



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Brochure

2020/2021



Ecole des Roches, founded in 1899 by sociologist Edmond Demolins, is a co-educational international school and boarding school for French and international students aged 6 to 18, from primary to high school. The 60-hectare campus of the Ecole des Roches is located in the heart of Normandy, an hour and a half from Paris.

Ecole des Roches offers several courses: French schooling from CP to Terminale, an international course with the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB), a French as a Foreign Language (FLE) programme for short stays or immersion during the school year, and finally summer and winter language courses.

Our daily work at the Collège consists of preparing our students for the challenges that await them at the Lycée. We help them to explore their talents, discover new skills and capitalize on opportunities as they arise.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PEDAGOGICAL GOALS

Our varied academic program includes mock exams once a term (for the 3rd year) to familiarize students with the exam conditions and help them adapt to the requirements of the Diplôme National du Brevet.

We seek to identify areas in which students may encounter problems. The transition to the Year 10 class is facilitated by this intensive preparation.

The objectives of the Collège :

- To teach students working methods for each subject area.
- Learn how to organise and structure your working time
- Constructing reasoning
- To master written, oral and visual communication
- Learning to be autonomous
- Acquisition of written and spoken fluent English

Our methods to achieve this:

- A steady pace of work
- A balanced timetable, regular table-top homework, homework in the House, but also written tests every week, supervised study every evening and above all a real-time teaching action.
- A training for 9th grade students : 3 Brevets blancs (white certificates)
- Personalized help in Mathematics and French on all classes

Our differences:

- Small class sizes.
- Personalized follow-up: during the evening study hours, the teachers provide help in understanding the lessons and help with homework.
- The setting up of a Teacher / Student tutoring in case of difficulties, with particular support.
- An added value through languages: 3 modern languages from the 6th grade onwards are possible.
- The willingness to adopt and integrate new technologies (3D printer, interactive whiteboard...).
- The «ROUTES» programme (Rocks, Orientation, Universities, Tutoring, Development, Psychological support) which provides listening and advice to each pupil, on his schooling or his well-being at school. This program is also in charge of student orientation.
- Valuing the Rocky Mountain: the objective is to identify strengths, weaknesses and skills in order to give them confidence. A commitment contract is concluded for students requiring more sustained follow-up.
- The RELAIS program (Responsibility, Environment, Leadership, Affirmation Discovery and Recognition, International, Service): a structured student-centered learning program designed to enrich the self-knowledge and skills that Rocky Mountain youth will need in their adult lives.

NB: The work and research required of students increasingly includes the use of digital tools. For this purpose, the school requires students to have a computer (Mac or PC) with the following minimum configuration: 15 and 8 GB RAM with preferably an SSD hard disk and 256 GB.

SCHOOL OPTIONS

	Foreign language A :	Foreign language B :	Foreign language C or option :
Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• German• Spanish• Italian• Russian• Chinese• Arab	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• German• Spanish• Italian• Russian• Chinese• Arab	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• Spanish• Italian• Russian• Chineseou• Latin• Greek

What does it mean to be part of the Ecole des Roches's extensive family and become a "Rocheux(se)"?

A "Rocheux(se)" is motivated, determined, altruistic, and has the self-discipline to develop his/her full academical, cultural, social and athletical potential.

The Principals, Senior Leadership team, Teachers, House Masters, Support Staff, Prefects ("Capitaines") and students will be at your side to promote your child's development within the school and help your child become a Rocheux(se) and «well armed for life».

BOARDING LIFE

Living in the boarding school is living a big adventure, learning to respect others and the rules, learning to share and to grow.

Ecole des Roches' boarding school is composed of 7 residences called Houses. Boys and girls are divided by gender and age. Foreign students are accommodated with French ones in pleasant rooms of 2 to 8 beds. Each house has a name: the girls are in Maslacq, La Prairie or Le Vallon, and the boys in Les Pins, Le Coteau or Les Sablons. The youngest of the Primary school are in Les Acacias.

The boarding houses under the supervision of House Masters. These are the «parents» at the boarding school and they are there for all that concerns well being, safety, monitoring of school work, or the daily lives of children. They are in close communication with parents and also with the school office. The pupils will talk to them for any question, health problem, pocket money, mobile phone or any other special request...

At the beginning of each school year, the House Masters designate several «Captains» and «Responsables» in each House. Chosen for their sense of responsibility, their self-control, their listening skills, the «Responsables» are student who represents the model of all Rocheux. He is also the link between his comrades and adults.

Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are taken at the school restaurant. It is a self service where students share their meal with their classmates. Every evening after the meal, the House Masters make the roll call, to check that all the students of the House are present and to discuss together any important information of the day or the next day.



TYPICAL DAY

HOURS	ACTIVITIES
6:45 am	Wake-in
7:15 am	Breakfast
8:00 to 10:45 am	Lessons
10:45 am	Break and snack
11:00 to 12:50 am	Lessons
12:50 am	Lunch and free time
2:00 to 4:00 pm	Lesson, or sport/cultural activities sportives on Wednesday
4:00 pm	Break and free time in house
5:15 - 7:00 pm	1st study period
4:45 - 5:45 pm	sport/cultural activities
7:00 pm	Diner and free time
8:15 pm	Roll call in house with the House Masters
9:00 pm	Bedtime for the youngers (6 ^{ème} and 5 ^{ème})
	2nd study period for 4 ^{ème} and 3 ^{ème}
9:30 pm	Lights out for the youngers
10:00 pm	Bedtime for the olders
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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020/2021

Back to boarding school day: Monday 31st of August 2020, from 1 pm

Back to school day: Tuesday 1st of September 2020

End of academic year: Tuesday 6th of July 2021

PERIOD	Departure dates	Returning dates
October half-term (All Saints)	Friday 16th of October 2020 after class	Sunday 1st of November 2020
Christmas	Friday 18th of December 2020 1pm	Sunday 3rd of January 2021
February half-term	Friday 19th of February 2021 after class	Sunday 7th of March 2021
Easter	Friday 23rd of April 2021 after class	Sunday 9th of May 2021
Ascension Day	Wednesday 12th of May 2021 2 pm	Sunday 16th of May 2021

Save the date - Mandatory presence of all students :

- Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 - «Baptême de Promotion»
- Saturday, June 12, 2021: School Ceremony

Vacation departures

- To Paris Porte Dauphine: departure at 5pm from the school by bus, except at Christmas, advanced departure at 1pm, and at Ascension Day, advanced departure at 2pm.
- To the airport: departure by bus to CDG for flights departing between 11am and 3pm.

Return from holidays

- Departure from Paris Porte Dauphine at 7:30 pm for school.
- From the airport: there is a bus to CDG between 12:30 and 4:30 pm.

NB :

- A boarding house is always open from 1pm on return from holidays.

DAILY LIFE

LAUNDRY : Frequently! If you wish you can have your clothes washed (clearly labelled with your name) every day. They will be returned, washed and ironed, usually within three days.

COMMUNICATION : Pupils can be reached at their houses. They can also bring a mobile phone that they can use in the evenings and weekends.

ILLNESS: There is a medical service on site. Please note that only medication prescribed by this doctor is allowed. In addition, Verneuil has a hospital capable of dealing with emergencies.

RULES : Our rules are based on the respect of the traditional values of École des Roches: courtesy, tolerance and hospitality. The most important rules concern behaviour, responsibility, health, safety and environmental protection. The use of alcohol, drugs, piercings, weapons, laser beams is absolutely prohibited.

CATERING : We provide well-balanced, carefully prepared and varied meals. Students go to the self-service restaurant, to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner with their classmates.

SPORTS : Apart from sports practiced during class hours, students have many sports facilities: ping-pong room, fitness, football field, basketball, climbing wall, boxing room ...

UNIFORM : Supplied by the school, the uniform must be worn during classes and also on Fridays when leaving for the weekend and to return on Sundays. The uniform is also worn during ceremonies and official outings or receptions.

DRESS CODE : Apart from the uniform, students must be dressed correctly and appropriately. The recommended trousseau will be sent at registration and must include winter clothing (temperature of -5 ° to + 10 ° on average), half-season (10 ° to 20 °) and summer (20 ° to 30). Warning ! Jeans with holes or faded are forbidden, sports shoes are tolerated after class and during weekends.

BEDROOM : Students share comfortable beds rooms of 2 to 8 beds. Bed linen is provided for all students.

FURTHER INFORMATION

VISA

If you do not have E U nationality, you must ask for a student visa. If you plan a long stay, you have to apply for a multi entries visa (11 months).

DOCUMENT SUPPLIED BY L'ECOLE DES ROCHES :

- A school certificate
- A invitation letter & acceptance of the parental rights which includes the responsibilities of the school (medical cares, full boarding and education) and states that the school fees have been paid.
- A proof of medical insurance, (accident, sickness, hospitalization, repatriation)

INSURANCE

This is compulsory for health, emergency (accidents) and repatriation. In case you don't already have personal insurance, we take out a contract with our company.

If you have E U nationality, provide yourself only with a form from your country.

PAYMENT IN € (EURO)

You can pay by Bank Transfer, by cheque or by credit card (Eurocard, Mastercard & Visa).

TRANSFER & ARRIVAL

With the free school coach which leaves from Paris Av Foch (opposite Porte Dauphine metro) every Sunday at 7.30 pm during terms, and for the re-starts after holidays. The coach is also available for leaving Verneuil on the planned dates. Getting to Av Foch (near Arc de Triomphe) from the airports is very easy: coach, metro and RER can be used. If you have to travel to and from school on other dates we can reserve a taxi. Please advise us in advance. When you'll arrive, you will be welcomed by the Housemaster & a House Captain who will show your bedroom and help you to settle in and introduce your roommates.

MANDATORY FEES				
	Full Boarding	6 day boarding	5-day boarding	Day pupils
Entry fees ⁽¹⁾ (only for 1st registration)	2500 €	2500 €	2500 €	600 €
Security deposit ⁽¹⁾ (only for 1st registration)	2700 €	2700 €	2700 €	1000 €
Tuition & Boarding fees ⁽²⁾	32 875 €	30 015 €	25 095 €	14 440 €
Provision for incidental expenses ⁽³⁾	1000 €	1000 €	1000 €	250 €
Total mandatory fees without option				
Total new enrolment	<input type="checkbox"/> 39 075 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 36 215 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 295 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 290 €
Total re-enrolment	<input type="checkbox"/> 33 875 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 015 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 26 095 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 690 €
OPTIONAL FEES				
Laundry service	Inclus	Inclus	<input type="checkbox"/> 1580 €	n/a
Transport ⁽⁴⁾	Inclus	<input type="checkbox"/> 970 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 1940 €	n/a
Medical and liability insurance ⁽⁵⁾ (for foreign pupils)	<input type="checkbox"/> 580 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 580 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 580 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 580 €
Pocket Money : I authorise my child to receive€/week x 40 weeks/year € € € €
Provision for the purchase of a MacBook Air⁽⁶⁾	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like Ecole des Roches to buy a MacBook Air for my child (as an indication, the cost is about 1400 € and the school will charge at cost price)			
EXTRA CURRICULAR OPTIONS ⁽⁷⁾				
Full year activities				
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation (from 15 y-o, >1m55, licence, insurance, theory, flights included)	3980 €	3980 €	3980 €	3980 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Studio <input type="checkbox"/> Theater	640 €	640 €	640 €	640 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing	1120 €	1120 €	1120 €	1120 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis (private lesson)	1735 €	1735 €	1735 €	1735 €
Activities per term (5 months)				
<i>Sports</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga <input type="checkbox"/> Boxing	320 €	320 €	320 €	320 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	560 €	560 €	560 €	560 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding <input type="checkbox"/> Go-Karting (>1m45)	865 €	865 €	865 €	865 €
<i>Art and music</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar <input type="checkbox"/> Piano <input type="checkbox"/> Drums	560 €	560 €	560 €	560 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar (private lesson) <input type="checkbox"/> Drums (private lesson)	865 €	865 €	865 €	865 €
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	325 €	325 €	325 €	325 €
Practical Work (PW) (for 1st term) ⁽⁸⁾				
1st choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts <input type="checkbox"/> IT <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding <input type="checkbox"/> Go-Karting <input type="checkbox"/> Theater			
2nd choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts <input type="checkbox"/> IT <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding <input type="checkbox"/> Go-Karting <input type="checkbox"/> Theater			
PW additional charge for Go-Karting / Horse Riding (per term)	<input type="checkbox"/> 680 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 680 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 680 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 680 €

Frais obligatoires

(1) The entry fee and security deposit are due only in the first year.

The security deposit is fully refunded when the pupil leaves the school definitively, after deduction of the sums due to the school (except in the case of cancellation, termination or exclusion, c.f. School contract of the enrolment file).

(2) Tuition and boarding fees cover registration fees, tuition, boarding, the loan of books (books not returned will be re-invoiced at the end of the year) and school supplies, sports activities (including registration with the sports association), school outings (except in specific cases).

(3) The provision for personal expenses is used to cover the pupil's occasional expenses for unforeseen events (medical expenses, non-teaching trips, damage, etc.). The balance is passed on to the following year's bill or closed when the pupil leaves. An additional provision may be requested according to needs. Compulsory licences within the framework of UNSS activities will be passed on to the personal expenses account.

(4) Transport: these are the coach journeys Paris-Verneuil on Sunday evening and Verneuil-Paris on Friday in the late afternoon. A minibus service is also available for the Rouen-Verneuil/Verneuil-Rouen journeys. On request, stops can be arranged on these two routes for families living outside these two cities.



ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. In order to study your registration request, please send us (by e-mail or mail) :

- Your child's motivation letter (no student is admitted against his/her will)
- Your child's report cards for the current and previous year, in English or French.

2. These documents will be studied by the Administration. Then a pedagogical interview will be proposed to you in the presence of your child.

3. On the day of the meeting, we propose a visit of the campus in order to discover the boarding school and the campus.

4. At the end of the interview, you will be informed of the final decision and we will eventually give you a registration file.

Sometimes, some additional documents are required to validate the Management's decision. You will then have to send them to the Admissions Department.

Registration

The duly completed application form must be returned to the Admissions Department, together with the first payment, within 15 days. The registration will only become final upon receipt of the registration form and payment.

If a visa is required, we can then proceed to issue the documents. They must be presented to the French Consulate in your child's country of residence.

For any question or information, our Admissions team remains at your disposal.

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