

Bilingual *Plus* Grammar School

All-day school



Schwalbach a. Ts.
Campus Frankfurt





Dr. Gerhard Obermayr
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Dear parents and pupils,

The Bilingual *plus* Grammar School, which forms part of the Obermayr International School, is intended primarily for pupils who place great value on learning the English language at an early age and who are both able and willing to learn. To a large extent the pupils have already had tuition in the English language in kindergarten and primary school and have a high level of language competence (as defined by the common European reference outlines for languages).

The Bilingual *plus* Grammar School offers these pupils in particular a secondary grammar school education which is genuinely bilingual in German and English.

The special feature of the Bilingual *plus* Grammar School lies in the teaching concept. Not only does the teaching of the foreign language English take place to an increased extent as early as the 5th grade, but also certain other subjects are taught in English. Through the smooth transition of the bilingual teaching concept in the Bilingual *plus* Grammar School not only the language competence in English but also language competence generally is fostered continuously, so that pupils learn a second foreign language (optionally Spanish or French) as early as the 5th grade.

In the Bilingual *plus* Grammar School the pupils work along the lines of the curriculum for bilingual grammar schools based on the State of Hesse curricula. A general education is provided for pupils and specialisation is made possible according to their ability and their preferences, which enables them to continue their school career in a course of education qualifying them for studies in the sixth form (Am. senior high school) (Secondary Stage II) leading to the general university entrance matriculation level (German: Abitur).

The grammar school at the secondary stage ends after five years (G8). The pupils go with the transfer recommendation certificate after the 9th grade into the senior grammar school sixth form or to the higher technical college.

Besides the teaching units the timetable includes subject-based free-choice learning. In these working phases, which are attended by the subject teacher, the pupils prepare their homework or school tasks independently. The subject-based free-choice lessons of 45 minutes each provide a rhythm for the day's programme. A common lunch around 12.05 p.m., an optional coaching offer and extra-curricular activities from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m., round off the study-based school programme. For further information on this prime educational opportunity please contact :

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The Concept



Entrance
International School



Language competence

The Bilingual *plus* Grammar School provides pupils with an expanded competence in languages which goes far beyond the knowledge of a foreign language obtained in the conventional teaching of English. In the forefront stands the practical application of the language. In the 5th grade English is taught for 7 hours every week in order to strengthen the language tools. These are needed to understand the teaching of other subjects in the English language. In the 5th grade a second foreign language is added (optionally French or Spanish). Latin follows from the 6th grade onwards. From the 8th grade there is the option of a further third foreign language or a technical subject. Either French or Spanish are available as a third foreign language. Two foreign languages are therefore compulsory; they can be continued in the technical college or in the sixth form of a grammar school.

All-day tuition

The Bilingual *plus* Grammar School is an all-day school. The tuition and free-choice learning times are from 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 or 3.55 p.m. Participation in the extra-curricular activities and the coaching opportunities which are offered daily from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. is voluntary. From the 6th grade one or two workgroups per week are offered in which the pupils can deepen their knowledge. From the 7th grade teaching takes place until 3.55 p.m. on two days.

Timetable

The timetable guarantees an effective organisation of learning. Tuition, (30 – 35 hours every week), takes place from Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m./3.55 p.m. Basically the tuition is given in double lessons lasting 90 minutes. The main subjects are taught in the mornings as a rule and after the lunch break. The “long” break at midday enables lunch to be taken together in the school. The subject-based free-choice lessons (6 – 11 hours every week) follow on from the teaching of the main subjects.

Subject-based free-choice learning and homework

The subject-based free-choice learning complements the study of a subject. The pupils learn independently, working quietly during this time on the material already introduced. The subject-based free-choice learning takes place under the technical supervision of a teacher. As a rule this is the person giving the subject tuition. The way of working is to learn independently; it promotes concentration, stamina and carefulness as well as independence.

Through one free-choice learning lesson every morning and every afternoon, the pupils have a time frame and the specialist attention in a class common room in order to be able to finish a large part of their homework independently at school. The learning of vocabulary, the reading of a text or the preparation for tests should continue to be undertaken at home. The free-choice learning tasks and the homework are noted in a diary. A dialogue field simplifies communication between the parents and the teachers.

Timetable

From 5th grade:

English, Spanish or French

From 8th grade:

French, Spanish or Computer science

Hours of tuition each week

The allocation of the total hours per subject is as follows:

Subjects	5th grade		6th grade		7th grade		8th grade		9th grade	
	hpw.	English	hpw.	English	hpw.	English	hpw.	English	hpw.	English
German	6		5		4		4		4	
English 1st fl	7	7	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	4
French 2nd fl	2		4		4		3		3	
Spanish 2nd fl	(2)		(4)		(4)		(3)		(3)	
French 3rd fl							3		3	
Spanish 3rd fl							(3)		(3)	
Computer science							(3)		(3)	
Geography			1	1	2		2	2	1	
History	1	1			2	2	2	2	2	2
Religious Education	2		2		2		2		2	
Politics/Economics					2	2	2	2	3	3
PE	2		2	2	2		2		2	
Maths	6	1	6	1	4		4		4	
Biology	2	2	1		2	2			2	2
Chemistry					2		2		2	
Physics			1		2		2		2	
Art	2	2	2	2	2	2			1	1
Music*	2		2				2	2		
Total	32	13	32	12	34	12	34	12	36	12

hpw = hours per week fl = foreign language PE = Physical Education



Leaving certificate

The transfer recommendation certificate after the 9th grade entitles the pupil to transfer to a more senior school (grammar school sixth form or technical college).

The Contents



European education and promotion of mobility

The goal of the school is education in the spirit of European integration. Accordingly the education concentrates on the promotion of the consciousness of a European identity and on the awakening of interest for other countries and cultures in Europe.

As early as the 5th grade a historical understanding for a united Europe is introduced. In the 8th and 9th grades the pupils can visit a school in Europe outside Germany for three or four weeks during the school year. They take part in the teaching there and live for the period of their stay in host families. Following the stay abroad the pupils prepare a report on their experience. The stay abroad aims to expand intercultural experience, to improve language competence and to encourage willingness to travel.

Media education and information-technology basic training

Media education and information-technology training take place in almost all subjects. This involves above all the responsible, independent and critical handling of electronic media as means of information and communication.



Parallel assistance and coaching courses

Parallel assistance is a separate intensive coaching phase which takes place parallel to the free-choice learning outside the classroom but within the school. The intensive coaching courses take place after school hours (from 3.00 p.m.). They are organised if pupils have particular difficulties in acquiring the recommended standards in the main subjects.

Preparation for the grammar school sixth form or technical college

The Bilingual *plus* Grammar School prepares pupils to attend the grammar school sixth form or the technical college (Secondary Stage II). Both curricula lead to the general university entrance matriculation.

The prerequisite for the transition to the grammar school sixth form or technical college is a transfer recommendation certificate after the 10th grade.



Anna and Tom like the bilingual tuition concept very much. They already know they want to study in England or the USA after leaving school, at least for a few semesters.

Example of a timetable

in the 5th grade
(32 hours per week)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00–8.45	Spanish/French	Maths	German	RE	English
8.45–9.30	Spanish/French	Maths	German	RE	English
Break	–	–	–	–	–
9.50–10.35	Biology (bilingual)	Maths (fcl)	German (fcl)	History (bilingual)	PE (bilingual)
10.35–11.20	German	Music (bilingual)	Art (bilingual)	Maths	PE (bilingual)
11.20–12.05	German	Music (bilingual)	Art (bilingual)	Maths	Biology (bilingual)
Break	–	–	–	–	–
12.45–1.30	English	German	English	English	Tutor/class hour
1.30–2.15	English	German	Maths (bilingual)	English	Maths
2.15–3.00	English (fcl)	German (fcl)	Maths (fcl)	English (fcl)	Maths
3.00–5.00	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs

Example of a timetable

in the 7th grade
(34 hours per week)



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00–8.45	German	Maths	Politics/Economics bili.	English	German
8.45–9.30	German	Maths	Politics/Economics bili.	English	German
Break	–	–	–	–	–
9.50–10.35	German (fcl)	Maths (fcl)	Maths	English (fcl)	German (fcl)
10.35–11.20	History (bilingual)	RE	Maths	Spanish/French	English
11.20–12.05	History (bilingual)	RE	Maths (fcl)	Spanish/French	English
Break	–	–	–	–	–
12.45–1.30	Art (bilingual)	Spanish/French	Biology	Geography	English (fcl)
1.30–2.15	Art (bilingual)	Spanish/French	Biology	Geography	PE
Break/–3.00	–	Spanish/French (fcl)	–	Geography (fcl)	PE
2.25–3.10	Physics	–	Chemistry	–	–
3.10–3.55	Physics	–	Chemistry	–	–
–5.00	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs	Clubs and WGs

Entry requirements and acceptance



International School Schwalbach
40,000 m² grounds

Entry to the Bilingual *plus* Grammar School requires:

1. Transfer recommendation certificate from the 4th grade of the primary school with extended English language component (bilingual primary school) or
2. knowledge of the English language (language level A2) obtained for example by attendance at an international school, and
3. a recommendation from the previous primary school for attendance at the grammar school and
4. a personal interview with the headmaster.

Appropriate academic performance promising successful attendance in bilingual tuition is assumed.

Fees

School fees amount to 5,820.00 € per year and can be paid in twelve equal monthly instalments of 485.00 € each. The surcharge for the sports facilities amounts to 120.00 € per year. The registration fee is 260.00 €. Equipment costs and school books will be provided at ca. 350.00 € per year.

Legal status

The bilingual plus grammar school is state approved under § 171 of HSchG (the Hesse Schools Act).

Entrance interviews

Entrance interviews will be held from October – April.

Information and advice

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M-PriS = Montessori-Primary School

BiPriS = Bilingual Primary School

PriS = Primary School

BiSMS = Bilingual Secondary Modern School

BiGS = Bilingual Grammar School

BiGS+ = Grammar School bilingual *plus*

GSsF = Grammar School Sixth Form

TC = Technical College (Economics & Business)

USS = Upper Secondary School – bilingual