

To the parents of all our students

Pully, 10th June 2010 / RLH - cde

Dear Sir/Madam,
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As the 2009-2010 school year is soon coming to a close, I would like to draw your attention to the following important information and/or reminders.

1. 2009-2010 Graduation Ceremony

Classes will finish on Wednesday, 23rd June 2010 at 12 noon, and the graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, 25th June at the Palais de Beaulieu, according to the following programme:

8.45 am – 9.50 am Junior ceremony (4th year included).

IMPORTANT : It is imperative that the Juniors are at Beaulieu by 8.30 am.

9.50 am – 10.15 am Break

10.15 am – 12 noon Ceremony for the Secondary classes

11 am – 1 pm 'Open Doors' at the Gérard Payot Building, Pully campus. Display of the students' work.

12 noon – 2.30 pm As every year, the Graduation ceremony will end with a buffet, served at the College campus in Pully.

DRESS : Students are requested to wear their uniform for these ceremonies - the white Champittet polo shirt with trousers or a skirt (no Bermudas, no shorts). Junior I will not be required to wear their smocks, however, I would be very grateful if parents could dress them in a white polo shirt over trousers or a skirt.

2. 2010-2011 school year

The return to school for the 2010-2011 school year has been fixed for **Wednesday, 25 August 2010**, with slightly different arrangements than the previous year, as set out below:

Tuesday, 24 August	
Boarders	Afternoon, return of the boarders
Wednesday, 25 August	
Juniors up to and including 4th year	All day , the distribution of school supplies and uniforms will be done in alphabetical order . You will receive a letter during the summer setting out the full details (exact time and place).
5th to 12th years	Return to school and start of classes at 8.10 am. End of classes at 12.05 pm.
	From Thursday, 26 August, classes will resume for everyone according to the normal timetable.

The start of 2010-2011 school year will be an exciting one, with an improved campus for our students, which will provide them with the setting and the resources most suited to their educational progress.

3. Summer revision classes

As we aim to provide our students with every opportunity to succeed, we are organising, as we do every year, revision classes in different subjects during the summer vacation. These are available for students who are joining Champittet in August 2010, those who are already at our College, as well as students from other establishments. The enclosed letter and our Website, under the column of documents to download (in French), give you the necessary information if you wish your child to attend these classes.

4. "Action de Carême"

For your information, "Action de Carême", which was supported this year by the Committee of the Parents Association (APEC), collected more than CHF 8 000.-. This sum will be shared between the Simon Bolivar School in Columbia, a project that we supported already last year, and practical work in Haiti, the island ravaged by an earthquake. This work is coordinated by someone recommended to Champittet whose daughter lives in Port-au-Prince. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in this activity, including the donors.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Champittet College Foundation has now adopted its Charter and By-laws, which will enable it to be fully operational from the start of the next school year. It will thus oversee all the charitable activities sponsored by the college.

5. Mandatory activities charged on a flat-fee basis

As the College is keen to get out of the classroom, in order to encourage its students to learn in many different ways and to broaden their horizons, I am pleased to give you more information about the details of the compulsory flat-fee activities organised during the next school year:

The 'Juniors' flat-fee activities include 1 or 2 sports and/or cultural outings per term, in addition to all of the visits to Les Martinets, which are now enriched by the arrival of numerous animals, sports activities and by the installation of equipment (windmill, power station) which will explain the use of energy to the students.

The educational concept of Les Martinets, which forms an integral part of the teaching programme of the Juniors, is now complete, and we are pleased to give you a fuller idea about this in the enclosed leaflet.

The 'Years 5 to 10' flat-fee activity includes the ski camp and 1 or 2 sports and/or cultural outings per term.

The 'Years 11 -12' flat-rate activities includes 1 or 2 sports and/or cultural outings per term.

6. Discipline

Being a student at Champittet College means adhering to its philosophy of a school for life, and thus, abiding by the school rules. Therefore, I stress, once again, that the rules with regard to wearing the uniform must be followed without fail: the students must wear a regulation polo shirt or shirt under the Champittet jumper or cardigan. The teachers have received strict instructions not to allow a student who is not wearing the uniform into the classroom.

Furthermore, the students' discipline must be supported by the adults, whom I ask, except in essential cases, to limit requests of early departures and late arrivals around the holiday periods. Such a practice actually counteracts the values which the College wishes to pass on.

Finally, I don't believe that the young boys and girls who are busy walking the corridors to their classes have to be contactable at all times! If the situation created by the i-phones, mobile phones and other electronic devices really becomes unmanageable for our teaching staff, I will soon find myself compelled to have to formally ban the use of any electronic device – except for portable computers when required in class – within the buildings of the Pully campus. Perhaps this ban will allow our students to rediscover the pleasure of talking to each other, instead of isolating themselves in their virtual bubble!

7. The future

During this summer, the College campus at Pully will once again be the site of numerous building works aimed at improving the facilities. First of all, the campus will be given back entirely to the students, since cars will be confined to the setting-down area at the entrance. Then, they will have the benefit of new sports areas, the progress of which you have been able to observe during the spring. The boarders will have many new facilities when they return to school (rooms, toilets, lounges etc.). The New College, which actually dates from the 1960s (!), will have its exterior renovated. Please note that the official inauguration of the Gérard Payot building will be on Thursday, 23 September 2010.

As for the La Côte region, negotiations about the opening of a new campus in the autumn of 2012 are making progress – sometimes at their own pace – which enables me nevertheless to assure you once again that the new Champittet Nyon will see the light of day on that date.

In the higher classes, the International Baccalaureate enters its final phase of development, since Champittet College will prepare for its first final examinations in the spring of 2011, thus supplementing the curriculum offered by our establishment.

8. Faculty retirements and changes

Finally, it is not without regret that at the end of this academic year three esteemed members of the faculty at Champittet will retire. Their high degree of professionalism as educators as well as their exceptional personal qualities leave a long and rich legacy in Champittet's history.

Mrs Rita Avanthay, teacher of Latin, History and French, and Mrs Vera Rossel, Dean of the Junior Section I, will both retire after 39 and 36 years respectively of loyal and dedicated service to the School. Mrs Chantal Brohy, the Director, and heart and soul of the Junior Section since its establishment 12 years ago, will leave her post here at Champittet to undertake new responsibilities at the Martinets owned by Mr. Jérôme de Meyer. Her new duties will include planning and developing the pedagogical programme currently in place and being expanded at our mountain campus.

She will work closely to ensure the coordination between the Martinets campus and that of Champittet with Mrs Marie-Claude Cardon who has been newly appointed to be responsible of the Martinets programme here at Champittet. Mrs Cardon will collaborate closely with her colleagues, the Deans of the Juniors: Mrs Marlyse Som for the Juniors II and Mrs Isabelle Cramer who replaces Mrs Vera Rossel for Juniors I.

To our retiring members of faculty, and to those newly appointed who are continuing with us here at Champittet, I extend my sincere thanks, appreciation and best wishes in their new endeavors.

Thank you for taking note of the above information, and I look forward to meeting you in the near future and wish you a very pleasant summer.

Yours sincerely,

Roland Lomenech



General Director

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PS: *As the organisation of the school transport has now been finalised, I would ask that any interested parent downloads the information, which presents the routes and cost, as well as the enrolment form, from our internet site (under the heading "Documents to download") . In order to guarantee your child a place, the enrolment form must be returned to us by 15th July 2010.*