

Collège Champittet

Location: Lausanne, Switzerland

Year Levels: Kindergarten (age 3) to Grade 14 (age 18)

Type: Private international day and boarding school

LiteracyPlanet usage: Grades 4, 5 and 6 (ages 7 to 10)



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Collège Champittet is a private school in Lausanne, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, and one of Nord Anglia Education's global network of international schools. It delivers high quality education based on a tradition of academic excellence. Primary students follow a bilingual French/English programme, and secondary students can select to do the Swiss Maturité, French Baccalaureate or International Baccalaureate.

Why did the school choose LiteracyPlanet?

Collège Champittet's vision is to make learning more efficient, personalised and effective through continuous access to technology.

It enables this for teachers and students through its digital learning programme, 'Champitech' which aims to facilitate easy and fast access to up-to-date information and multimedia learning resources across both school and home, and to equip students with digital skills for learning, and life in an increasingly interconnected and globalised society.

The school discovered LiteracyPlanet at London education technology expo BETT where teachers were drawn to its colourful and playful approach.

According to Nathalie Balduck, English teacher and Head of EdTech Primary, the school first introduced the programme for a small group but it was quickly adopted more widely due to student demand: "We started with one class, but the children from other classes came begging for a code so we had to launch it in all classes".

How the school uses LiteracyPlanet

The school currently uses LiteracyPlanet across its beginner, intermediate and advanced groups in grades 4, 5 and 6.

With students from a variety of language backgrounds with different levels of English skills, teachers make full use of one of the programme's greatest benefits, which is the flexibility to adapt it for different abilities within the same age group.

Nathalie says: "The children can all work at their own pace, and they have a choice of time and place too. The teacher can choose an individual path for each student."

"I have a class with four advanced English speakers, six intermediate ESL students and three beginner ESL students. The difference in needs makes it difficult to teach the class as a whole. LiteracyPlanet has really helped me make sure every child gets what they need."

Students enjoy being able to advance at their own pace, and teachers enjoy being able to keep all the students busy at the same time in a useful way, which frees them up to spend time with those who need it individually.

One of the most popular content areas is spelling, where teachers and students upload their own lists into the programme to create custom spelling games.

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