



Associated Private School , 8 Starozagorská Street, 040 23 Košice

Organizational units: Private Primary School

Private Grammar School

HUMANITY, UNCONVENTIONALITY, WISDOM, ASSERTIVENESS, AWARENESS



School of the future

Associated Private school, Starozagorská 8, in its organizational unit – Private Primary School welcomed its first pupils on 4 September, 2006.

Since 2008 the school has been providing education focused on the development of learners' communicative competences in English Language by CLIL approach which was verified by the teachers at our school in the Project of experimental verification. The professional guarantee was guided by **Slovak National Institute for Education in Bratislava, The Research Institute for Child Psychology and Pathopsychology in Bratislava, Pedagogical faculty and Faculty of Art, Comenius University in Nitra.**

Pupils are assigned to the first grade of Private Primary School on the basis of internal differentiation. One group consists of students who have acquired elementary language skills in nursery schools that teach basics of English Language. In some cases, these students come from bilingual families or attended foreign preschool or school institutions during their residence in a foreign country. The second group includes students who attended Slovak nursery schools. Assigning pupils to the first grade of Private Primary School builds on the results of the entrance tests of foreign language skills which have been compiled by the school in cooperation with the Research Institute for Child Psychology and Pathopsychology in Bratislava. Where appropriate, these entrance tests are implemented in cooperation with a psychologist and a special educator at registration.

Since the school establishment on 2 September, 2006 the Private Primary School has successfully participated in a **project** called **Progressive Approaches in Foreign Language Teaching.**

The project engaged all school classes and teachers, educators, Slovak lecturers of Spanish Language, English lecturers, lecturers of other foreign languages – German, French, Russian, Spanish, ICT tutor, teacher and pupils of our partner school in England (Pyworthy C or E Primary School), host assistant, supervisors of other courses (Readers' club in EL, Conversation in EL, English School Club). **The project was implemented in accordance with the criteria established by the European Commission** and included all parts of language education (learners, teachers, teaching methods and materials), while it respected identified learners' needs

- pupils' contact with active language,
- acceptance of the foreign language as a communication tool,
- positive approach to learning a foreign language, multilingualism and other cultures.

The project has developed active use of the key competences of learners – all language competences (listening with comprehension, communication, reading with comprehension, writing), language skills, creative, critical thinking, receptive and productive skills, presentation skills, and provided an additional value of national context – it increased the quality and quantity in teaching foreign languages. At the same time, it supported the development of professional and language skills of engaged teachers.

The project achieved the European dimension by supporting activities specialised on Pro-European education under the auspices of **European Club** at school (registered in the Centre for European Clubs), engaging students to international projects and cooperating with peers from different European schools.

After 4 years of project implementation and the efforts of all involved, **Associated Private School, Starozagorská 8, Košice** has become the fourth primary school in Slovak Republic and first in Košice (since 2002 to 2010) awarded by the **European Language Label**. The award was received by the headmistress of the school during a ceremony in Bratislava held on 24 September 24, 2010. This was a significant step for Košice as European Capital of Culture 2013, towards the performance of Lisbon Strategy and objectives of European Union in the field of language education of primary school students. The school is rightly proud of the award and it would like to continue on its successful way on in the coming years.

Content and organization of pupils' education in Private Primary school, Starozagorská 8, Košice

- the admission of pupils to Private Primary School is performed throughout the school year
- **English Language is compulsory from the first grade** (3 lessons a week in Year 1 – Year 4 of study, 5 lessons a week from Year 5),
- **Year 5 pupils can attend optional classes of the second foreign language** – German, French, Spanish, Russian,
- **intellectually gifted students** are integrated into the educational process in classrooms and are educated in accordance with the individual educational programme,
- **CLIL methodology** is applied into the education (the integration of English Language into science subjects, social-science subjects and educational subjects),
- the number of pupils in one classroom **varies from 11 to 16 pupils**,
- pupils can develop their English Language skills **from Year 1** headed by the lecturers in **English School Clubs** and in other courses – **Conversation in English, Drama Club in English, Readers' Club in English**
- pupils also have the chance to select from a wider range of other courses offered by the Private Leisure Centre (**Football Training, Sports and Motion, Science Club, Travellers** and other, according to pupils' preferences),
- the educational process consists also of **English Week, Ski Training, Swimming Training, School in Nature** supervised by English lecturers.
- **Education for foreigners** - Associated Private School on Starozagorská Street is also attended by students coming from abroad, who have originally had no command of Slovak Language. Due to the fact that English Language is compulsory from Year 1, there are no language barriers between them and their classmates. The school has very good experience with providing education for foreigners, and organizes courses of Slovak Language. All our teachers speak English actively.

From 1 September, 2015 the education for primary school pupils after Year 5 will be provided by Private Grammar School, Starozagorská 8, Košice, in two fields of study. (8 - year form of education).

EIGHT-YEAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL EDUCATION

Private Grammar School with its study branch 79 02 J 74 Grammar School – bilingual study as an organizational unit of Associated Private School located on Starozagorská Street in Košice started its operation from the school year 2011/2012.

Pursuant to Decision of Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic as of 9 December, 2014 another study branch was registered for the Private Grammar School Starozagorská 8, Košice. The **study branch 7902 J Grammar School with the Slovak Language of instruction** is registered in the net of schools and school institutions and shall **start its operation on 1 September, 2015**.

From school year 2015/2016, Private Grammar School, Starozagorská 8, Košice will provide education to lower secondary students who have successfully completed the Year 5 of primary school. There will be two eight-year study branches:

♣ **1 class (18 students) in the study branch 79 02 J 74 Grammar School – bilingual study** with both Slovak and English language of instruction

- a student may apply for the study, if the legal representative of a minor applicant
 - a) submits the application form to the Headmaster of the primary school attended by them pursuant to § 63 Subsec. 2 of Act No. 245/2008 Coll. on Upbringing and Education (School Act) and on alteration and amendment of certain Acts as amended,
 - b) applies for a transfer from another school during a school year.

Entrance or transfer examination consists of verification of knowledge, special skills and/or abilities necessary for a successful completion of a bilingual study in the form of a:

- **psychological test** that includes tests specialized in
 - structure of intellect in categories (verbal, numerical, special skills) ,
 - memorization skills,
 - test of stress tolerance and endurance,
 - analysis of written text.
- **written examination** that verifies the applicants' knowledge in
 - **English Language** within the scope of knowledge and skills prescribed for the A1 level of CEFR.
 - **Slovak Language** within the scope of education prescribed by the state educational programme for primary schools.
 - **Mathematics** within the scope of education prescribed by the state educational programme for primary schools.

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Founder and Headmistress

Eight – year study programme

The field of study 79 02 J 74 Grammar School characterizes the bilingual study as:

- **educational programme** centred on **intense language preparation**,
- **bilingual study** of selected general-education subjects in English Language from the first grade (**Maths, Geography, Biology**),
- increasing level of English Language competences of pupils through teaching the selected subjects in English Language (**Maths, Biology, Geography**), and English language integration to other subjects **by CLIL methodology (History, Physics, Chemistry, ICT)**,
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The field of study 79 02 J Grammar School is characterized by:

- **educational programme** centred on two profiles within the frame of 1 classroom according to pupils' preferences
 - **internal differentiation into 2 groups** facilitates the education with the **extensive teaching** :
 - 1st group – scientific subjects
 - 2nd group – foreign languages
- **18 pupils in one classroom**

The aim of the study:

We wish to prepare the graduates for both written and oral communication, real life situations and professional practice in Slovak Language, English Language and at least one other foreign language. Students of Grammar School shall select the second compulsory foreign language from the languages offered - French, German, Russian or Spanish.

Practical skills of Grammar School graduates:

All the acquired knowledge and skills enable the graduates of the Private Grammar School to study at all types of universities not only in Slovakia, but also abroad: humanities (languages, interpreting, law), technical, economical, scientific (informatics, maths, biology, physics), medicine and others.

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