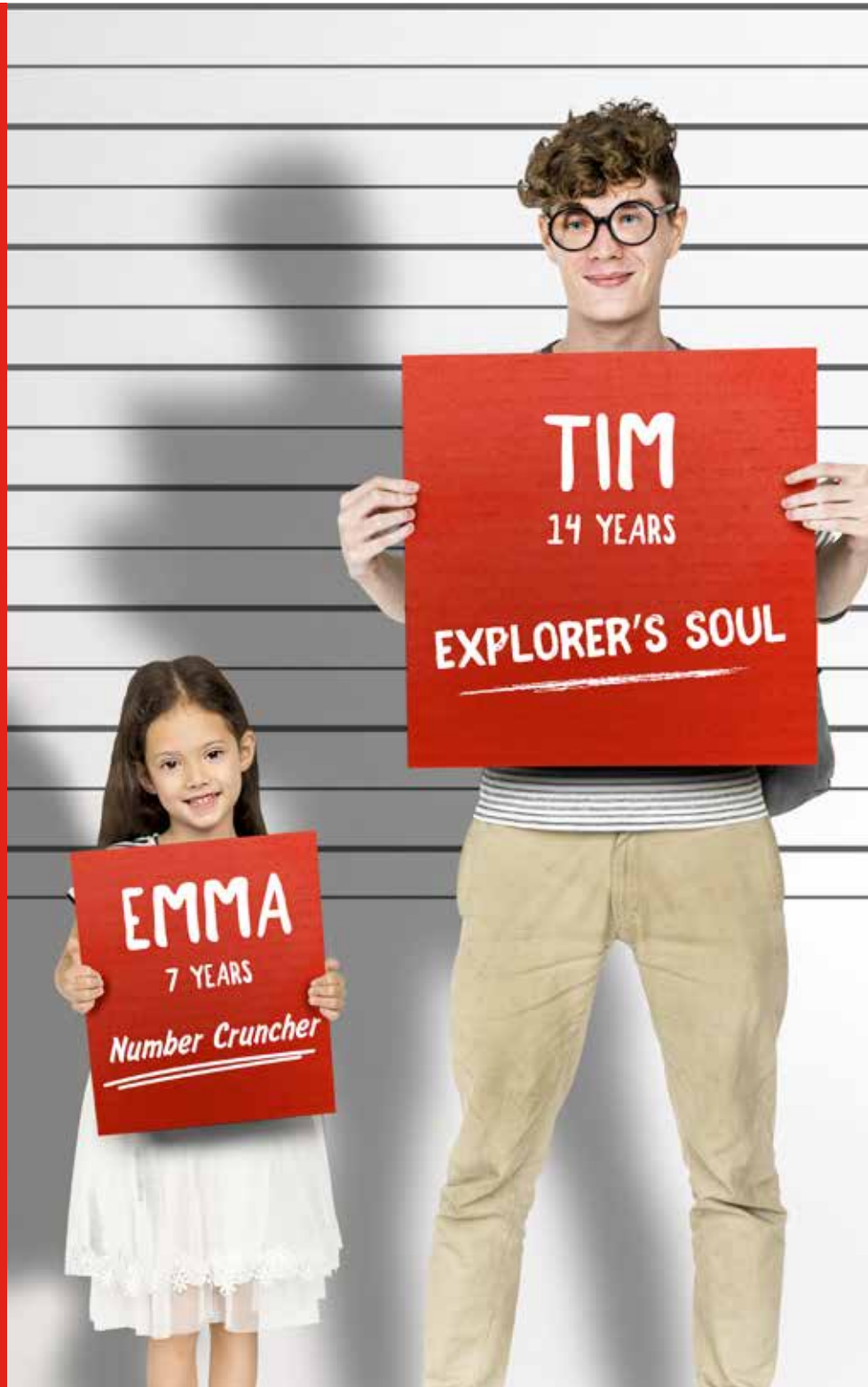


# LIPSCHULE

Lernen ist Persönlichkeitsentfaltung

Learning is developing  
one's personality

## School of the Future.



# A Warm Welcome!

Our children are the future. And it is their parents' and teachers' responsibility to create a supportive learning environment which will give them the tools to enable them to tackle the adult world and all the challenges that come with it. In such a supportive learning environment the natural potential of each student unfolds. To encourage this, LIPSCHULE's pedagogical concept of LIPSCHULE creates the ideal foundation for independent and sustainable learning. Our highly motivated and devoted teaching staff foster each individual and their personal gifts. We take joy and pride in accompanying and coaching our students on their way to becoming capable, self-confident team players who are helpful members of society.



Daniel Schubiger



Roland Wiss



Learning is developing  
one's personality –  
Our pedagogical  
concept.

#### Sustainable learning in a fostering atmosphere.

LIPSCHULE is a private day school, recognized by the state, for: Basisstufe 1 and 2 (Foundation Years, ages three to nine), Mittelstufe (primary school years, ages nine to twelve) and Sekundarstufe (secondary school years, ages twelve to sixteen). LIPSCHULE has a lot to offer: at the Basisstufe level, for example, our pupils enjoy a recognized Montessori education, and at the Mittelstufe and Sekundarstufe level, there is the possibility of attending a Bridge Year 6+ or 10; but most importantly, on all levels, we at LIPSCHULE provide a pressure-free, inspirational learning environment where the development of each individual's potential is our driving force. Such a school culture that cultivates individual potential, lays the foundation for independent and sustainable learning. This conviction, based on the humanistic idea of man combined with the elements of the constructivist educational philosophy, is the concept LIPSCHULE follows. We help our learners develop their personalities and achieve their personal learning objectives.

#### **Learning holistically – a positive experience.**

Learning styles are truly individual. This fact has also been recognized by experts in neurobiology. It is, therefore, the responsibility of parents and teachers to provide the children with a learning environment which allows their natural potentials to be fostered individually and their personalities to develop freely.

A personal and compassionate learning atmosphere as well as committed and benevolent teaching staff are the key to achievements made by motivated and self-responsible students. Additionally, it is the various teaching structures and forms, the open learning methods, the personal attention and compassionate mentored learning in our spacious, bright rooms that fuel our pupils' motivation. LIPSCHULE avoids putting pressure on students by giving them marks. Instead, we focus on competency-oriented assessments. In this way we manage to systematically nurture individual talents and gifts.





# Basisstufen 1 and 2

## A nurturing learning culture creates responsible human beings.

Thanks to the supportive and enriching learning culture at LIPSCHULE, a recognized Montessori School, the children develop independence, their autonomy, their cognitive skills and their social competencies. Being aware of the children's almost limitless capacity to absorb information and meaning, we are able to avoid limiting their learning in any way. This is why our lessons are held in German, English, French and, on a voluntary basis, Chinese. All taught by native speakers. Thus, the children have the chance to experience the world of languages naturally, in a social and caring setting. In this way they learn to approach and handle different cultures and ways of communication lightheartedly.

## Every child has their own personality, and it is unique.

Individual skills and gifts are fostered in a personal and supportive way by the LIPSCHULE teaching staff. Our methodology supports the artistic and the creative as well as the cognitive way of learning. The children's urge to physically move about is also greatly taken into consideration. What lies at the center of our work with the young is their individuality and their joy of learning. Plus we provide support for parents by sympathetically coaching them in how to foster the natural potentials of their children.

## State-of-the-art learning in a stimulating learning environment.

A fostering learning culture with an individual approach – in no way depending on the number of school years completed – is one of the core elements of contemporary learning. Our guideline at LIPSCHULE is a healthy balance between guiding, demanding and self-determination. We at LIPSCHULE encourage our pupils to learn independently within an educational environment which is secure, personalized, compassionate and builds trust.



Our learning culture fosters  
self-determination and  
strengthens self-confidence.



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## What we offer, in detail.

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### Basisstufe 1

Bilingual Montessori Kindergarten for children from age 3 up to age 6. German and English are spoken and practiced outside of as well as in class.

### School Hours

Monday to Friday	8.45am	until	3.45pm
Before School Care	7.30am	until	8.30am
After School Care	4.00am	until	6.00pm
Half-day school and Childcare:	on request		
Holiday Care:	on request		

### Basisstufe 2

Montessori School for children attending 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade (ages 6 to 9). Bilingual School: German and English are spoken and practiced outside of as well as in class. Classes in Chinese are optional.

### School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8.45am	until	3.45pm
Wednesday	8.45am	until	12.15pm
After School Care on Wednesdays	12.15pm	until	4.00pm
Before and After School Care:	as stated in Basisstufe 1		
Holiday Care:	on request		

Class sizes amount to about 30 children for both, Basisstufe 1 and 2.

### Additional Educational Elements

Artistic and physical activities are integral parts of our curriculum. Activities in nature. On request: music lessons can also be provided as well as mindful mentoring of parents regarding questions about education.

# Mittelstufe

## **Constructivist Pedagogy, promoting independence.**

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Our primary school children from 4th to 6th grade (and 6+) grow and develop in a mixed-age-group learning environment that allows students to deal with the many different requirements imposed by modern society. Within this process, nurturing and encouraging the individual is our priority. On the basis of constructivist pedagogy, our students get the keys to self-responsibility and independent learning: essential requirements for further educational pathways. The fact that our classes are held in German, English, French and Chinese (optional) is an important part of this mission since it is through these languages that we are able to capture the different facets of contemporary society.

## **From self-responsibility to self-motivation.**

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We encourage our students to set themselves high goals. Through our methodology based on self-motivation students learn how to take on responsibility for their personal learning progress, how to experience their personal progress as something positive and how to respect the guidelines of our community. With the help of our sophisticated competency scales, based on the official curriculum Lehrplan 21, our learners develop a clear portrait of their personal achievements.

## **One's self – that's the benchmark.**

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LIPSCHULE is a place where children develop and further their identity. LIPSCHULE is where young people learn how to take on the adult world, and all the challenges that come with it. LIPSCHULE shows them the way to inner strength as well as fostering their personalities. Together with the teachers, our young learners determine their personal learning objectives, and set personal deadlines. We are convinced that high self-determination is a key factor for success, and promoting this factor is our goal. This form of deepened and autonomous learning also requires the proper equipment: each one of our pupils has his/her individual desk sensitively arranged in our bright and spacious working areas.







### What we offer, in detail.

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Our Mittelstufe is for children between 9 and 13 years of age, i.e. for grades 4 to 6 – and grade 6+ as a bridging year if recommended. Classes take place in German, English, French and Chinese (optional). In the Mittelstufe, 7 to 10 children are admitted to each age group, which amounts to a total of between 25 and 30 available places.

#### School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8.45am	until	3.45pm
Wednesday	8.45am	until	12.15pm
After School Care	4.00am	until	6.00pm
After School Care on Wednesdays	12.15pm	until	4.00pm

Our school opens its gates at 7.30am every morning.

#### Additional Educational Elements

Our students are always welcome to work on their projects and plans at our premises outside of our regular class hours. Our pupils are always supervised during lunchtime. Every year we organize a class camp and regularly go on excursions (Cul-Tour-Days). For children with special talents in sports, music or art, we provide personal schemes, according to their gifts. It goes without saying that we also prepare our learners for the next level of higher education (baccalaureate school) and for other further educational pathways. This is done through thoroughly regarding the different subject matters as well as overall personality development.

Our learning culture  
prepares every individual  
for the challenges  
on their educational journey

# Sekundarstufe

## **Fostering individual competencies.**

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During the first three semesters in Sekundarstufe our pupils follow our first motto 'Orientation and Organization': in a mixed-age-group environment, students are helped to understand subject-related content, and develop their individual learning strategies. During the second half of their secondary school time our students' work revolves around our second motto 'Differentiation and Specialization'. At this stage, our adolescents can choose their electives and set up their personal learning programs.

## **Preparation for a successful future.**

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LIPSCHULE stands for progressive and complex learning. By encouraging each individual students become thoroughly prepared for the requirements of the professional world and for upper secondary education, such as baccalaureate schools, specialized schools (Berufsmittelschule, Informatikmittelschule, Fachmittelschule) and apprenticeships. Our students' learning takes place in a spacious, open area where every person has their own desk. In this common working space students of all three secondary school years and all different achievement levels work alongside each other making use of our modern infrastructure. Our classes are held in German, English and French.

## **A healthy balance between guiding, fostering and self-determination.**

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By acknowledging the quickly changing requirements of the modern professional world, our assessment method clearly aims to foster the personal development of each of our young learners. Every pupil should trust in his/her personal abilities, and thanks to reviews and conferencing, he/she will be guided towards reflective self-assessment. With the help of our Lehrplan-21 competency scales our learners receive a clear portrait of their achievements. Gifted as well as less accomplished pupils both meet different requirements and are thus able to experience their very personal limits. Thus, our students experience the positive effects of their personal progress.





# Our learning culture turns a big leap to the professional world into a mere step



## What we offer, in detail.

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Our Sekundarstufe is for adolescents between 10 and 16 years of age, i.e. for students from grade 7 to 9 – and grade 10 as a bridging year, if recommended.

Classes take place in German, English and French.

In Sekundarstufe, 12 to 17 students are admitted to each age group, which amounts to a total of about 50 available places

### School Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am until 3.45pm

Wednesday 8.15am until 12.15pm

Assisted Study Time (except Wednesdays) 8.15am until 9.00am

Our school opens its gates at 7.30am every morning.

### Additional Educational Elements

We offer our students in the Sekundarstufe preparation courses for different internationally acknowledged language certificates. Our students are always welcome to work on their projects and plans at our premises outside of regular class hours. Pupils are always supervised during lunchtime. Every year we organize a class camp and regularly go on excursions (Cul-Tour-Days). For children with special talents in sports, music or art, we provide personal schemes, according to their gifts. From 8th grade up students can also benefit from intensive, personal assistance regarding their choice of career and preparation for Gymnasium admission tests and BMS tests.

# Quality of Life, Promotion of Sports

## Learning successfully thanks to a healthy diet.

We truly care about our students' health. And that's why we promote a healthy diet that can boost overall performance – a concentrated, working mind needs a lot of good energy. Each day our school chef offers students freshly prepared meals and snacks based on current nutritional science: LIPSCHULE views fresh food daily as an important ingredient for general well-being and the joy of learning.

## Together we are unbeatable.

Fostering a sense of community is a very important part of LIPSCHULE's pedagogical concept. Numerous team activities, exciting excursions on many different topics such as culture, history and nature, the annual LIP Class Camp for Mittelstufe and Sekundarstufe and our Spring Market for all years and age groups foster a sense of community and help us shape social competencies. Our students' parents are an important part of this sense of community too, and that's why we are eager to be in close contact with them.

## Sports Talent Support.

Indisputably, both school and sports clubs play an essential role in a child's/adolescent's life and they both have considerable impact on a young person's biography. It is imperative the children be able to reach their goals and further their gifts in both fields. Therefore we support students with sports ambitions by offering them personalized timetables that match their needs as well as their training schedules.

Our learning culture promotes one's overall well-being









## Where to find LIPSCHULE.

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LIPSCHULE's spacious and light-flooded premises are located in the city of Zurich on the left shore of the beautiful Lake Zurich. LIPSCHULE is part of the borough of Wollishofen, which lies on the border with the neighboring town of Kilchberg. Our school can easily be reached by car or by public transport. Take bus number 161 or 165 to Stadtgrenze. The bus stop is right outside the LIPSCHULE premises. Plus there are parking spaces right outside our school and public parking across the road.

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