



AIGLON
Switzerland



2017 - 2018

YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights

LAST YEAR, AIGLONIANS EXCELLED in the classroom, on the mountain and in their community.

- 90 new students chose to join the Aiglon community, bringing our total number to 347.
- 67% of all new applications came through recommendations from our community – thank you to all of you who have recommended Aiglon!
- We achieved our first maximum score of 45 points in the IB, a result achieved last year by only 218 candidates worldwide.
- The 2018 School Guardians will be attending Yale and Stanford universities.
- We continue to attract outstanding teachers: please check our social media profiles to read about new staff who have started this year.
- More than 180 students have participated in nine Round Square service projects, supporting both local and international causes.
- Aiglon triumphed on the slopes, retaining the Aiglon College Cup for the eighth year, winning two team and eight individual medals at the SGIS Ski Championships, and four team and twelve individual medals at the ADISR Ski Championships.
- Our community's generosity is astounding: this year we awarded three alumni-sponsored scholarships: the Druk, the JIVA and the SEBA; and the Class of 2018 raised CHF 170,000 in support of the new Assembly & Arts Building and scholarship programme.

“Once more our students have demonstrated their ability to secure highly praiseworthy academic results while engaging in the diverse and challenging learning experiences, active lifestyles and personal passions and pursuits offered at Aiglon.”

Richard McDonald
Head Master



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MIND

OUR COLLEGE AND CAREERS team offer personalised guidance, and bring the very latest thinking and more than 20 years experience to our students.

- Our average IB score, 33.5, is significantly above the global average of 30 points.
- 96% of the Class of 2018 undertook the full IB Diploma; of these, 99% were awarded the Diploma.
- 92% of Aiglonians achieved an A*- C at IGCSE; 57% achieved an A or A*.
- Our SAT average score was 633 for Maths and 619 for Critical Reading.
- The Class of 2018 will be heading to many highly competitive destinations, including:
 - USA:** Stanford, Yale, Cornell, Middlebury, Babson, NYU, Massachusetts College of Art, Tisch School of the Arts, Rhode Island School of Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 - Canada:** McGill, University of British Columbia
 - UK:** Imperial College, University College, Royal Holloway, University of London, City and Guilds London Art School, University of the Arts, Conde Nast College of Fashion and Design, Istituto Marangoni London
 - Switzerland:** St Gallen and Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne
- The Class of 2018 were awarded seven full scholarships: Alford Scholar, Rollins College; Grinnell College; Interdisciplinary Science Scholarship, Claremont McKenna College; Middlebury College; Pakistan Higher Education Commission Scholarship; Stanford University; WIEN Scholar, Brandeis University.

"Aiglon offers a unique blend of the progressive and the traditional. Our teaching remains firmly rooted in our Guiding Principles, ensuring we encourage the balanced development of mind, body and spirit."

Tomas Duckling
Assistant Deputy Head
(Curriculum)



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BODY

AIGLONIANS CONTINUE to soar in every aspect of physical endeavour.

- 6 members of the Junior Ski Team participated in the Independent Association of Prep Schools Ski Championships in Passo Tonale, Italy. The boys won the overall championship team trophy, and the girls were silver medallists.
- Aiglon hosted 148 competitors from 16 countries for January's two International Ski Federation races. 6 Aiglon boys took part, representing Italy, Austria, Japan and Great Britain.
- 6 students were awarded the Duke of Edinburgh International Gold Award for their successful completion of a four day, three night cross-country ski expedition in the Jura.
- 5 students (and 6 parents!) competed in the Engadine Cross Country Ski Marathon.
- Aiglon was honoured to represent Switzerland at the World Schools Winter Games. Our team of 12 students came third.
- The Villars pool has reopened, enabling Aiglon's competitive swimmers to get back to training and winning – students have already collected four medals at inter-school events.
- St Louis, the smallest and newest boys' house won their first inter-house competition – the tennis trophy now has a new name engraved upon it!
- The overall winners of the inter-house sports competitions were Clairmont for the girls, and Alpina for the boys. A hard-fought Junior competition resulted in team Scott emerging victorious for the first time in three years.

"I'm not the kind of girl who goes up mountains in normal life. But being at Aiglon has completely transformed my normal."

Cami
(Clairmont, Year 12)



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SPIRIT

STUDENTS ENJOYED many opportunities to develop their sense of spirit, ethics and creativity.

- Students undertook international service projects in Kenya, Cambodia and St Petersburg. Local projects supported two refugee centres and the educational medical centre in Monthey.
- Year 9 students participated in a Medair refugee simulation day, experiencing for themselves the challenging choices faced by refugees and then taking part in a charity challenge (which included abseiling down Belvedere and Clairmont) to raise CHF 450 for Medair.
- Students raised more than CHF 2,000 for Round Square through refreshment sales on Sports Day.
- Aiglon's elderly lunch welcomed more than 100 guests. Highlights included students introducing African dance and bagpipe music.
- We are proud to host 8 faith groups offering a home to all major faiths and none, and featuring regular dialogue between groups to increase cultural and religious understanding.
- Student Wellbeing Ambassadors have been appointed to foster a positive, inclusive and supportive atmosphere both within their year and the school as a whole. They receive training on intra and interpersonal skills, active listening and emotional intelligence.
- All students participated in wellbeing workshops on a range of topics including happiness, perception and dealing positively with exam stress.
- Aiglonians mounted two major theatre productions: Guys and Dolls for the Seniors and Wind in the Willows for the Juniors.

"Service projects enable us to do good - but they have also taught me the importance of working as a team when faced with a big project."

**Leelaram Elangovan
(Belvedere, 2018)**



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Opportunities

OUR SCHOLARS have excelled in the classroom, led prospective student tours and raised CHF 1'000 to support the scholarship programme.

- Fewer than 10 scholarships are awarded each year to truly outstanding students entering the IB programme.
- Aiglon currently has 17 fully-funded merit scholars.
- In the 2018-19 academic year, we have welcomed 9 new scholars, who between them, represent 12 nationalities.

How does Aiglon award scholarships?

- Scholarships are means-tested financial bursaries, awarded to outstanding and deserving students.
- Students must demonstrate a proven track-record of high academic achievement over the past two years and excel during the admissions process.
- Awards are restricted to families who cannot afford any of the costs associated with an Aiglon education.
- Scholarship applications are considered by Aiglon's Senior Management Team and interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, the Head Master and the Director of Admissions. Applicants are required to provide: a completed application form, a letter of motivation, school reports from the past two years, a letter of recommendation from their current school and our financial assistance questionnaire with supporting documentation.

"My Aiglon scholarship has allowed me to become part of a community which has internationalism at its core. A community which strives to turn the world into a village where anyone, from any part of the world, can see each other as brothers and sisters."

**Patrick
(Delaware, Year 13)**



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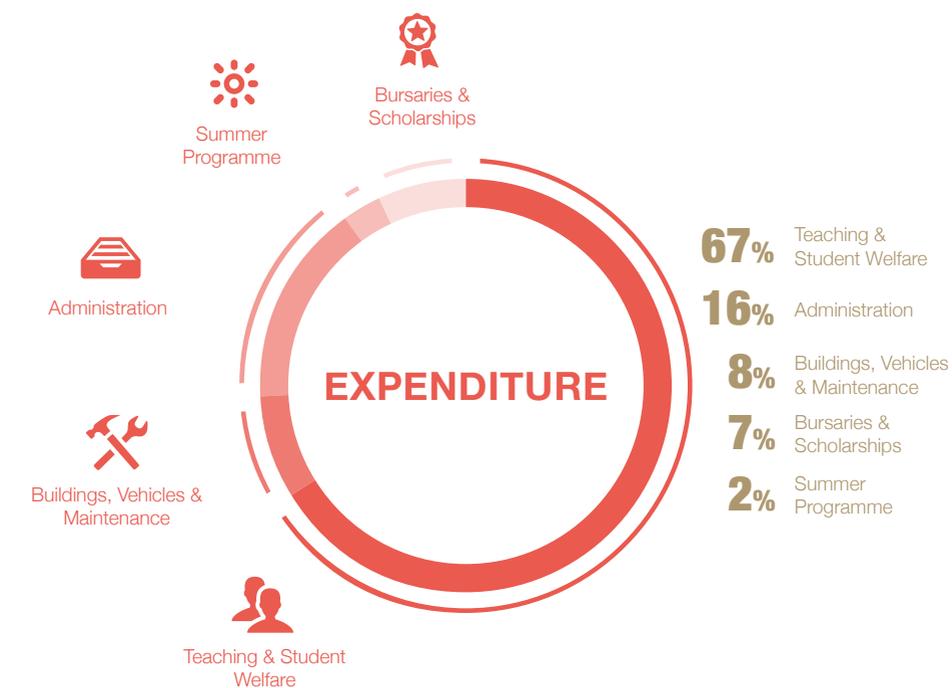
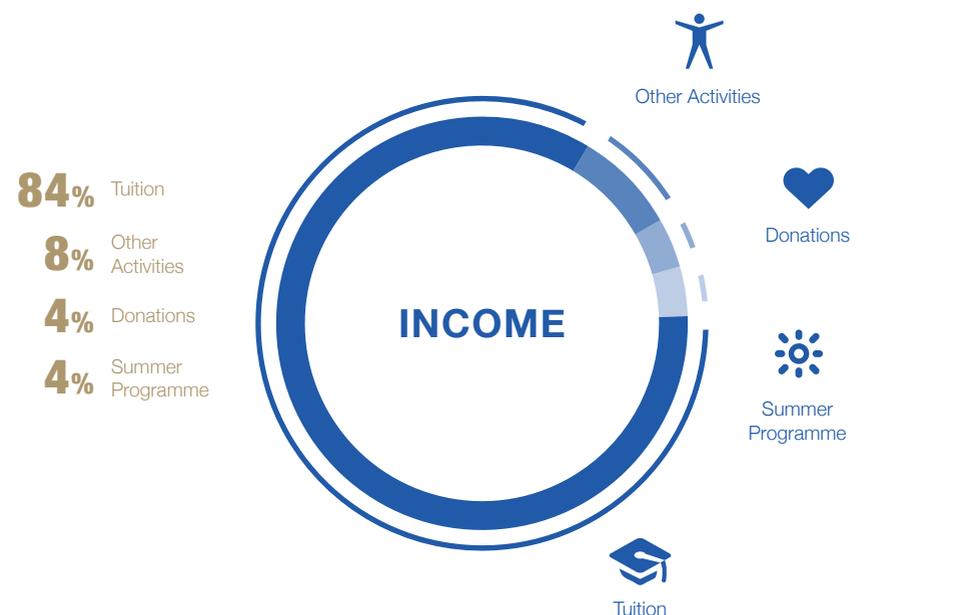
Developments

OUR SCHOOL CONTINUES to go from strength to strength, with a secure financial base and ambitious plans for development.

- This year, the Campus Masterplan will undergo a five-year review, examining progress made since 2013, the status of current projects, current costings and the overall vision.
- The school steering committee and our architects Durisch + Nolli are working to finalise designs for the new Assembly & Arts Building to submit for planning approval.
- We are now working with The Space Factory to design theatre, studio and recital spaces to a professional performance standard. The Space Factory have worked on high-profile projects, including Cité de la Musique (Geneva, Switzerland), the Royal Symphony Building (Bangkok, Thailand), the Lyric Theater Complex (Hong Kong, China) and the Elbphilharmonie (Hamburg, Germany).
- We have appointed Fire Safety Consultants INEXIS, Engineering partners IFEC Engineering to advise on energy efficiency, building materials and acoustics, and Civil Engineers Schnetzer Puskas to ensure structural designs meet Swiss regulations.
- We have made an ambitious start to an extensive refurbishment of Le Cerf. Work will continue throughout this year with exterior renovation commencing next summer.
- We look forward to the upcoming 70th Anniversary celebrations and the opportunity to show our community some of the recent campus improvements.

“Our Maker Space can change with the needs of education. It is a place where students can learn, collaborate and explore technology, digital making and coding and we are adding new resources all the time.”

Darren Wise
Director ICT Integration
for Learning



Preparation

STUDENT WELLBEING is at the heart of Aiglon. Over the past year we have undertaken an in-depth external and internal review and we are now delighted to act on the resulting recommendations.

- Aiglon has employed a full-time counsellor in the newly created role of “Wellbeing Coordinator.” Mrs Ruth FitzGerald provides regular, specialised student welfare support in conjunction with the already existing houseparent and tutor structures.
- The Health Centre has been provided with additional nursing and administrative support to create expanded opportunities for students.
- Aiglon is implementing a new house structure in which the formal house parenting responsibilities is vested in one primary houseparent, supported by a non-teaching assistant and an “aide de maison” who together manage the day-to-day functioning of the house, welfare of the students, and ensure an adult presence throughout the day.
- The tutoring system will provide two regular weekly opportunities for students to meet their tutor: a Monday morning group session, and an individual evening session. This is in addition to informal or additional meetings requested by tutor or tutee.
- Rewards and sanctions will be updated to ensure a balanced approach to student well-being, enabling teachers to reward positive behaviour and to deal with low-level behavioural issues which do not require laps or a disciplinary panel.
- The Aiglon week has now been restructured to move Saturday lessons to Wednesday afternoon, allowing an expanded weekend programme.

“Moving Saturday lessons has opened up lots of opportunities for trips around Europe and other co-curricular events. It helps us open up the timetable for students, enabling them to do all the things beyond the academics that make them Aiglonians.”

Brian Martineau
Assistant Deputy Head
(Student Life)



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