



SURVAL MONTREUX
GIRLS' SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND

SURVAL 2025



As I reflect on my first term at Surval, I count myself incredibly lucky to be in a school with so much warmth and heart and such a unique identity. During this period I have observed, listened and taken stock of everything that makes Surval the special place it is and enjoyed conversations with students, staff, parents, Survaliennes and wider Surval partners.

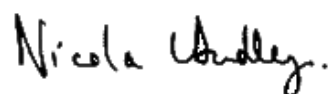
Naturally, I have been keeping open-minded to future priorities to ensure Surval continues to provide an exceptional education for young women for years to come. Student voice has played an important part and indeed has already influenced some of the developments which have recently been implemented, including the enhancement of the Sports and Wellbeing space in the basement and the restructuring of the school day to ensure balance in support of academic development, enrichment and wellbeing.

It is a privilege and joy to be Principal of Surval and I am fully committed to ensuring it continues to be the best it can be in educating young women ready to enjoy the rewards and challenges of a global world.

Like all good boarding schools in Switzerland, we pride ourselves on the truly all-round development provided by a Surval education promised through our exceptional level of care, our breadth of opportunities inside and outside the classroom, our engaging teaching and learning, and our beautiful surroundings and welcoming environment. But we stand out as the only all-girls international boarding school providing a unique environment in which we set girls up for future success and influence.

Surval prides itself on its flexibility to meet the needs and aspirations of girls through a highly personalised approach and has an amazing ability to provide for both girls who wish to benefit from a Surval education, from Foundation Year or Grade 9 through to Graduation in Grade 12, as well as for those girls who are only able to attend for short-term programmes. Whether girls are with us for shorter or longer periods, Surval promises life-changing experiences. Surval is small in size but truly far-reaching in its impact.

As we look ahead to August 2022, there will be a restructuring of the leadership team with the creation of the Learning Leadership Team to help drive all aspects of Surval's educational provision. The Learning Leadership Team in August 2022 will include the Head of Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Head of Enrichment and Leadership, and Head of Boarding and Wellbeing.



**Ms Nicola Dudley
Principal
Surval Montreux**

Vision, Promise and Values

Vision

To be a leading international all girls' boarding school, providing an engaging, enriching and inspiring environment for girls to learn, experience and achieve beyond expectations and feel empowered in a safe and supportive setting in French-speaking Switzerland.

Promise

We are committed to emboldening Surval girls with the confidence, tenacity, and resilience to find their own path and success in life, through a forward-looking and highly personalised education that prepares them for university entrance and careers around the world. Surval's educational experience is underpinned by a commitment to the school's Four Pillars: Leadership, Languages and Culture, Global Perspectives and Social Enterprise.

Core Values

Our mission is expressed through core values that form the guiding principles of everything we do at Surval Montreux.

Courage - To try something new, to fall and pick yourself up, to be yourself

Curiosity - Asking what, when, why and how, and what if

Honesty - Looking people in the eye and speaking the truth; being true to yourself and others

Openness - Reaching out to rather than shying away from the new or different; adopting a can-do attitude

All members of Surval live out our core values within a culture of care, courtesy and consideration.

Our forward-looking approach to teaching and learning seeks to prepare students for tomorrow's workplace where critical and creative thinking and complex problem-solving skills will be increasingly in demand in our fast-changing, technological and interconnected world. At Surval Teaching and Learning is underpinned by a commitment to Challenge, Ownership, Dialogue and Engagement.



Our Commitment

Inspiring and empowering young women for future success and influence

We believe that every girl is different with individual dreams and aspirations, and a unique blend of strengths, characteristics and interests. In our close-knit community of 60-70 girls and an average of 10 girls per grade, each student has the optimal opportunity to be supported to achieve to the best of her ability, to grow in confidence and to feel empowered to put herself forward and speak up free from any stereotypes and preconceptions. We seek to empower young women to be strong and confident in their ability to become compassionate and courageous leaders of the future in whatever field they choose.

The development of a bespoke Leadership development programme will seek to draw out the girls' leadership potential, encourage them to have confidence in their individual leadership styles and feel empowered to step up to leadership opportunities.



Our Commitment

Setting girls up for future success and high achievement through flexible and tailored academic pathways

Our curriculum programmes provide continuity, progression, flexibility and rigour for students aged 13-18 years.

- A broad and balanced Foundation programme builds strong foundations in language and core subjects and independent study skills to set girls up for success in their studies in Grade 9 and beyond.
- Our broad and flexible High School Diploma programme spanning Grades 9-12, with the additional option of preparing for academically rigorous, externally assessed exams (Advanced Placements, IGCSEs and A-Levels, IELTS, DELF, SATs), ensures each student's programme is tailored to their needs and goals beyond school and provides pathways for further study in the UK, US and university destinations around the world.
- Our creative and challenging Swiss Gap Experience programme broadens the perspective and skills of young women and sets them up with confidence and experiences which will stay with them for life.

The highly personalised approaches to teaching, learning and assessment, supported by detailed tracking, monitoring and reporting processes, ensure that each student is supported to stretch her potential and measure her progress academically and linguistically through her time at Surval. We use a range of internationally recognised tests to benchmark and measure student progress during their time at Surval in order to ensure they are challenged through a Surval education and in a competitive position on leaving Surval.

A structured and progressive careers and university guidance programme will be enhanced by external, international careers guidance and our inspiring speaker series, to ensure that students are making course option choices from an informed position and supported to work with their unique blend of strengths and talents to follow a pathway best suited to their individual goals and aspirations.

Our Commitment

Developing strong global competence for success in a global workplace

As a school, we seek to be as culturally diverse as possible in our students and staff to optimise the global perspective of our students. The global diversity of Surval instils a natural international-mindedness in our students. As confidence is gained in languages during their time at Surval, girls switch happily between English and French, amongst other languages. Our focus on languages, culture, global perspectives and etiquette builds awareness and provides a strong platform from which girls can launch comfortably into whatever situation they may find themselves in future.

Surval will grow opportunities for networking and experiences beyond the school through membership of wider associations to enhance the global experience of girls and bring invigorating developmental opportunities beyond Surval for students and staff.



Our Commitment

Creating powerful stories through adventure and challenge

A Surval education includes a richness of opportunities beyond the classroom – whether it be enjoying the beautiful outdoors environment skiing, hiking, cycling or on the water, or exploring the cultural and linguistic diversity of towns and cities in Switzerland and across Europe, or engaging in social enterprise initiatives at home and further afield. Girls are encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and embrace challenge in order to grow.

The development of the Surval Award will articulate and capture the impact of the full Surval experience and provide a lifelong record of a girl's experiences and achievements at Surval beyond the classroom.



Our Commitment

Optimising the Surval experience through the environment

Girls are cared for by a highly committed staff team of teachers, residential and support staff. Surval provides a supportive and creative professional environment where staff feel inspired and supported to give of their best in support of the students' wellbeing, academic development and personal growth.

The experience of Surval is heightened through the homely and inspiring environment provided by our characterful building set in a truly stunning setting. As a former hotel, the building brings character and unique features to the Surval experience.

We will continue a programme of refurbishment which ensures the spaces are maximised in support of Surval's educational provision and the wellbeing of girls and staff, without losing the homely character which has endeared Surval to so many over the years.





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