

**BIRKLEHOF**

*Private Secondary Boarding School*

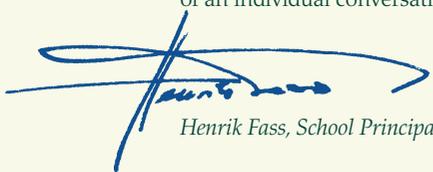


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I extend a cordial invitation to all children, young people, parents and relatives who are interested in Birklehof to come and visit the school. Such a visit, during which we will be pleased to show you round the school and the boarding houses, will enable you to form your own picture of what it is like to live and learn at Birklehof, and to get answers to any particular questions you may have in the course of an individual conversation.



*Henrik Fass, School Principal*

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Ms Hegyi will be pleased to send you all the documents you need and to answer any initial queries.

You can find out more about Birklehof and gain some impressions of the atmosphere of the school and its boarding houses by visiting our website at [www.birklehof.de](http://www.birklehof.de)



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## THIS IS BIRKLEHOF

- holistic programme of upbringing and education
- personal atmosphere, in which all are attentive to each other's needs and show mutual respect
- education and learning with high aspirations
- classical grammar school model, with the classical language Latin and with English, French and Spanish as modern languages
- emphasis on student co-responsibility
- highly committed teachers and boarding house staff
- a personal mentor that each student can turn to in confidence
- individualised concept for junior classes (Years 5–7)
- guidance towards working independently in a structured manner
- supervised private study times
- Birklehof periods (school assemblies and additional required subjects such as cooperative games/drama and improvisation, IT or pottery, which complement the official state curriculum and give individual focuses to the programmes of the various years)
- excursions organised on the basis of "education through experience"
- reading and spelling therapy
- programme of special tuition in mathematics
- programme of special tuition in German
- German as a foreign language
- support through coaching
- careers counselling and help with the choice of a degree course
- encouragement to take part in competitions, and support in doing so
- own music building with concert hall and practice rooms
- active network of alumni, friends and supporters of the school
- social commitment, e.g. aid project for the Sahel zone
- comprehensive programme of scholarships

## A SECURE AND COMFORTABLY SIZED BOARDING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE STUDENTS CAN DEVELOP INTO ALL-ROUND PERSONALITIES

Birklehof is a state-recognised secondary boarding school with a strong grammar-school type tradition, situated in southern Germany. The campus is park-like in character, with buildings in a variety of forms and styles, well-tended playing fields and gardens and its own children's playground; it occupies an outstanding location at a height of 900 metres above sea level in the most elevated area of the Black Forest, close to the climatic health resorts and winter sports centres of Hinterzarten and Breitenau.

### ORIENTATION

The holistic educational concept of this private non-denominational boarding school aims to enable boys and girls to grow up into outward-looking, high-achieving and socially responsible men and women. At Birklehof, students drawn from a wide diversity of social and cultural backgrounds find a living and learning environment that allows them to develop in every respect: intellectually, artistically, physically, emotionally and socially. As they grow older, they develop into personalities who are able to contribute actively to society both within and beyond the school with their knowledge, abilities and experience. The school offers focuses or "specialisms" in the three areas of languages, music and the arts, and science. Students can obtain the German school leaving and matriculation certificate, the "Abitur", after eight years of secondary education in accordance with the examination curriculum and regulations of the State of Baden-Württemberg.

### LANGUAGE LEARNING

- English (from Year 5 – normally age 10–11)
- Latin or French (from Year 6 – normally age 11–12)
- Specialisms in Years 8 to 10: linguistic (with Spanish as a third modern language), musical/artistic or scientific

### NUMBER OF BOARDING PLACES

approx. 150

### SIZE OF BOARDING HOUSE GROUPS

8 to 20 students

### ACCOMMODATION

Generally 2 boys or girls in a room; single rooms in the final "Abitur" year

### NUMBER OF PLACES FOR DAY STUDENTS

approx. 70

### CLASS SIZES

maximum 19

### CORE AND SPECIALISM SUBJECTS

Applied science and technology, art, biology, chemistry, community studies, English, French, geography, German, history, Latin, mathematics, music, physics, Spanish

### STUDENT EXCHANGES

All over the world, with more than 80 members of the Round Square association of schools and with individual partner schools in France

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

We offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities in the fields of music, art, drama, sport, handicrafts, technology, science, social and community affairs, politics and self-experience, and also of services that promote social learning inside and outside the school community; each of these constitutes a module in our educational programme. Divided into compulsory and optional sectors, they are carefully conceived to be complementary and supplementary to the challenges and opportunities for advancement afforded by the regular teaching programme.