# Mission and Educational Philosophy Statement Gymnasium Bäumlihof

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to give young people in the region of Basel the opportunity to obtain an education which is grounded upon sound principles and up-to-date contents relating to the MAR (=state document pertaining to state schools) and the IB Diploma Programme. Furthermore, we want to empower our students through life-long learning to be able to unfold their interests and talents.

## **Our Educational Philosophy**

#### A Openness and Innovation

At the Gymnasium Bäumlihof we actively and critically react to societal developments and challenges. We reflect the programmes we offer regularly and continually develop them. The positive consequences of these reflections can be seen in the classroom, where teachers and students work together to develop a dynamic and open learning atmosphere.

# B Learning and Supporting

Our students are willing to get involved in life-long learning. Our teachers are competent and excited by their subjects. They support their students' learning and demonstrate the importance of the subject matter. The pedagogical leadership team supports students and teachers in their work by taking their concerns and requests seriously, involving them in questions concerning school development and appreciating their various talents.

## C Learning and Encountering

We are convinced that life-long learning can only occur on the basis of true encounters. This is why we attach great importance to the design and construction of learning spaces. Furthermore, we encourage students to include their social and natural environment in their learning.

# D Responsibility

We view our school as a "mini society", where everyone respects and accepts individual differences and takes on responsibility for their own behaviour. We appreciate cultural diversity and cultivate a school community, in which openness, collaboration and communication are held in high regard. By doing this we are mirroring the region of Basel, whose inhabitants are used to taking on a global perspective.

#### E Leadership and Organisation

Our leadership principles are transparency, dependability, efficiency and goal-orientation. The relationships between teachers and students as well as between staff and the pedagogical leadership team are forged by trust and appreciation.