



BISCHÖFLICHES
GYMNASIUM
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The Bischöfliches Gymnasium in Graz has a long history of academic excellence. For more than 160 years, this private Catholic school has offered students from across Styria a multifaceted secondary education with an emphasis on language and communicative skills. It is located in the Augustinum, the diocesan centre of Styria, in Graz's third district, Geidorf.

Type of school

The Bischöfliches Gymnasium is a type of grammar school (allgemeinbildende höhere Schule). English and Information Technology is taught from year one. In year three students choose between Latin and French. In year five students then have the opportunity to study Italian or Ancient Greek (NB: If French is chosen in year three, Latin is then compulsory in year five).

Freie Stillarbeit - Independent Learning

In years one and two students participate in independent, focused learning. Through this method of learning, students develop independence, responsibility as well as social skills. This method promotes the development of individual learning strategies as students have the opportunity to learn at their own pace. "Freie Stillarbeit" encourages an enthusiasm for learning and sets students up with good habits for the rest of their academic career. "Freie Stillarbeit" takes place in the first lesson, Tuesday to Friday. During this time, students have many materials and resources from several subject areas available to them.

Morgenkreis - Social Education

Every Monday morning, in a relaxed atmosphere, students have the opportunity to develop a sense of community and camaraderie through play and discussion. Together with the class teacher, every

day challenges and problems faced by the students themselves are discussed and possible solutions are suggested. Furthermore, students have the chance to participate in activities such as classroom decoration (Christmas, Easter, ...), which affords them a sense of ownership and pride in their own surroundings.

Music and Drama

A hallmark of the Bischöfliches Gymnasium is its music and drama department. Children, teenagers and parents alike enjoy the group's regular performances such as Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in 2017, in which 250 students took part. Instruction in piano, organ, guitar and voice are offered.

Choir

Following a long tradition going back many years, the Bischöfliches Gymnasium choir is today one of the liveliest aspects of the school's extracurricular education. Under the guidance of Valentin Zwitter, students of all ages come together to perform classical and modern music in both concerts and in liturgical settings, both at home and abroad. Since 2011 the choir has been awarded with the Styrian choir award (Meistersinger Gütesiegel).

Tagesheimschule - Homework Club

The Bischöfliches Gymnasium after school care programme offers students the opportunity to eat lunch



Facts & Figures

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| TYPE OF SCHOOL | Grammar School |
| ESTABLISHED | 1856 |
| STUDENTS | 671 (in 2017) |
| STAFF | 67 (in 2017) |

*The mind is not a vessel to be filled,
but a fire that wants to be kindled.*

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and do their homework in a supervised setting. Participating students may stay at school under the care of the team until 5 pm. We are one of the only eleven schools in Styria to have been awarded special recognition for the quality of our after school care programme. In cooperation with boarding school, all-day lessons have been offered since the school year 2017. Students following this stream are members of a particular class group (BischGym home).

Ethos

Bischöfliches Gymnasium – distinctively Christian – It is our duty to offer young people a school environment in which Christian values can be seen, heard and felt. Our school chapel is at the heart of all we do and is an inviting and welcoming place. It is our goal that our students leave us as creative, competent individuals who are intellectually, socially and religiously educated to the highest level in all areas.

Day Border Class

What does a typical day look like?

- Flexible starting times allow pupils to arrive between 7:30 and 8:20. They may decide for themselves how their time before the first period is spent (i.e. breakfast, games, revision, chatting with fellow pupils, ...).
- Teachers oversee individualized lessons in which the students are responsible for managing their

own working pace (this is known as “Open Learning”).

- The students’ individual needs are supported by the supervising teachers, who provide them with various kinds of materials and resources.
- During freetime the school garden (playground), the cafeteria and sports facilities, as well as musical and creative pursuits, are available to students.
- The schoolday ends at 16:45 (Monday–Thursday) and at 15:00 (Friday).
- The option to stay overnight is available to students when necessary.

European Languages

Language trips abroad are offered to our students:
Year 6 (15–16 years): English speaking countries (England, Ireland, Wales)
Year 7 (16–17 years): Italy, France, Greece
In Year 8 (17–18 years) our students travel to Rome and Assisi with the Religious Studies Department.

School Newspaper

Our brand new school newspaper has been in circulation since January 29th, 2018. The editorial team is made up of bright and enthusiastic students from both junior and senior cycle.

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Instagram: [bischgym_zeitung](https://www.instagram.com/bischgym_zeitung)

Peer Mentoring

Talentify.me is a collaborative organisation that supports peer-to-peer learning, by offering those who need help and those who can help a platform to get in contact with each other.

Competitions

Bischöfliches Gymnasium is noted for its regular successful participation in many different academic competitions such as EuroLingua (Latin, Ancient Greek, English, French, Italian), public speaking contests, Switch (English/French). Students from Year 1 to 4 (10–14 years) also take part in many contests in the fields of Information Technology, students from Year 3 to 8 (12–18 years) also in many contests of Mathematics and Physics.

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