

WHY COPPERFIELD?

Copperfield is a community – a community of ideas, respect and optimism. We are an international school founded in 2021 to fulfil a vision of building a world class school in the Swiss Alps: an international community in a unique and inspiring setting.

Our mission is to teach young people to live with both compassion and courage, developing the moral compass, strength of character and technical skill that they will need, whatever they wish to do.

We start each day, each lesson and each interaction by asking ‘what is best for the student?’, and our decisions flow from that principle.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN APPLICANTS?

Do you love to talk about ideas with other people? Do you love playing sports and spending most of your time outdoors? Are you ready to work hard and contribute meaningful things to your community? Copperfield might be the school for you.

With such impressive and interesting applicants, it is the job of our admissions team to get to know each student and select those that we feel will take advantage of the unique Copperfield experience, and in return contribute something valuable in return to the community.

Above all, our goal is to identify the applicants we believe will make the most of this experience—both during their time here, and throughout their lives.

WHAT DOES OUR ADMISSIONS PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

Our process is holistic and contextual, taking various factors into consideration. It is organised into two stages.

First, we evaluate four main criteria. The character profile of the applicant, their talent (broadly conceived), their capacity to achieve, and the extent to which their family will fit into the community.

This is assessed through a student work submission, references from previous schools, and academic transcripts. We emphasise the importance of asking for recommendations from teachers who know you well. Not only do they discuss your



performance in their particular class or classes, but often they write about such things as your intellectual curiosity, energy, relationships with classmates, and impact on the classroom environment.

This is assessed through a student form submission (including student work), references from previous schools, and academic transcripts.

We then conduct an interview process, where candidates interview with current students and staff, and parents interview with staff. Ideally this process takes place in person, but we are sensitive to the current global travel situation and the international nature of most of our families. We emphasize cultural fit and informing family decision-making.

WHAT IS OUR ADVICE TO CANDIDATES?

Our advice is to pursue what you love and tell us about that. Be yourself. Ask the teachers who really know you to recommend you. Apply and relax. The most important thing is that we meet someone who our teachers and students feel comfortable working and playing with.

Remember, this is also your chance to ask questions and to investigate whether this is somewhere that you would like to study and live for what could be a long time! It is important that you get all the information you need to make a wise decision.

Copperfield is a place for students who love to learn, enjoy the challenge and joy of collaborating with other people, and have a strong desire to make a lasting positive impact on the world around them. It is a school for those who dream, think and act with courage and compassion.