

## Middle school, Sixth form and beyond

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After CM2, your child enters the 6e year at the school in your catchment area.

Your child will be taught at this school for four years:

- 6e is a transition between primary and Middle school, and reinforces what was taught in primary school;
- 5e, 4e, and 3e enable pupils to deepen and broaden their knowledge, skills and culture.

Your child will follow a timetable with multiple subjects, teachers and classrooms. They'll start and finish at different times depending on the day. They must choose additional subjects linked to the internet, the environment and languages.

Like in primary school, children are taught about health and citizenship and learn about the world around them.

At Middle school, they learn to prepare their 'orientation', e.g. they choose their future studies and career path.

The form tutor (professeur principal) is the teacher you will need to see about your child's work and behaviour.

Regular tests are held with grades and comments, to check what they have learnt. Should your child have any difficulties, they will get help.

In 3e, your child will sit their first exams. They'll also make their first choices regarding their future studies and career.

After middle school (Collège), pupils continue their studies at sixth form (Lycée) or an apprentice training college.

At a general and technical Sixth Form, your child will study for a three-year diploma, called a Baccalaureate.

In 2nde, they'll be taught most of the subjects they already studied in Middle school.

They will also discover other kinds of studies such as economics, management and biotechnologies. This will help your child make their career choices before further study in 1re, then Terminale (final year) where they will study towards the Bachelor's degree, or a technological one.

Different Baccalaureates can be awarded, focussing on sciences, technology, literature, the arts and many others.

This diploma is a stepping stone towards further studies which may last from 2 to 8 years or more.

At vocational colleges and apprentice training colleges, your child may study for a CAP over two years; or a vocational Baccalaureate over three years. They will learn a trade.

At vocational college, they take courses and go on work placements in a work environment.

At an apprentice training college, they will work more within companies and will be paid.

CAPs and vocational Baccalaureates provide access to jobs but further education is also possible.

With you at their side, your child will receive help and daily support throughout their studies, so they can work towards their personal and professional future.