

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

School address: Rainergasse 39, 1050 Vienna

Type of school: grammar school (Gymnasium)

School focus:

Modern languages:

- Pupils on the lower level learn English and they have the choice between French and Latin – the latter is a requirement for several studies in Austria . On the upper level, from the fifth year onwards, they learn either a modern foreign language such as Italian, Spanish and Russian or Latin in addition to the second foreign language (starting in the third year)
- We prepare our pupils for extra language exams: *Cambridge Certificate* and *DELF / DALF*
- Intensive language courses abroad: Great Britain, France and elsewhere

Natural Sciences:

- Projects covering the curriculum
- Descriptive geometry
- Environmental education
- Optional subjects in chemistry and biology

4 special subjects:

- Political education
- Communication
- Management of education and life in general called *Work – Life – Balance*
- Media studies

Classes:

- Lower level: 16 classes (age: 10-14)
- Upper level: 10 classes (age: 15-18)

Teachers:

- Female: 47
- Male: 22

Age of pupils: 10 to 18

School history:

1878: Decision to permit the foundation of a state secondary school in the 4th district

1891: Decision in favour of building a public grammar school in the 5th district with 12 classrooms

1894: Opening Ceremony

1895: *Elisabeth-Gymnasium, May 7: K.K. Elisabeth-Gymnasium*

1918: The building of a grammar school in the 5th district of Vienna gets under way

1929: *Bundesgymnasium und Realgymnasium Wien V*

1929: 50th Anniversary Celebration

1938: Second World War: The first and the second floor of the school building are used as emergency accommodation, the hall and the gymnasiums as storerooms.

1945: The school building is hit by a bomb, destroying everything but the hall.

1951: Restoration of the school building, classes are taken up again

1978: 100th Anniversary Celebration of *Rainergymnasium* in the large hall of the Viennese *Musikverein* with an exhibition about the school

1993-1999: Different projects: "Das Globale Dorf" ("The Global Village"), "Einfälle statt Abfälle" ("ideas instead of waste"), "Frauenwahlrecht" ("female suffrage")

Since 2006: The school project "Kulturtage" takes place every year

What we want to tell about our school:

Generally speaking, it is the task of a *Gymnasium* (AHS) to give pupils a comprehensive and in-depth general education and to prepare them for university studies. Academic secondary schools issue a secondary school leaving certificate (*Reifeprüfung, Matura*) which provides access to university studies.

Our school offers many opportunities beyond the classroom for the pupils to extend their learning, their understanding and their social skills and to encourage their creativity. There is a wide range of elective subjects:

- Sports
- Special classes in the core subjects for pupils with special needs
- ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)
- Internet security for kids
- IKT (Information and Communication Technology)
- Mediation and conflict management (Helpteam)
- Musical and dancing

- Study skills (*Lerntechnik*) focusing on different learning types and self-directed learning

There is also a strong focus on social and international projects such as “72 Stunden”, “cuisine international” (French and Art), “Who am I” (English, Music and Art, in cooperation with the Vienna International School) and student exchange programmes with Hungary and France.

Headmistress: Mag.^a Traude Mori

Teachers involved in the projects:

- Margarete Windsperger (German, French)
- Flora Varga (English, French)
- Alexandra Eichinger (German, History)
- Michaela Baltzarek, Eva Wiedenbauer (French, History, Political Science)
- Karin Neidhart (German, French, Presentation and Communication)
- Margit Salti (Art)
- Michael Koscher (German, German as a Foreign Language, History)
- Robert Richnovsky (Geography)
- Barbara Bretterklieber (in charge of the creative classes offered in the afternoon to pupils on the lower level)
- Julia Obwexer (English, Psychology)
- Thomas Krichbaumer (Geography)
- Katharina Prammer (Religious Education)
- Eva Reinbacher (History, German)
- Anna Petschinka (German, Art)

Spoken/ taught languages:

Native languages of our students: Polish, Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian, Turkish, Arabic, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Romanian, Czech, Slovakian, Persian and others

Languages taught at our school: English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Russian, Spanish

Weblink: <http://www.rainergymnasium.at/>