



# THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND

In 1996, TASIS engaged classical architect and urban designer David Mayernik to develop a Master Plan for the TASIS campus. The result is a long-term plan tailored to the needs of our students, campus, and community. The guiding idea of the Master Plan is to create a village environment to foster a sense of community, complete with green spaces, open piazzas, and multi-functional buildings. The Plan also places sustainable development at the forefront. TASIS has since become renowned as an example and advocate of sustainable campus design.

## HISTORY OF THE MASTER PLAN

- **1999:** The Palestra opens. Includes: student common room; dance, fitness, music studios; multi-use gymnasium with NBA-style hardwood maple floor.
- **2000:** Campus land expands by 40%; Mayernik extends the Master Plan to the north. Villa Del Sole is renovated into a dormitory.
- **2001:** Ca' Pietra is renovated for the Admissions Office, health center, and IT center.
- **2004:** M. Crist Fleming Library opens. The building goes on to win the Palladio Award.
- **2005:** Ca' Gioia is converted to a space for art studios and a classroom.
- **2006:** Aurora opens, providing classrooms and a large multi-purpose room.
- **2007:** Alba renovated, adding three classrooms.
- **2009:** The John E. Palmer Cultural Center, with theater and arts spaces, opens. Frescoes on the facade were painted pro bono by David Mayernik.
- **2010:** Lanterna (dorms, faculty apartments, common room, health center, 4 classrooms) and Fiammetta (4 classrooms) open.
- **2012:** The Ferit Şahenk Fine Arts Center above the Palestrina practice gym opens.
- **2014:** Campo Science Center opens with eight new state-of-the-art laboratories, three prep rooms, and 2 general-use classrooms.

## FUTURE OF THE MASTER PLAN

- **2017:** Tunnel under the road.
- **2018:** An expanded campo sports field above a 70-car underground parking.
- **2020:** Swimming pool, changing rooms, and basketball court in the curve of the road.
- **2021:** Corona dormitory, classrooms, music rooms, and student center to replace Alba and Ca' Gioia.
- **2023:** A new Elementary School complex built around Hadsall.

The TASIS Global Village is an internationally-recognized leader in stewardship and sustainability. Completing the Global Village requires dedication, hard work, and financial support over many years. The challenge is enormous and exciting! Since its founding in 1956, TASIS has established its reputation as the oldest and finest American boarding school in Europe, and as we realize our Global Village Master Plan we also have the most beautiful campus in Europe: a shining light for Ticino and a proud expression of America's contributions to international culture.

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