



## **Pre-IB Crash Course at Schule Schloss Salem from Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August**

*In a compact academic course, the teachers of Schule Schloss Salem offer to prepare new IB1 students for their transition to Diploma level.*

### **Rationale**

Prompted by the fact that most Year 10 students will have experienced a disrupted school year when they should have been building the foundations for their IB Diploma programme and by the observation that few residential preparation courses are opening up again for the summer, the faculty of the international classes of Salem's middle school and IB Diploma programme have designed a course exclusively for students new to Salem.

### **Content and format**

The focus is on subjects, skills and content that are known to prove challenging. Within the week, ca. 32 hours of lesson time are combined with getting to know the school environment and its wider setting, the town of Überlingen on Lake Constance. Sport opportunities to unwind include swimming, tennis, running, aerobics and Zumba. The evenings provide an opportunity to get to know each other – unlike in other summer courses, our students know they will live and work together again from September.

### **The week is decidedly academic:**

- English will have an emphasis on essay skills and competence in literary analysis.
- German lessons will take note of the fact that many students aspire to high level language certificates in order to study in Germany.
- Maths offers practice and filling gaps to prepare for the different course levels the IB offers and perhaps also to decide which level is right.
- The sciences – Physics, Chemistry and Biology - will combine teaching the all-important lab skills in our school labs in combination with consolidating key concepts.
- There will also be some stimulating sessions introducing to thinking in the humanities. Students will be taught in small groups according to their needs.

The course is only open to students entering the Salem IB Diploma programme in September and is designed so that our new IB1s and those making the transition from Salem Year 10 share a similar preparation for the challenges of the IB Diploma.



All teachers and mentors are Salem IB teachers. Course participants are accommodated in the student houses on Härten Campus, normally reserved for the final year, and use the facilities of the school.

The price for the week is €1250.00 including all tuition, full boarding and activities, excluding travel to and from the school. We have determined to keep it open to Salem applicants only and will only run it if there is a minimum number of students.

***To express your interest, please contact our Admissions Team or IB Coordination.***

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*IB Coordination, Schule Schloss Salem, May 2020*



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