



COOL SCHOOLS

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A new year, a new place, a new topic. Everything changes but not the most important things of YPAC: the schools (and Igor). We are all from different countries, but we all have similar goals in mind: that's what YPAC stands for. Not only can you find the general information in our paper, but also the most secret and interesting facts. Enjoy it!

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SMALL, BUT NICE

Kantonsschule Trogen - Switzerland

The Swiss high school is located in the canton Appenzell Auserrhoden. The surrounding area is a very small town upon the hills. In the summer time, sheep, which bleat all day long, graze beside the school, so students can watch them during class. It consists of several buildings divided into departments. Some examples are the red school house in which the natural sciences are located, Annex, where Maths, Geography and German are taught, Arche for art, an assembly hall, a cafeteria, Olymp, which is a lounge for students, and many more. The school's slogan is "Klein, aber fein"(small, but nice). It is not supposed to be just a place students have to go to, but a comfortable and home-like learning area. Besides high school training, there

are other possibilities of education: economic and other special branches.

Appenzell Auserrhoden is a region loca-



ted in the north-eastern part of Switzerland. Trogen is one of the canton's most important municipalities. The name Trogen refers to fountains shown in the coat of arms. During the 18th century, the Zellweger family dominated the town and also established the first grammar school in 1821.

Switzerland

Capital

Area

Population (2007 estimate)

Official languages

Government

Currency

Internet TLD

Calling Code

Highest point

Berne

41 285 km²

7 591 400

German, French, Italian, Romansh

Direct democracy

Federal parliamentary republic

Francs

.ch

+41

Dufourspitze 4634m



FEW PEOPLE, MUCH MONEY

Liechtensteinisches Gymnasium- Liechtenstein

Founded in 1937 as a private school, "Collegium Marianum" became the official grammar school of Liechtenstein. Although this country is quite a small one, nearly 700 students attend the "Liechtensteinische Gymnasium" (LG). One class



consists of about 18 students. After having passed the lower grade, they can choose between different branches. Two branches focus on languages, one which

specializes in arts, another one on economics and law, and one on Maths and sciences. In addition to that, there are some project weeks.

Liechtenstein is one of the smallest countries in the world. It is only 160 km² which is a fifth of the size of Berlin. The 35 thousand inhabitants would fit three times into the biggest football arena in Europe, which is in Barcelona, or into the eight largest hotels in the world. They do not print their own money and they also do not have an army. Switzerland is responsible for all of that. Liechtenstein is famous for economics and tourism. The taxes are very low and so they can attract many foreigners. The hilly and mountainous landscape is well-known for hiking.

Principality of Liechtenstein

Capital

Area

Population (2007 estimate)

Official languages

Government

Prince

Prime Minister

Currency

Internet TLD

Calling Code

Highest Point

Vaduz

160,4 km²

34 247

German

Parliamentary democracy and
Constitutional monarchy

Hans-Adam II

Otmar Hasler

Francs

.li

+423

Vorder-Grauspitz 2599m



VIVE LA FRANCE!

Lycée Lesdiguières - France

Founded as a private school in 1917, Lycée Lesdiguières soon became a public school. Behind the very long name "Lycée des métiers de l'hôtellerie et du tourisme de Grenoble" the students find three different sites: "Le site Beaumarchais", where they can graduate as hotel-experts, "Le site clos d'or", which offers professional education and "L'hôtel lesdiguières", a real hotel where the students learn how hotel management works. There is a boarding school option offered to students who come from places farther away.

Where the Romans once lived, tourists are hosted today. Situated in south eastern France, you will find nothing less but the biggest town of the Alps, Grenoble. Approximately 158 000 habitants



enjoy their lives in the capital of Département Isère amidst of mountains, rivers and lakes. Beside walnuts, the speciality of the region, and one of the most capacious French art collections, you can find three universities where students from all over the world, at least 55 000, try to get useful information into their heads. Another interesting fact about this city for young people is the annual Grenoble Jazz Festival. About 18 000 fans listen to 50 different bands over a period of two weeks in spring.

France

Capital
Area
Population
Official languages
Government
President
Prime Minister
Currency
Internet TLD
Calling Code
Highest Point

Paris
672.352 km²
64,473,140
French
Unitary semi-presidential republic
Nicolas Sarkozy
Francois Fillon
Euro €
.fr
+33
Mont Blanc 4807m



HOSPITABLE TOWN AND SCHOOL

Druga Gimnazija Maribor

Druga Gimnazija Maribor is a secondary grammar school. It has about 800 students and 60 faculties. The headmaster of this school is Ivan Lorencic and the assistant headmaster is Sonja Vesenjok. Druga Gimnazija has offered 50 years of traditional education with teachers motivating students from 14 to 18. The school shows some pride in a range of extra-curricular activities in which the students can explore their talents. Students are very competitive with their high overall number of points and subject grades. II. Gimnazija Maribor offers more than 40 extra-curricular activities, which are united under the common name Druga Druga. Each student can find one of numerous cultural, artistic, natural or sport activities. Some of them are the school paper Borec, Amnesty International, a debate group, English Student Theater, German, Spanish, Russian, French, the astronomical group, literary group, English club and many others.

Maribor has about 114. 349 inhabitants and is the second largest city of Slovenia. Maribor lies on the Drava river at the meeting point of the Pohorje mountain, the Drava valley, the Drava Plain and the

Kozjak and Slovenske Gorice Hill Ranges. It is the center of the Slovenian region of Lower Styria and its largest city. Maribor is the hometown of the oldest grapevine in the world called Stara Trta, which is more than 400 years old. There are also a lot of old castles and cathe-



drals, so most tourist in Maribor visit those places. Every January the Women's Slalom and Giant Slalom Race for the Alpine Skiing World Cup takes place on the Mariborsko Pohorje, which is a famous ski resort in Slovenia. Maribor was also named as an Alpine City in the year 2000 and has the second largest international airport in Slovenia. It was also chosen the European Capital City of Culture 2012.

Slovenia

Capital	Ljubljana
Area	20,273 km ²
Population (2008 estimate)	2 023 358
Official languages	Slovene
Government	Parliamentary Republic
President	Danilo Türk
Prime Minister	Janez Janša
Currency	Euro €
Internet TLD	.si
Calling Code	+386
Highest Point	Triglav 2864m



SPIRITS AND MOUNTAINS

Gian Battista Brocchi - Italy

The Gian Battista Brocchi school is situated in the city of Bassano del Grappa, a small city in the province of Vicenza.

Brocchi has an interesting meaning in Italian. It is a kind of vegetable, but is also an adjective for someone who is not very smart. However, the school is really challenging and offers five different courses of studies: classical, linguistic, social, scientific and scientific-technological. The school is the biggest in the region with about 2000 students and 200 teachers, who are situated in three different buildings in the center of the city. A fourth one is being built in the shape of a

question mark. Brocchi and another school in Bassano have a "friendly" competition going on; it is about who gives a better party! Every year they have two parties; one at Christmas and another one at the end of the school year.



Bassano is in the same region as Venice, called "Veneto", in the north-eastern part of Italy bordering the Adriatic Sea, Friuli Venezia-Giulia (capital: Trieste), Piemonte, Milan, Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Trentino Alto Adige, Bolzano and Austria.

Bassano del Grappa has a population of about 40 000 and is famous for its bridges designed by the architect Palladio.

However, they have been destroyed by floods and during wars, but were then

MOUNTAIN AIR MAKES YOU SMARTER

Fachoberschule Marie Curie - Italy

"Fachoberschule für Soziales Marie Curie" is located in the gorgeous town of Merano.

"FOS Marie Curie" was originally started as an all girls' school, but now it has become for both male and female students. The school only consists of the highest five levels of high school. It has about 650 students which means all the high school students in South Tyrol. FOS Marie Curie offers three special studies: general studies, biology, and foreign languages and tourism. To improve those studies, the school offers a "bio week", a "language week" and an "active week".

"FOS Marie Curie" also has a wonderful media center called LIZ. LIZ is a reading and information center open as a place of meeting and studying.

Merano is nestled between the beautiful Alps in Northern Italy. The town itself is

not very big with a population of a little more than 35 thousand people. Merano is famous for its spa resorts, botanical gardens, and Trauttmansdorff Castle. It was also home of the 1981 World Chess Championship, winner of the 2005 handball scudett, and has hosted the national championships in ice hockey for two times. Although Merano is located in Italy, the chosen language is German; however, 48% of the population's mother tongue is Italian.

Italy

Capital
Area
Population (2007)
Official languages
Government
President
Prime Minister
Currency
Internet TLD
Calling Code
Highest Point

Rome
301 318 km²
59 448 163
Italian
Parliamentary republic
Giorgio Napolitano
Silvio Berlusconi
Euro €
.it
+39
Monte Bianco de Courmayeur 4748m



NEVER CHANGE A WORKING SYSTEM

Gymnasium Sonthofen - Germany

Gymnasium Sonthofen was built in 1975 and is a very functional building. The school has a great view of a little river, some trees and of course the beautiful mountains, which were covered in snow even some years ago before the climate change.

In Bavaria, the students are divided into different schools after their first four years of primary schooling. If you have very good grades, you go to "Gymnasium", with rather good grades you attend "Realschule", and if your grades are not convincing at all, you attend "Hauptschule". Some people say it is a big mistake to

make this selection of pupils when they are so young, but that is the system. With the "G8" reform, students that entered the "gymnasium" after 2002/03, are going to finish school after "only" eight years of "gymnasium". It is very difficult because you have to study the same amount of information in a shorter time period. Thus, time for extra-curricular activities (such as the YPAC, musical education, sports, drama groups, exchanges, and others) is getting lost. Before, you had to attend this school for (at least) nine years in order to finish all thirteen years of school. This left enough time for

lots of exchanges and interesting experiences.

Sonthofen is located in the Oberallgäu region of the Bavarian Alps. It has a population of 21.000 and its area is about

"memorial of the old gibbet". No worries though, the last execution was done in 1944. In 1945, it was bombed twice because Hitler built the Ordensburg Sonthofen, where young boys were trained for



47 km². It is the most southerly located town (there are villages which are located further south) in Germany. Its mayor is Hubert Buhl. Some of the sights of Sonthofen are the church of St. Michael, the old school, the Leprosenhaus, and the

their service in Hitler's army. Nowadays, it is used for the Bundeswehr military police and staff service school. Some famous people who lived in Sonthofen are Lala Aufsberg, Hardy Krüger, and Frank Würndl.

THE SCHOOL NAMED AFTER A PRINCESS Karolinen Gymnasium

The "Karolinen Gymnasium" is situated in Rosenheim, in southern Bavaria. There are three different courses of studies in this school: linguistic, social and natural scientific-technological. There are also plenty of optional subjects such as Drama, Swedish and other languages,

and it has its own rock band (but I think without Jack Black) and so on. The school is named after Karoline Friederike Wilhelmine, a Bavarian Evangelic princess, who was very helpful. The "Karolinen Gymnasium" started as an all girls' school, but since 1988 it has been acces-

sible for everyone. A few subjects even have their own online presence, like



history or computer class (with a very cool Harry Potter quiz).

Rosenheim has a population of about 60 000 inhabitants, the third biggest city in Bavaria. Near Rosenheim there is the Chiem Lake and the "Autobahntriangle

Inntal", a junction of some important free-ways. It keeps town-twinning with Lazise (Italy), Briancon (France), Greiz (Germany) and Ichikawa(Japan). The unemployment rate in Rosenheim is one of the lowest in Germany, maybe due to the good education in the "Karolinen-Gymnasium"? Apart from this, Sylvia Nasar was born there. You may ask yourself who that woman is, but if I tell you what she did, you will know her: she wrote "A Beautiful Mind", which has been put into a movie and won four Oscars.

Germany

Capital

Area

Population (2007 estimate)

Official languages

Government

President

Chancellor

Currency

Internet TLD

Calling Code

Highest Point

Berlin

357 021 km²

82 210 000

German

Federal Parliamentary Republic

Horst Köhler

Angela Merkel

Euro €

.de

+49

Zugspitze 2963m



"GUSTL" RULES

Akademisches Gymnasium Innsbruck

The "Akademische Gymnasium Innsbruck" (AGI) was founded in 1562 as one of the first schools in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Now, the school has 880 students, 90 teachers, and its headmaster is Roman Nell. Its concept is especially based on culture and communication. Beyond regular schooling, they have three special focus areas: Bilingual, French, and Network classes. Another important aim is the ability to train good teamwork and to solve problems and conflicts without violence or aggression. Most teachers at the AGI are keen on teaching their students about international cooperation and democracy. The school also participates in three different student programs: Model European Parliament (MEP), Student's Parliament (SIP), and Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention (YPAC). But if you ask students, you will always hear that Gustl, our janitor, is the soul and heart of the school. It would not be the same without him rushing through the corridors and talking to everybody.

Innsbruck, surrounded by the Alps, capital centre of the Tyrol, a province of Austria, is centre for sports, cultural events and

conventions with approximately 120 000 inhabitants. Innsbruck is host of some of the most exciting sport events of the world, for example, the Olympic Games took place here twice, and it is host to the snowboard competition Air&Style as well as the Four Hills Tournament of ski jumping.



In the past few years Innsbruck has also changed into a capital of architectural art. Zaha Hadid and Ros Berault built some of the most significant sights like the ski jump and the new Hungerburgbahn. It is the only place on earth where you can go directly from 500 to 2000 meters in twenty minutes. Not only the new acquisitions are worth seeing, but also the beautiful old town with the famous Golden Roof, where you can buy all sorts of typical Tyrolean clothing and food.

Typical Tyroleans are proud that local farmers defended their beloved country against Napoleon in 1809 and won (sometimes...). They are willing to fight everyone who is a threat for their land, in particular old people think like this. You will hardly meet an old Tyrolean who is not convinced that Tyrol is the best and most beautiful place on earth ever, they

also hardly accepted other ones. A significant sentence to illustrate this is the phrase: "Bisch a Tiroler, bisch a Mensch, bisch koaner, bisch a Arschloch." (If you are Tyrolean, you are human being, if you are not, you are a fool) But this mentality got lost over hundreds of years and now people are open-minded and always interested in learning something new

Austria

Capital
Area
Population (2007 estimate)
Official languages
Government
President
Chancellor
Currency
Internet TLD
Calling Code
Highest Point

Vienna
83 372 km²
8 316 487
German/ Austrian
Federal Parliamentary republic
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