



## **Geneva English School Awarded Excellence Across the Board**

*'Excellent' in all possible aspects and high inspection praise for a Geneva school that's expanding*

Geneva, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Geneva English School has become the only international school in Geneva and also in Switzerland to receive an Excellent rating in its inspection report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. The school, which has this year expanded into Secondary, received 'Excellent' in all eight aspects.

The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) follows the UK Government's high standards required for British Schools Overseas and the inspection was conducted in March this year (2017). In its findings, the report praises Geneva English School (GES) for its "engaging, relevant and cutting-edge education", "motivational atmosphere" and "highly-committed staff".

The report describes the school as fostering a genuine spirit of enquiry, and developing articulate, confident, thoughtful learners. But it also emphasises the school's caring and nurturing atmosphere. "Throughout the school, teachers and teaching assistants have an exceptionally warm and positive rapport with the pupils, instilling in them a 'can do' attitude, which builds their resilience and perseverance," it states. "A common feature is teachers' energy and enthusiasm."

As an independent, British government-approved body, an inspection by ISI provides parents with the reassurance they need to ensure they are selecting the very best school for their child.

Clare Allen, a parent of two GES pupils, 10-year-old Alfie and 7-year-old Charlotte, who is also a Teaching Assistant at the school, agrees entirely with the report. "What makes GES special? It's just everything!" she says. "That nurturing environment, the kids are treated as individuals, children and teachers are so happy, and walk into any classroom and you can see a great level of learning going on."

GES Headmaster, Tim Meunier said, "Everyone in the school is very proud to have been praised highly for our learning standards, environment and educational approach, which we believe are absolutely right for today's young people. It is an exceptional validation for the school and one that is very encouraging as we expand into the Secondary years." The full ISI inspection report and more information about the school is available at [www.geschool.ch](http://www.geschool.ch)

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**Editor Notes:**

- Geneva English School (GES) is an international school in Genthod, 10 kilometres from the centre of Geneva. It has been providing a British education with a global outlook for primary age children for over 50 years (established in 1961). In September 2017, the new GES Secondary will open for Years 7, 8 and 9, (for children aged between 11 and 14). The school will then expand organically (adding a school year every September) to eventually provide the full K-12 offering (for children aged 3-18).
- GES limits its enrolment (280 children currently in primary) to ensure a nurturing learning environment that can respond to the needs of every child. It attracts expatriates permanently based in Geneva, mobile expatriates, and nationals from both Switzerland and France seeking an English-medium education with globally-recognised curriculum.
- Geneva English School is accredited by the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) and by the Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS), both prestigious organisations representing many of the best schools around the world.
- Interview with Headmaster, Tim Meunier, available upon request.

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