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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Our world is getting more globalized. With two languages your child has twice as many opportunities. Open the door to your child with our two English programmes, Vienna Bilingual Schooling (VBS) and Dual Language Programme (DLP).

The aim of both these programmes is to offer students from different cultures a bilingual general education in German and English. Our students should acquire the language abilities and general knowledge that are necessary in order to be able to succeed in the international working world. Furthermore, they have the opportunity to develop an understanding of and a respect for cultural diversity and thus for other people and their varying lifestyles.

## TARGET GROUP

With our VBS and DLP programmes we aim primarily to reach reasonably ambitious children with German / English as their mother tongue / lingua franca (in the VBS), as well as those with a special interest in the English language (in the DLP). Attendance at a bilingual primary school or a GEPS (Global Education Primary School) is therefore a recommended foundation for applicants but is not an absolute necessity.

Broadly speaking, the same parameters are also valid for our VBS-branch in the upper forms.

## VBS/DLP LESSONS

In our VBS / DLP branch we teach in both languages with the support of progressive teaching methods on the basis of the Austrian syllabus for upper secondary education. Due to the regular use of both

languages in and outside school we finally achieve a considerable proficiency in foreign language skills. Additionally, the focus on intercultural learning should encourage our students towards open-mindedness and tolerance.

An essential aspect of our VBS / DLP concept is the principle of team teaching. Many subjects are taught bilingually in teams. These teams consist of an Austrian teacher and an English native teacher. Both enjoy equal rights.

In the VBS classes most subjects include native teacher input and in the DLP classes two or three subjects per year have this special bonus. Consequently, in the DLP-branch there is more English than in a regular class, but less than in the VBS-branch.

## ORGANISATION

Students who are interested in our VBS/ DLP programmes are invited to attend a joint orientation talk, which is supposed to reveal their VBS or DLP potential, before entry into the lower forms. Before entry into the upper forms, candidates will have to do a VBS orientation exam (written and oral).

Registration can either be made online via our webpage or using the relevant printed forms by the beginning of January. Following registration you will receive a letter in mid-January with the details (place and time) of the actual orientation talk / orientation exam at the end of January. You will be informed about the results of your child's orientation talk / orientation exam as soon as possible. Consequently, there is still enough time to later on sign up in our school or an alternative school of your choice.

Your child can only register, though, for one orientation talk at one VBS / DLP school.