

ÉCOLE DES ROCHES
INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE
DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
2026-27





WHERE PAST MEETS FUTURE

Heritage Meets Innovation on Our 50-Hectare Campus

Founded in 1899, École des Roches embodies 125 years of educational heritage whilst embracing a contemporary pedagogical renaissance. Beginning September 2025, our partnership with École Jeannine Manuel will enhance our proven approach, combining French academic excellence with intensive English and international immersion.

Walk across our magnificent 50-hectare campus in the heart of Normandy and you'll overhear conversations about climate solutions and artificial intelligence, witness students practising interculturality, and experience the camaraderie, respect and understanding that defines our community. Historic buildings house state-of-the-art facilities where contemporary dynamism meets tradition and every stone tells a story of educational innovation.

World-Class Facilities as Your Learning Laboratory

Our comprehensive campus features professional science laboratories, climbing walls, tennis courts, golf facilities, a swimming pool, and sustainable agriculture programmes. Students also benefit from our nearby private aviation program and equestrian centre, creating unparalleled opportunities for hands-on learning across every discipline.

Excellence and Care in an Intimate Environment

Our educational approach combines excellence and benevolence—academic rigour paired with genuine care for each student's development. With 240 students representing 40 nations, we maintain an intimate community where relationships flourish and comprehensive support thrives.

Small classes of 6-12 students ensure personalised attention, supported by our exceptional 4:1 student-to-teacher ratio. We embrace a growth mindset approach, celebrating challenge and development over traditional ranking systems, whilst drawing upon the pedagogical expertise of our École Jeannine Manuel partnership.

Unique Countryside Excellence Near Paris

École des Roches offers a rare combination: International Baccalaureate excellence with authentic French cultural immersion, developing true multilingual fluency in a spectacular countryside setting just one hour from Paris. Unlike urban international schools, our rural sanctuary provides space for reflection, creativity, and personal growth whilst maintaining exceptional academic standards and preparation for the world's leading universities.

YOUR STUDENT JOURNEY

Where inquiry meets international understanding, École des Roches develops globally-minded scholars equipped for leadership at the world's leading universities. Faithful to our heritage yet focused on contemporary challenges, we synthesise academic rigour with cultural depth through our distinctive multilingual approach that enables students to think in both languages, mobilise two cognitive and cultural universes, and move from one framework of thought to another.

International Mindedness Through Inquiry

Our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) develops international mindedness through inquiry-based learning, where students become independent thinkers equipped for global understanding. We foster cultural intelligence as a core competency, enabling students to navigate diverse perspectives whilst maintaining intellectual courage to question, challenge, and create innovative solutions.

Through our skills-oriented, concept-driven approach, students develop the critical thinking, creativity, and autonomy that universities and employers increasingly seek, preparing them not just for examinations but for leadership in an interconnected world.

Two or Three-Year Pathway for Global University Access

Students may begin with our Foundation Year, specially designed for those new to International Baccalaureate learning or requiring English proficiency development, followed by the comprehensive two-year Diploma Programme. This flexible pathway ensures every student masters the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary for International Baccalaureate excellence.

Global Excellence Through Partnership

Our affiliation with École Jeannine Manuel brings world-class university guidance and proven International Baccalaureate expertise. École Jeannine Manuel's International Baccalaureate students consistently achieve exceptional results—including 100% success rates with median scores of 39 and 45% of students achieving 40+ points—whilst gaining admission to leading universities, including Oxbridge, Ivy League institutions, and top European universities.

Students benefit from the academic rigour and university counselling excellence that has established École Jeannine Manuel as a global leader in International Baccalaureate education, ensuring our graduates are exceptionally well-prepared for the world's most competitive higher education institutions.

Four Key Performance Drivers

THE FOUNDATION YEAR

Our English-taught curriculum prepares both our rising cohort and our new students for the IBDP journey. The focus is on developing skills and self-confidence, whilst also laying the groundwork for higher education goals. The Foundation Year enables students to make informed choices about their IB subjects for the following year's Diploma Programme, based on their higher education objectives, academic achievements, and aspirations, and to acquire the skills needed to succeed.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a two-year educational programme aimed primarily at 16- to 19-year-olds in 140 countries worldwide. The programme offers an internationally recognised qualification for entry into higher education and is accepted by many universities worldwide.

EXTENDED ESSAY SUPERVISION

Intensive mentorship for the 4,000-word independent research project, developing university-level research and writing skills. Students receive expert guidance in selecting compelling topics, conducting research, and crafting scholarly arguments, which prepares them for advanced academic work.

HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Specialised counselling through our international university network, including preparation for medicine (UCAT and BMAT), law (LNAT), SAT preparation, and Oxbridge TSA coaching. Enhanced by École Jeannine Manuel's exceptional expertise in guiding students to prestigious institutions worldwide.





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE

Dynamic Seminar-Style Learning

Our 6-12 student seminars with specialist teachers emphasise discussion-based learning and concept-driven pedagogy. This intimate structure fosters the critical thinking and collaborative inquiry that define IBDP excellence, preparing students for the intellectual demands of world-class universities.

Student Agency and Academic Autonomy

Students demonstrate high autonomy through flexible subject selection: choosing six subjects across all subject groups at Higher and Standard levels based on academic potential and university ambitions. This develops independent, self-directed learners who take ownership of their education.

Our growth mindset approach encourages students to embrace challenges as opportunities to grow whilst developing the responsibility, agency, and engagement essential for intercultural fluency and academic success.

Multilingual Excellence in Global Context

Taught in English with French cultural immersion in our multilingual environment representing 40+ countries. Students maintain their native language whilst developing fluency in additional languages, including Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic and intensive French, through action-oriented approaches that emphasise conversational confidence. We ensure students preserve their cultural identity whilst gaining the linguistic flexibility essential for international success.

Balanced Daily Learning Structure

Our academic day integrates two supervised study periods with weekly progress monitoring through formative assessment tools and open-door teacher access. Students develop practical time management skills whilst pursuing integrated CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) components through diverse co-curricular opportunities, including unique activities like flying and beekeeping.

This balanced approach nurtures the whole student—academic, social, and emotional—whilst building the humanitarian awareness central to International Baccalaureate philosophy.

Global University Preparation

Our international university counselling network provides specialised guidance for medicine (UCAT and BMAT), law (LNAT), SAT preparation, and Oxbridge TSA coaching. Students benefit from comprehensive support for applications to leading global institutions through their internationally recognised diploma.

Enhanced by École Jeannine Manuel's proven track record—including 100% International Baccalaureate success rates and 45% of students achieving 40+ points—our counselling ensures students access the world's most competitive universities.

Where student agency meets international excellence—École des Roches develops internationally-minded individuals prepared for leadership at the world's leading institutions.

YOUR LEARNING LABORATORY

Our magnificent historic campus in Normandy provides an unparalleled setting for learning and growth. Set on 50 hectares of beautiful countryside, our facilities support every aspect of student development—academic, athletic, creative, and personal.

Creative & Technology Spaces

- Theatre and performance spaces
- Visual arts studios
- Robotics laboratories
- Kitchen

Natural Learning Spaces

- Sustainable agriculture gardens *Coming 2026*
- Countryside trails
- Outdoor classroom pavilions
- Bee-keeping apiaries

State-of-the-Art Sports Facilities

- Tennis courts
- Paddle courts *Coming 2026*
- Golf course
- Swimming pool
- Climbing walls
- Fitness and weight training facilities
- Multi-sport gymnasium
- Yoga and mindfulness studios
- Athletics track and fields
- Aviation centre access
- Equestrian centre access

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMES

Since 1899, École des Roches has championed the synthesis of intellectual development and physical activities, creating an environment where students develop the qualities essential to leaders: a sense of effort, team spirit, competitive drive, endurance, and self-transcendence.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

*Preparing global leaders
through teamwork and
personal growth*

- Service learning
- Student governance opportunities
- International collaboration projects
- Debating clubs and Model UN
- Journalism programmes
- Civic engagement initiatives

UNIQUE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Distinguishing students in university applications

- Sustainable agriculture projects
- Environmental stewardship programmes
- Bee-keeping projects
- Research and innovation initiatives

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

Building confidence and artistic skills

- Theatre productions and ensemble music
- Digital photography and visual arts
- Dance programmes
- Performance opportunities

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

*Cutting-edge technical
skills alongside academic
excellence*

- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence
- Programming
- Mathematical competitions

PREMIER SPORTS PROGRAMMES

*Fostering leadership
qualities and the spirit of
fair play*

- **Elite Instruction:** Tennis, Golf, Horseback riding, Fencing, Aviation
- **Team Sports:** Rugby, Basketball, Football/Soccer, Futsal, Handball, Volleyball
- **Individual Sports & Fitness:** Boxing, Swimming, Badminton, Table tennis, Climbing, Fitness training, and Yoga



YOUR COMMUNITY: WHERE BELONGING MEETS GROWTH

A Home Away from Home

Our exclusive boarding experience centres on wellbeing, safety, and personal development within our distinguished international community. House parents act as experienced educators to provide bespoke guidance whilst fostering the cosmopolitan atmosphere that defines École des Roches.



SIX HISTORIC BOARDING HOUSES

- Personal mentoring with four house parents per residence
- Students in elegant single-sex houses: Les Pins, La Prairie, Le Vallon Le Coteau, Les Sablons, Maslacq
- Beautifully appointed residences featuring fitness suites, social lounges, cinema rooms, kitchens, and refined common spaces

STRUCTURED EXCELLENCE

- Morning seminars through evening tutorials with comprehensive academic mentoring
- Guided study sessions with individual academic coaching
- Cultural enrichment time for personal interests and leadership development
- Concierge-style support ensuring seamless daily life and weekend privileges for senior students

EXCEPTIONAL DINING & LIFESTYLE

- Restaurant-quality meals prepared by professional chefs
- Fresh, locally-sourced cuisine featuring French gastronomy
- International menu options accommodating diverse cultural preferences
- Dietary needs are accommodated with extensive daily choices



Cultural Sophistication & Global Access

AUTHENTIC FRENCH CULTURAL IMMERSION

Students experience genuine French intellectual traditions whilst celebrating the cultural sophistication of our international community. Our immersive approach develops true cultural fluency—the ability to navigate seamlessly between French academic discourse and diverse perspectives, preparing graduates for leadership in both French institutions and international careers.

CULTURAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

- Curated cultural excursions exploring Norman heritage and Parisian sophistication
- Guided visits to premier museums, theatres, and universities
- Immersive experiences in French art, history, and contemporary culture
- Seasonal traditions connecting students to France's rich cultural calendar

STRATEGIC LOCATION ADVANTAGES

- One hour from Paris by train
- Exclusive weekend experiences in France's cultural capital
- Access to Parisian universities and grandes écoles
- Global connectivity through international airports and transport networks
- Normandy's heritage from D-Day history to coastal elegance

ALUMNI NETWORK & UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS

- Distinguished alum network through École Jeannine Manuel partnership
- Mentorship opportunities from graduates at prestigious institutions
- Career guidance extending well beyond graduation
- Global university connections spanning leading international institutions



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