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The Lovell Academy winter term, offers a fully individualised academic syllabus, coupled with an outstanding winter sports program, a unique opportunity for families to enjoy an entire winter season in the beautiful Gstaad region.

With an enrolment of 15 to 20 boys and girls, between the ages of 4 and 12 years old, the Academy is a family-like school environment where we recognise each child's individuality and we celebrate every child's uniqueness and learning styles. Under the leadership of Victoria Lovell, former teacher and Head of Curriculum at the John F. Kennedy International School, and Director of Lovell International Camps, we will again conduct an 11-week program, Lovell Academy, in our Mountain Lodge above the village of Schönried in the Saanenland.

Our winter academy is based on program elements from our well-regarded summer and winter camp programs, combined with the educational diversity of a first-rate international school. We offer a rigorous academic program combined with professional daily ski instruction. Other activities for our students include: cross-country skiing; swimming lessons; ice skating; optional weekend race training and ski instruction; snowboarding; educational and cultural trips.

Safety, learning and fun are our guiding principles and we want to see each student thrive and grow in our stunning natural surroundings. Lovell Academy strives to put fun into learning!

The Lovell International Academy has been successfully operating a winter academy since 2018. For boys and girls, the academy offers classes every day from Monday to Friday, along with winter sport activities.

Location

Our Lovell Academy Mountain Lodge is located in the alpine town of Schönried, just 3.5km from the town of Gstaad. The campus is easily accessible by car and train where there are good connections from Geneva, Montreux, Zurich and Bern. Being in the heart of the ski resort Gstaad, we are just minutes away from the Schönried cable car which makes our location perfect for ski and snowboarding lessons and sled runs. The Mountain Lodge accommodates en-suite bedrooms for our boarders, classrooms, lounge areas, kitchen and dining room. Outside the grounds there is free parking and a large terrace and outdoor play area used for sports, games and sledding - and boasting a beautiful view of our area.



Staff

Our qualified staff include teachers, ski and snowboard instructors, kitchen staff and counsellors.

Our certified, competent and enthusiastic teachers recognise each child's individuality and uniqueness.

Our professional ski and snowboard instructors work with all levels, from beginners to advanced, focusing on improvement, skills and techniques for our students.

Our kitchen staff includes our very own chef and assistants who provide our students with delicious meals along with healthy snacks at morning break time and before ski lessons.

Our counsellors are full of smiles and energy, making weekly programs, excursions and activities exciting and fun.

A Letter From The Director

Dear Parents

We hope you all had a wonderful summer season. As the nights become cooler, indicating that autumn is nearing, it is time to start planning our winter Lovell Academy which will begin in January 2023. We are proud to again offer an exceptional school program for children aged 4 to 12 in the Gstaad Ski Region.

What makes Lovell Academy the right choice for your family?

We offer small class sizes, we see each child as an individual, and we focus on their personal learning objectives. For example, if a child comes to us who is not a proficient reader, we focus on this and hone the student's skills to reach that of the appropriate grade level. We can offer one-to-one in-class tutoring with our classroom assistants, if needed. Our teachers are very experienced and maintain a classroom setting where kindness, resilience and empathy are our guiding principles. We take pride in creating an environment where students know that they belong, where they find areas of study that they love, and where they both experience and contribute to a community that cares. We believe in growth through challenge. But equally, we believe that supporting young people is the best way to empower them to succeed.

What makes Lovell Academy a different kind of learning environment?

We take full advantage of our beautiful alpine environment. We ski every weekday except Thursday afternoons when the children get the opportunity to snowboard, ice-skate, swim, cross-country ski, or go on educational excursions that support their class learning. On the other weekdays, your children will be hitting the slopes at 14.00. They will also have weekly ski races on Fridays and will become skilled all-round skiers by the end of their time at the Academy.

We offer after-school optional educational programmes for your children, included in the cost of attending the Academy. Some examples may be a writing club, French Club, Cooking Club, etc.

We run weekend programs for students who wish to sign up - not only ski lessons but snowboard lessons and excursions.

We do not charge extra for books or school supplies; we supply all the learning materials needed.

We do not require children to wear a uniform; we welcome children to express themselves in a neat and respectful fashion.

We offer chalet pick-up and drop-off services for families that want the convenience of ushering their children off to school from their chalets.

We challenge our students to develop high levels of achievement across a wide range of activities – academics, athletics, the arts, service, global education, outdoor education, etc.

To register for this winter season, we kindly ask you to send in your completed application form and questionnaire before November 15, 2022.

We hope to welcome your children to Lovell Academy this winter term.

With kind regards

Victoria Lovell

Don't limit your challenges; Challenge your limits!

Parent Testimonials

Alice de Orleans-Borbon

My son started at the Lovell Winter Camps when he was just 3 1/2 and everyone at the camp was so patient and caring and made every moment fun for him. We always felt that he was in safe hands and everyone was very professional. Aside from skiing they always provided fun and educationally age appropriate classes for him and he was able to learn French which is something he was not able to take while in his normal school in the States at his age. As he got older we needed to incorporate some of the work that his school back at home would send so that he didn't miss out on what his class was doing and they were always willing to do whatever was necessary while still offering him other classes as well. The Lovell Camps have always been flexible and helpful and have always had our child's best interest at heart.



Alexandra Maude-Roxby

Amelia spent a whole magical Winter term at the Lovell Camp when she was eight years old. We were transitioning from living abroad where she had predominantly been studying in a foreign language, so she needed to be in a position to rejoin her year group at Francis Holland School: an academically selective school in London. There was some catching up to do, so that she was sound and confident, particularly in Maths and English: this was achieved and far more.

Amelia was nurtured and challenged in equal measure. She was taught the love of learning by all the teachers at the Lovell Camp. She still talks about how Ms. Vickie has been her "best Maths teacher ever" and – while following the London school curriculum to a "T" – I know that what she did went way above and beyond what the other children in London were covering on the syllabus. She also had a truly inspirational specialist English teacher, who enthused her with projects that enabled her to delve far into the book she was studying and to grasp literary concepts beyond expectation. Amelia had the added bonus of excellent French lessons and guitar lessons to round off her experience.

Amelia did return to the Lovell Camp for another stint during term time one year later. Again, she was able to follow her school curriculum and returned to London academically as strong or even stronger. In an ideal world, I would happily have kept Amelia at the Lovell Camp for the rest of her primary school years!

The camp achieves the balance that all schools should aspire to create: the healthy combination of academic study, sports and creative freedom. The facilities speak for themselves: Amelia became a confident and competitive ski racer, experimented with cross country skiing, had the chance to ice skate regularly and became a strong and enthusiastic swimmer. It is clear that every counsellor/ teacher is chosen with utmost care: they all operate with a clear focus on creating a polite, kind and enthusiastic learning environment with the right balance of structure, fun and freedom.



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