

Le Futur Est **Bilingue**

Prospectus 2022-23



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About THONON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Thonon International School (TIS) was founded in 2019 by Dr. Steve Robbins to meet a growing need for a truly bilingual education in the local community. TIS is located on the southern side of Lake Lemman, just 45 minutes from Geneva, Switzerland and 15 minutes from Evian-les-Bains.

TIS employs only highly qualified and experienced teachers who are experts in bilingualism. Teachers establish a language rapport with their classes that is their mother tongue although all teachers are also at least bilingual.

At TIS an emphasis is put on the individual child and their educational needs. The small class sizes of a maximum of 12 children allows each child to receive individual tuition and progress to their maximum potential.



Materials and school trips included in fees



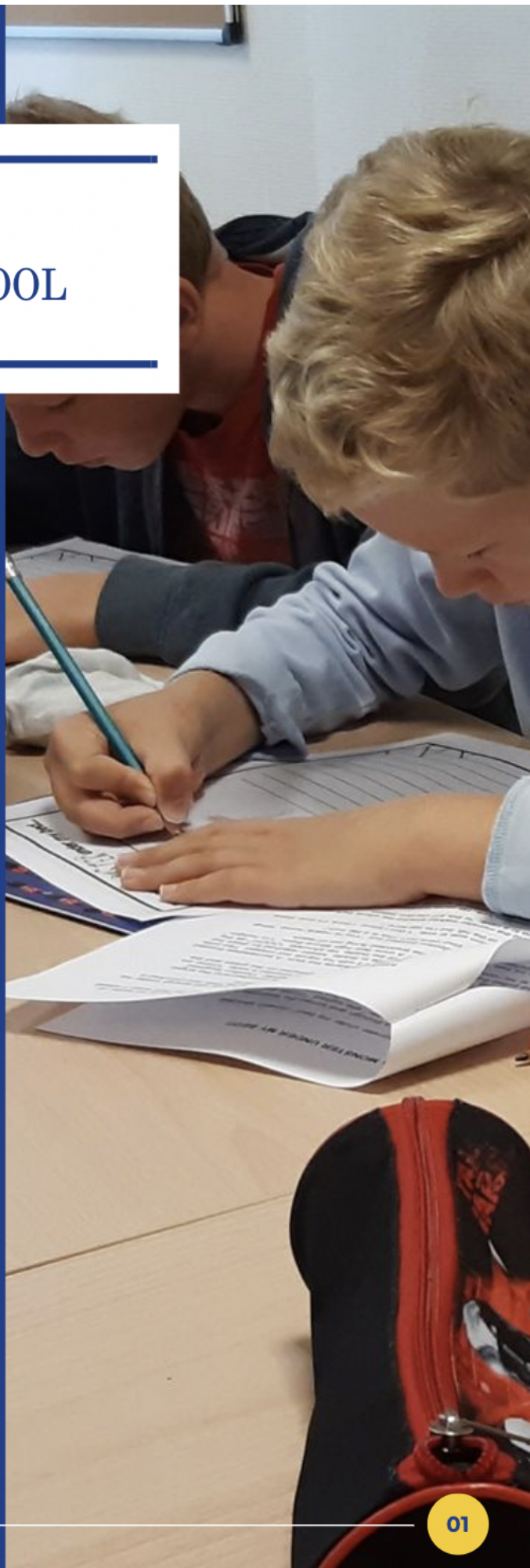
Qualified mother-tongue teachers



French National Curriculum with individual coursework materials in French and English



Adapted international BILINGUAL cursus



The Primary School

Classes

The Primary school is made up of two mixed-age classes :

Key Stage 1 (KS1)

between 5 and 7 Years old (Years 1 to 3)

Key Stage 2 (KS2)

8 - 10 Years old (Years 4 to 6)



The Primary School

The Teachers

Dr. Steven Robbins has 25 years international experience working as a teacher and Headteacher in England, Italy and Switzerland. He holds a first degree in Archaeology from Southampton University, UK, teaching degrees from Chichester University, UK and an MSc in Educational Leadership and Management from Leicester University, UK. His Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership explores knowledge management in schools. His publication and research interests are educational leadership and ethics, decision-making and complex dilemmas, school culture and knowledge management. As a father of four children, he has first-hand experience of raising bilingual children. As founder and school Director, Steve offers an international perspective to TIS through the eyes of an experienced practitioner researcher.



School Director
Class teacher

Holding a Doctorate in Biochemistry from the University of Lyon, Karinne Seguin began her career in research before turning to teaching. She has been teaching children from Kindergarten till the end of Primary school for 20 years mostly in the Eastern region of France. Karinne is aware of cultural and linguistic diversity thanks to her own upbringing and is excited to have worked at TIS since its inception and being responsible for its academic programmes. As a passionate teacher, Karinne knows what it means to create a motivating and stimulating environment for her pupils. As a mother of four children, their personal and intellectual fulfilment is at the heart of her concerns. It is with enthusiasm that Karinne brings her professional contribution to the development of the school and the well-being of the children.



Programme Coordinator
Class teacher

The Primary School

The Teachers

Barbara Hill achieved a Bachelor of Education in Primary Teaching at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. She later completed Leading for Results - Middle Management Training at Manchester University. She has worked as a primary school teacher for over 15 years, having taught in England, Australia, South Africa and Ghana in both private and public schools. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience of teaching international students and has taught children from Kindergarten to Y8. Barbara is a conscientious and dedicated teacher. Her awareness of students' individual needs assists her in creating exciting learning experiences in a positive learning environment, so that students reach their full potential. Her childhood experience of being bilingual in German/English has provided her with an understanding of bilingual education. Her love of the outdoors has brought Barbara and her young family to this region, enjoying the mountains and lakes of Haute-Savoie.



Cambridge programmes Coordinator
Wednesday class teacher

Alan Browning obtained a Bachelor's degree in European Business and Technology at Coventry University, UK. He later passed his CII financial planning exams. Alan started his career as a financial adviser for 16 years before moving to France to set up his ski repair business. He then wanted a change in direction and obtained his CELTA qualification to teach English. He now teaches English in the colleges of Henri Corbet, Saint Jean D'Aulps and Abondance to students from Years 7 to 10. He is passionate about teaching and very conscientious. He understands the need to individually craft lessons to cater for a range of learning needs. Thanks to his degree course and living in France for over 13 years Alan is fully bilingual and a firm believer in the benefits of bilingual education.



Wednesday class teacher



Curriculum

Each child is unique

Our teachers follow the French National Curriculum as a guide to the end of year expectations and objectives for each Year group, but they are not limited by these. Our own bilingual cursus has been written with a unique progression for each age group that includes a truly international outlook.

Children receive individual tuition and have workbooks and course books appropriate for their age, language ability and stage of academic development.

The cursus is taught 50% in French and 50% in English. This means that all subjects are taught in both languages over any given week in a true dual-language programme.



Individual coursebooks in French and in English



50% taught in French

50% taught in English

Curriculum

Rapid progress

Regardless of a child's age, level of French or English, our programme is tailored to meet the needs of the individual child.

With two teachers per class and very small class sizes, children progress rapidly both with regard to learning languages but also academically in general.

Within the mixed age classes both younger and older children are encouraged to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding at their level of ability : supported when needed, extended when showing promise.



Mixed-age classes



Extended learning for more able children





Mathematics



English



Science and
Technology



French



Physical
Education
2 hours weekly



Art



Citizenship



Geography and
History



Sport is an essential part of the weekly curriculum for all children attending the Primary school. A minimum of two hours is dedicated to sport weekly: one hour inside and one hour outside.

Over the course of the year the children will :

- complete a two-week course (daily) in swimming which will result in a state certificate
- take part in track and field sports at the athletics stadium
- keep fit and learn gymnastics in the gymnasium
- learn team sports and develop a sense of leadership and fair-play





Mathematics is studied in both English and French at all ages in the Primary school and with the same curriculum. The small class sizes allow teachers to work individually with children on content and provide the necessary support or extension needed. Children are provided with individual coursework materials that match their age, language ability and academic needs.

Over the course of the year the children will :

- complete individual coursework in both French and English
- meet and exceed the academic requirements for their age group
- have daily training in mental maths in both English and French
- be taught logic, practical geometry and a love for Mathematics
- take part in the world-wide Mathematics competition Kangaroo Maths and have the opportunity to win prizes





All subjects are taught in both English and French each week for each age group. Children are taught through full immersion either a full morning or a full afternoon in each language every day.

Over the course of the year the children will :

- receive individual tuition in English and in French
- progress through course books adapted to their age and language ability
- read in English and in French daily
- carry out literacy studies through novels in both languages
- become familiar with both Anglophone and Francophone authors, both classical and modern
- carry out class presentations in both French and English
- visit the town library for workshops on topics being studied or to hear visiting authors





All three sciences, Biology, Physics and Chemistry are taught to children from Year 1 and in both French and in English. Children experience hands-on science weekly as well as being introduced to basic concepts in each domain.

Over the course of the year the children will :

- do practical weekly experiments
- undertake at least one technology project and presentation
- take part in tailored workshops outside of the school with specialists in a field of science
- have the opportunity of extending their learning by joining the after school STEM club: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics taught by Dr. Robbins
- visit the Natural History Museum and Science Museum in Geneva and other museums linked to taught topics





Art is studied weekly for a minimum of 1 hour . Children are introduced to different materials for creating art and they study art from the perspectives of different artists.

Over the course of the year the children will :

- learn about artists, techniques and the history of art
- use paints, pencils, pastels, clay, charcoal and other materials to express themselves and imitate artists
- visit the History and Art museum in Geneva and take part in workshops
- maintain a portfolio of art



The Primary School

School trips

All school trips and materials are included in the fees. We choose locations and workshops according to the topics being studied and aim for at least one trip per term.

Fromagerie, la Môle: practical workshop on cheese making, semaine du goût.



Le château d'Avully: guided tour by castle owners, treasure hunt, medieval theme.



History and Art museum in Geneva, the Greeks workshop.



Mountain trip, Habère-Poche, animal tracks and ecology theme.





Tuition fees 2022-2023

Application fee 200,00€

A non-refundable fee to reserve a place once an offer has been formally made.

Materials and school trips 350,00€

All consumable materials, text books, exercise books and school trips for the year.

School tuition 5400,00€

A full, dual-language programme for the year, 4 days a week, taught by highly qualified mother-tongue teachers.

At TIS we do not believe in charging parents more for school tuition as their children get older and move to higher years.

The tuition fees at TIS are the same for each and every year group, and will stay the same as your child moves through the school, class after class.

We do not believe in charging more if parents pay by instalments (trimester).



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