



# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Geneva English School was founded in 1961 and has been at its present site in Genthod since 1989. The next academic year will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, so it is fitting that we should be embarking on developments that will carry the school forward to an exciting and positive future.

The school, set in a beautiful location looking towards Mont Blanc across Lake Geneva, has built up a reputation over many years for superb academic standards, based on the English Curriculum, within a small, friendly and respectful community. All pupils are known individuals and easily develop social confidence.

In September 2011 we are opening three new classes – in Reception, Year 1 and Year 3, to be followed by further new classes the following year. This means we have more places available than usual. By 2013 we will have moved to having two parallel classes in each of our year groups.

We are putting up a new building later this year, which should be completed during the first part of 2012. It will give us new classrooms and more valuable multi-purpose spaces to continue developing our expressive arts programme and extra-curricular activities. Creative dance, drama and art are flourishing. Music continues to develop with growing numbers of children learning instruments. We are planning further developments to our sports operation. The building programme will mean a few temporary classrooms for several months. We have already appointed teachers for the new classes.

Key areas about Geneva English School will remain. The school will still only admit pupils who have an appropriate fluency in the English language and therefore be able to access our curriculum effectively. We will maintain our strong emphasis on teaching French. Despite the extra classes, we will still be a small school in the area, with all the benefits that brings to all in our community. We will be reducing the number of pupils in our classes to 22 in years 1 to 6 and 20 in Reception.

In our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we intend to enhance further the learning experience for all children at Geneva English School, ensuring that our reputation is earned for today and keeping us at the forefront of educational excellence in the Geneva area.

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