Olympus
9:00 a.m.	Introduction to CDL	Olympus
9:45 a.m.	Student guided tour	Starting from Olympus
10:00 a.m.	Parent only session on Performing arts and Student support	Cervin Auditorium
10:15 a.m.	Students meet pastoral heads	Cervin – G9 - CR215, G10 - CR216, G11 - CR218, G12 - CR217A
10:45 a.m.	English placement tests	Cervin – CR211, CR212, CR213, CR214
11:15 a.m.	Break	Outside Cervin
11:30 a.m.	Team building	Concha garden
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Concha garden
1:30 p.m.	Optional catch up on placement tests (Maths, French)	Cervin – CR111
1:40 p.m.	ItsLearning and Parent App session	Eiger Auditorium

Textbooks will be delivered to student lockers, but you will need to collect PE kit from the Cervin building in the dance studio CR013 and IT equipment in CR113.

First day of school for new and returning students – Monday 24th August

School begins for all High School students on **Monday, 24th August**. The starting times have been staggered to allow each year group to be welcomed in turn. Students should come to the Eiger building for meetings scheduled as follows, aiming to arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time:

Arrival at Eiger building	Academic level
9:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.	Grade 9
9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Grade 10/IG2
10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Grade 11/IB1/CP1
10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Grade 12/IB2/CP2

During this time, students will be welcomed by the High School academic team and will then meet with their homeroom advisors, who will take them to class for their first advisory session.

A few key points:

- For the first day, students are encouraged to arrive with basic stationery.
- School will finish five minutes early on the first day to allow students taking the bus to find their bus in good time for departure at 4:00 p.m.
- There is no bus service bringing students to school on this 1st day.
- Buses will depart from in front of, and behind, the Olympus building. Each driver has a list of students taking their particular bus home.
- As of the second day, students will start school at 8:20 a.m. and finish at 3:50 p.m.

Meet the teachers and Welcome Back Barbecue

The first major event on the calendar is the 'meet the teachers' evening which will be combined with the fantastic Welcome Back Barbecue, to be held on **Tuesday, 22nd September**. More details will be sent nearer the time.

School Calendar

Please note that the school calendar, including the holiday dates and school events for 2026-2027, is posted on our website under '[Parent Essentials](#)', and is also available on our 'CDL News' Parents' app.

Before starting school, I recommend that all students read the 'Student Guide' which is available on our back-to-school webpage. The High School team wishes all families a wonderful rest of the summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon.



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