



»At Birklehof, I had the chance to become the student I always desired to be, but couldn't at my previous schools.«

– Senior, GPA 4.0



Looking for the **best opportunities** for your child?

We'd love to meet you. Join us for one of our Birklehof Information Days! Held on selected Saturdays at 11 a.m., these events give parents and prospective students the chance to explore our campus and meet our team. Alternatively, schedule a personal visit at your convenience.

Sabine Keller and **Angela Ehmann** from our admissions team are happy to help!



Information Days



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Excellent education
in a uniquely diverse setting

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Three words that are more than just our motto. They are the values that define Birklehof and make it truly special. As a state-accredited secondary school and private boarding school, we provide a safe and stimulating learning environment. Here, children and teenagers grow into confident, responsible individuals. Give your child the same opportunity – to step boldly into an empowered, self-directed future.

Come visit us!
There's no better way to discover life and learning at Birklehof than to experience it firsthand.
I warmly invite you to a personal visit and conversation here on campus.

Rüdiger Hoff

Rüdiger Hoff, Headmaster



A place full of magic – **Birklehof**

Some say it's a magical place.

Set at 900 meters (3,000 ft) in the heart of the Black Forest, our spacious campus opens a world of possibility.

Students here enjoy wide-open views – to the peaks above and the valleys below. Not only the cows grazing nearby are content – every child at Birklehof can feel safe, seen, and at home.

167
boarding school
students

~15
students per
class

~60
day
students

G8/G9
German highschool
diploma (Abitur)

2:1
two designated
mentors

10a
entry level for gradu-
ation in three years

Living and learning together – our boarding community

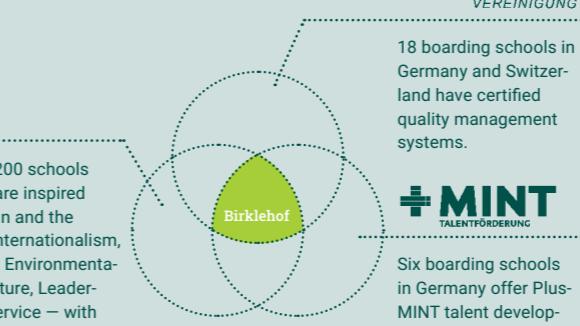
Birklehof's boarding school is a place to live, learn, work, and celebrate together. Over 70 dedicated staff members ensure that every student feels supported and valued.

- Holistic education:** Music-making, instrumental lessons, outdoor activities, and play support social and personal development
- Mentors and house parents:** trusted adults students choose themselves
- Experiential learning:** class trips, and outdoor adventures – including Outward Bound programs
- Well-being support:** On-site nurse's office, school psychologist, health education, and preventive care
- Shared meals in our dining hall:** made with fresh, local, seasonal ingredients – vegetarian and special diets always available
- Excellent infrastructure:** Fully digital classrooms, innovative learning spaces, concert hall, study center, and even a woodworking shop

A one-of-a-kind network



More than 200 schools worldwide are inspired by Kurt Hahn and the IDEALS – Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership, and Service – with only five being located in Germany.



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VEREINIGUNG e.V.

18 boarding schools in Germany and Switzerland have certified quality management systems.

MINT
TALENTFÖRDERUNG

Six boarding schools in Germany offer Plus-MINT talent development programs in STEM fields.

Birklehof is one of only two boarding schools in Germany that provide access to these three exclusive networks.

Clubs and community service

Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. Birklehof offers about 50 extracurricular clubs in areas such as: Music, Visual Arts, Theater, Sports, Craftsmanship, Technology, Science, Politics, and Society.

International student exchange

Birklehof is part of a global network of over 200 Round Square schools and partner schools in France and around the world.



Languages offered

English (from grade 5), Latin or French (from grade 6), Spanish (elective from grade 8 or from grade 11 in our upper-level program)

Core and advanced subjects

German, English, French, Spanish, Latin, Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History, Civics, Music, Visual Arts, Religion, PE

Academic profiles (grades 8 to 10)

- Music & Arts Track
- STEM Track
- International Track

Specialized electives and extended learning projects available during the final exam preparation

Inspiring education – nurturing talent

Our small class sizes encourage critical thinking and personal engagement. With strong academic profiles and a broad curriculum, your child can discover their unique talents and passions.

- Highly skilled and dedicated teachers** guide each student according to their individual needs, potential, and interests.
- Individualized study programs** build independent learning skills.
- Academic focus areas in **Music, STEM, and Languages** from Grades 8–10, inside and outside the classroom.
- Cambridge Certificate** courses and internationally recognized music exams through **ABRSM**.
- Practical career and college guidance** with access to a lifelong alumni and parent expert network.
- Internships and real-world experiences** through partnerships with local companies and the **Student Engineering Academy**.

Music education is a core part of Birklehof life.

Every student learns to play an instrument – helping develop focus, perseverance, and coordination.

