



MALVERN
COLLEGE SWITZERLAND



Headmaster's Welcome

**Welcome to Malvern College Switzerland, a school bringing the best of
British Education to Central Europe.**

Nestled in the Alpine village of Leysin, with breath-taking views across to the Dents du Midi, Malvern College Switzerland is an inspiring place to live and to learn. As the youngest member of the MCI Family, we combine youthful vigour with pride in the traditions and expertise bequeathed to us by the Old Malvernian diaspora.

MCS is committed to developing outstanding young people who have the knowledge, skills and personal aptitudes to make a positive difference to the lives of others. Academic work forms the core of what we do, and we are very fortunate to have a superb team of teachers - hand picked from 1000s of applicants - to pass their expertise on to our pupils. Carefully calibrated classroom teaching is supplemented by a rich co-curricular programme designed to stimulate young minds.

We make the most of the opportunities for sport and vigorous outdoor activity that our location high in the mountains affords. Our pupils lead happy, healthy and active lives, and develop interests that will stay with them for life. Every member of staff believes fervently in the value of boarding education and celebrates the individuality of each pupil. We encourage the development of independence, to take calculated risks and to demonstrate the Malvernian qualities of humility and kindness.

These qualities form the bedrock of success at our school - as they do in later life - and infuse everything that goes on at MCS.

We very much hope you will come and visit us, meet our pupils, talk to our staff, and experience for yourself the culture and chemistry that we have developed in our inspirational Alpine setting.

Dr Tim Jefferis

Headmaster, Malvern College Switzerland



About Us

A school that combines the academic excellence of Malvern College with the opportunities and advantages of a quality lifestyle in the Swiss Alps.



Co-Ed
Boarding



11-18
years old



150
pupils

The First British-Branded
Boarding School in Switzerland



The Malvern Qualities

At the College we actively promote a set of well-tested values which we call the Malvern Qualities. We believe that these values will enable our pupils to grow whilst they are with us and that they will become a bedrock for the future. The Malvern Qualities are enduring human values which we have found, over time, equip our pupils for life's challenges, enabling them to adapt and succeed in a rapidly evolving world.

Resilience

Do you respond positively to setbacks, and face challenges with confidence and good humour? Can you see failures as an inevitable part of learning and improving who you are? Do you finish what you start?

Self-awareness

Do you understand your own strengths and weaknesses and are you reflective and take responsibility for yourself and your actions? Do you set yourself targets? Are you aware of the impression you create and display excellent manners accordingly?

Open-mindedness

Are you able to recognise and value a range of options? Are you receptive to new ideas? Can you see issues from a range of perspectives and do you embrace a global outlook?

Kindness

Do you look after others? Are you considerate and compassionate? Are you able to show appreciation of what others offer?

Collaboration

Are you working with others to bring about the greater good? Do you know when and how to include others? Can you make the most of the strengths and qualities of others?

Integrity

Are you true to your own belief and are you honest with yourself? Do you feel that you have a strong moral compass?

Risk-taking

Are you audacious and do you take risks to explore new experiences? Do you challenge yourself to do things you find difficult? Are you willing to try new things or do you prefer to stick to the orthodox? Are you resourceful in unfamiliar circumstances?

Curiosity

Do you pursue knowledge and understanding for its own sake? Do you seek to know more and explore new things? Do you ask lots of questions to enable you to deepen your understanding. Are you confident in the value of your interests?

Ambition

Do you wish to do the best you can and make the most of every opportunity afforded to you? Do you believe that effort will improve your future prospects? Do you let others hold you back?

Independence

Do you feel that you take responsibility for yourself? Are you self motivated?

Humility

Do you acknowledge that individual success often relies on team effort? Do you see that success is important but that it is not everything? Do you recognise that others may not be as privileged as you?

Our Academic Curriculum

The British National Curriculum



Pre-IGCSE

Pupils at Malvern College Switzerland start their academic journey in Years 7, 8 and 9. They follow the British National Curriculum (Key Stage 3), which is designed to engage and excite, so that a real thirst for learning develops.

Pupils in Year 9 begin preparations for the IGCSEs, where they are encouraged and given the tools needed to succeed.



IGCSEs

At Malvern College Switzerland pupils follow the Cambridge International IGCSEs in Years 10 and 11.

All pupils take English, mathematics, science (either triple or dual award), and study a modern foreign language. Also available are geography, history, computing, business studies and art or design, with pupils given tailored advice on the best combination of subjects most suitable for their circumstances.

The academic programme is supplemented with enrichment electives designed to encourage teamwork and to give pupils a taste of real-world application of knowledge.



A Levels

A Levels are a two-year academic course for pupils aged 16 to 18 and are designed to lead pupils directly onto university. Pupils normally start taking four A Levels, with most dropping to three in their second year. The A Levels subjects on offer at Malvern College Switzerland can be found on our [website](#).

A Levels are world-renowned British qualifications. Since 1951 they have provided millions of pupils with access to Higher Education.



A Levels and University Programmes

One of the main advantages of following the A Level programme is the freedom to combine chosen subjects with uniquely designed university programmes.

Malvern College Switzerland (MCS) is unrivaled in its forward-thinking partnerships with higher education institutions. Currently on offer is the combined Hospitality and Management course with the Swiss Hotel Management School (SHMS).

MCS has begun to develop partnerships in Engineering, Business, and the Arts for 2022, expanding the bounds of possibility for its aspiring A Level pupils.





University Preparation

This bespoke course focuses on developing the skills and habits of mind needed to make the best of a university education and is suitable for pupils aged 17 to 18, who have already completed their A Levels. Here they are able to hone their skills in many fields.

Our University Preparation course is designed to develop unrivalled poise and maturity in school leavers as they ready themselves for life at university. There is extensive help with English for those who need to improve on their skills; but the course also includes modules on referencing, research, critical thinking skills and self-care. This is supplemented by further solid grounding in mathematics, science, computing and geo-politics so that graduates of the course go out into the world knowledgeable and quietly self-assured.



University Counselling

Guiding pupils to the world's best universities remains one of the most important contributions Malvern College Switzerland (MCS) teachers can provide. MCS prides itself on recruiting teachers who can teach to the highest standards, helping aspiring pupils reach the height of their potential and in doing so, attend world-class universities.

MCS provides targeted university counselling for top universities in the UK and around the world.



Winter Sports Programme

Leysin is spectacular all year-round, but during the Spring Term (January - April - 12 weeks), this winter wonderland offers pupils a unique experience up in the Alps.

The Malvern College Switzerland (MCS) Winter Programme is unique in combining the thrills of living in a ski resort with the academic aspirations of pupils from the world over who come to an international educational experience.

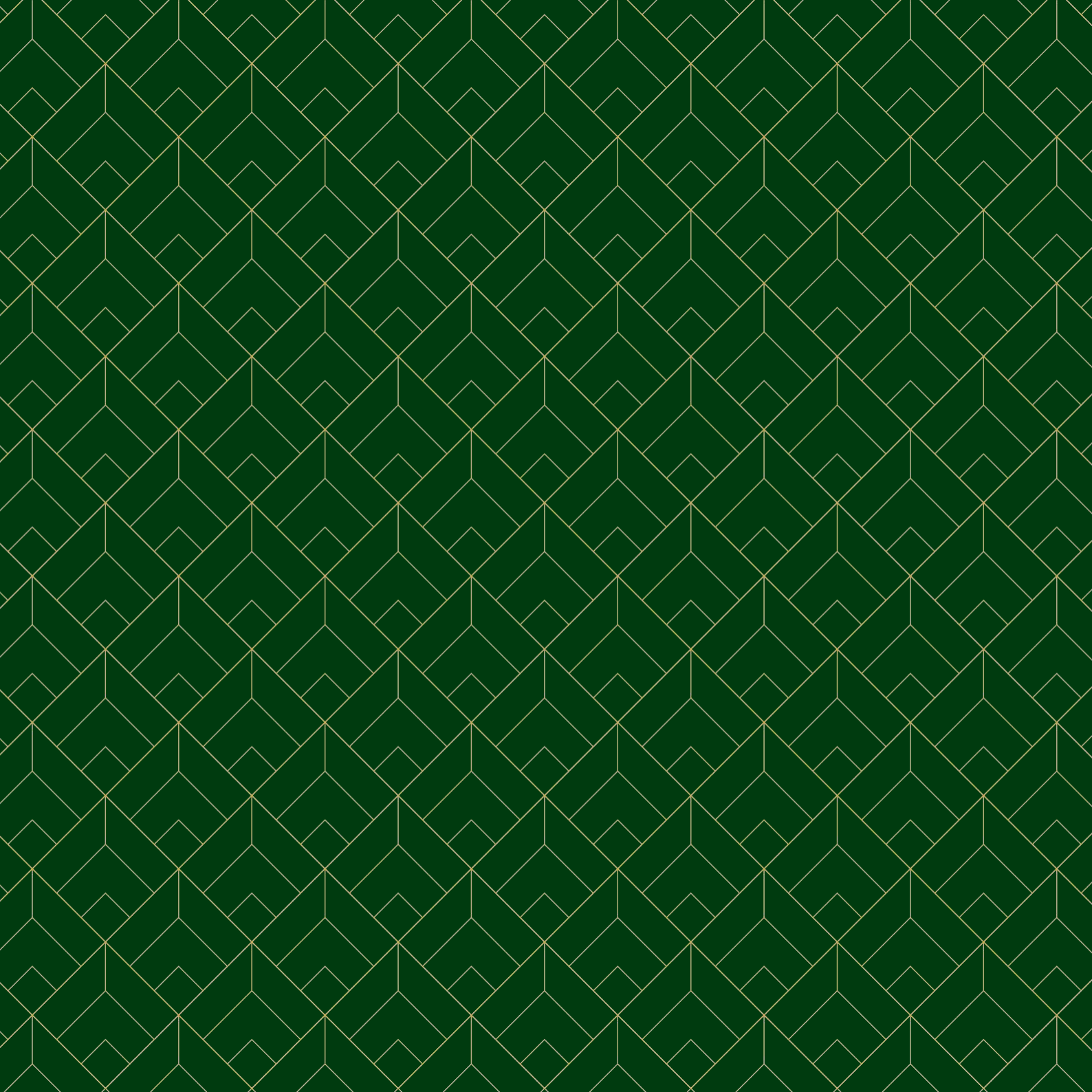
- ❖ Olympiad preparation
- ❖ Entrepreneurship competitions
- ❖ Guest speakers
- ❖ The MCS Winter Games
- ❖ MCS Ski and Snowboard Cup



MCS pupil - Robert - competition skier

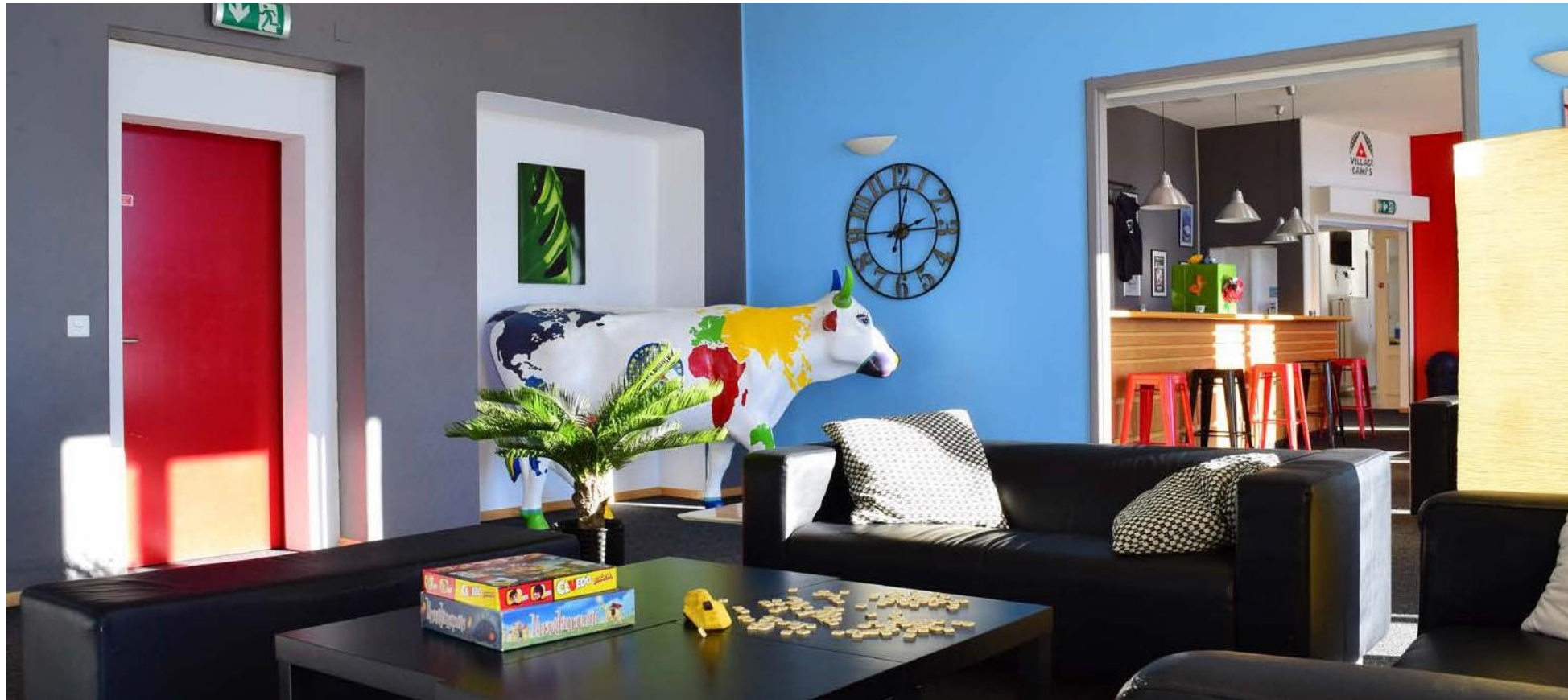


MCS also offers one-term options for the summer (April - June) and autumn (September - December) available to pupils from around the world looking for a British boarding experience in Switzerland.



Our Campus

A Place of Innovation and Learning



Swiss Campus

Malvern College Switzerland is nestled in the Swiss Alpine village of Leysin, Switzerland. The campus is centrally positioned in the village and faces south, ensuring a steady stream of sunlight throughout the day.

The Malvern College Switzerland campus comprises 3 different buildings: the Swiss Alpine Centre, the Villa, and the Alpine Clubhouse.

The Swiss Alpine Centre serves as the main base of operations for Malvern College Switzerland. This is where pupils spend the majority of their time as it includes the classrooms, common rooms, Boarding House, and most other amenities.

The Villa serves as the Admissions Office and welcome centre where parents can go upon arrival at school and talk to the Admissions Head by a cosy fire before starting their campus tour.

The Alpine Clubhouse is mainly an accommodation unit for teachers and visitors to the College.





Boarding House

A home away from home

Boys' and girls' dormitories are entirely separate and self-contained, kept apart in different wings of the Swiss Alpine Centre.

Each room is en-suite with a mountain view. Pupils either sleep in singles or doubles depending on age and availability.

Rooms are furnished to high standards providing pupils with a high-quality environment for learning and living. Provision is made for Malvernians to personalise their living space and make it their own.



Housemaster's Welcome



Welcome to the Boarding House.

Boarding at Malvern College Switzerland is an integral part of pupil life at school. I have been involved in all aspects of boarding since I entered the profession in 2004, and I am delighted to have joined Malvern College Switzerland with my wife and two young daughters.

Boarding provides distinct areas for boys and girls. Pupils have fabulous rooms and round-the-clock care to ensure that they make the most of the opportunities on offer to them.

Every member of staff - male and female - is involved in the boarding community and fully understands the value of community life. They all ensure that children are happy and able to thrive.

With my family's apartment centrally located within the boarding accommodation, I operate an open door policy that ensures that the girls and boys in my care can get the help they need at any time of the day or night. The boarding house has a wonderfully friendly atmosphere - my job is to keep it that way.

Mr. Timothy Ellis

Housemaster, Malvern College Switzerland



Meet the Chefs

Welcome to my kitchen, where a dedicated team of cooks come together each day to keep these hungry souls fed and happy. We know that the secret to keeping the mind sharp is by keeping the stomach and taste buds content.

Mr. Mark Tranter

Head Chef, Malvern College Switzerland

"I really like the food here! It's really nice the way they try to cater to everyone's taste and weave in a bit of Swiss heritage at the same time. Fondue night was amazing!" - Imogen



Enrichment

Instilling a Passion for Life Long Learning



Academic Enrichment

Malvern College Switzerland offers a wide range of additional activities that enrich the educational experience for pupils. Pupils are encouraged to run their own clubs and societies under the auspices of the school if they have particular interests that they would like to pursue.

Some of the enrichment activities on offer include:

Chess
Debate Club

Olympiads
Green Society

Coding
Robotics

Leadership
French Club



Culture and Excursions

Malvern College Switzerland pupils will take full advantage of Switzerland's immense beauty and traditions as well as all that it has to offer with regards to its many cultural sites and scenic locations.

Local visits: CERN, Swiss Castles and Historic Sites, Art and Music Festivals, United Nations, Interlaken, Bex, Sion, Geneva, Bern, Lausanne and Montreux.

In Addition: Switzerland's location in the heart of Europe comes with many advantages. Pupils will have the opportunity to travel extensively during their time with us, both in Switzerland and further afield, broadening their educational experience and cultural awareness.

Cultural Trips: Milan, Rome, Venice, Paris, Madrid, Prague and Nice.



Music and the Arts

Malvern College Switzerland celebrates both musical and artistic abilities and offers MCS pupils a chance to excel through the different lessons and clubs available on campus.

Two music rooms and a theatre (auditorium) are available to pupils and lessons can be organised through the boarding house.

- ❖ Theatre
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Song and Dance
- ❖ Art and Design



Super-curriculum

Malvern College Switzerland believes in preparing pupils for the 21st Century economy, through its membership with the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce as well as the extensive network of Old Malvernians within Switzerland. MCS believes in helping pupils bridge the gap between what is learned inside the classroom and its real-world application. Guest speakers, seminars, and workshops are an integral part of the Super-curriculum at MCS.

- ❖ Entrepreneurship
- ❖ Model United Nations
- ❖ Diplomacy



Sports and Academies

Providing Opportunities to Experience a
Healthy and Fulfilling Lifestyle in the Swiss Alps



A Sporting Culture

Leysin is uniquely positioned to provide both summer and winter sports and activities to all. Malvern College Switzerland pupils not only have the chance to try, but also to excel at any discipline they may choose. Pupils are able to join sports teams and to compete against others. Equally there are opportunities in individual sports and for serious, focused tuition as suits the skills and requirements of the individual. Sports on offer include:

Skiing and
Snowboarding
Academies

Football
Academy

Tennis Academy

Swimming

Hockey

Basketball

Squash

Golf

Netball

Volleyball

Gymnastics

Fitness

Ice Skating



Outdoor Education and Activities

In addition to the more structured sports and academies available, Malvern College Switzerland also offers a wide range of different outdoor activities giving pupils a superb range of different options to suit any taste. Enjoying the great outdoors in Switzerland's beautiful Alpine environment is something that is central to a Malvern College Switzerland education.

Hiking
Sailing
Rowing
Ski touring
Skateboarding

Paddle
Boarding
Equestrian
Sports
Cross Country
Skiing

Ski Touring
High Ropes
Adventure
Beach Tennis
and Volleyball

Indoor and
Outdoor
Climbing
Mountain and
Downhill
Biking



Tennis Academy

Season: Year-round | **Type:** Co-Ed | **Focus:** Competition

Course includes:

Swiss and International professional coaching team

Competitions representing Malvern College Switzerland

12 + hours of training per week

5 + hours of fitness and cardio

Classroom tennis theory

Weekly friendly competitions

National and European competition (travel and fees not included)

In-house physio and rehabilitation

Four pupils maximum on the court

After-match analysis

National ranking scheme



Ski and Snowboard Academy

Season: December- March | **Type:** Co-Ed | **Focus:** Freestyle / Downhill - Competition

Course includes:

Swiss and International professional coaching team

In partnership with the Swiss Ski School and Hefti Sports

Competitions representing Malvern College Switzerland

Training three times per week (weather permitting)

Ski-lifts three minutes from the College with season pass included

Training in all disciplines with a focus on preferred skills

Annual competitions

Variety of skiing destinations within driving distance (travel included but additional fees including pass are not included)

The school that becomes your family...





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