



**GKJ High School for Teenagers
&
Extramural High School for Adults**

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GKJ High School for Teenagers

We believe school should be not only a place to learn at but also a sort of second home filled with positive aura, trust, and mutual toleration. Not just an institution but also a place where friends are made, and dreams and talents are discovered. High school is one of the most pivotal periods in young people's lives, as it constitutes their introduction to the adult, responsible life. Obviously, it is solid education that lets one choose the proper life path. We are well aware of that, therefore we do our utmost so that the knowledge acquired at our school can allow one to undertake an interesting job or enter further education stages with ambition and creativity. We believe the crucial value, which must be cherished at all times, is student's inner motivation. Criticism and frustration caused by the past failures too often make young people give up their plans and dreams, despite the fact that with a little bit of support and enthusiasm on the teacher's part, they could succeed and feel their effort is effective. At GKJ high school, we consider everybody an individual of many talents, sometimes yet to be discovered.

GKJ high school for teenagers is an opportunity to learn under comfortable conditions, and with the usage of up-to-date technology. The school was honored with the "Wings of Imagination" for special achievements in innovative activities for education (!)

The groups are no bigger than about 18 students so that they can make the most of the knowledge offered to them. Our goal is a solid but also stress-free teaching process with the room for cherishing individual passions and interests. Learning isn't a tedious duty but a fascinating privilege. Visit us and see for Yourself.

School facilities:

In teaching, we use modern technological facilities and interactive study aids, including: iPods, touchboards, and students' favourite programmable robots. The school equipment includes a professional gym, fitness facilities, as well as rooms for classes of a more practical nature: a beauty treatment room, an architectural room, a hairdressing studio, and a computer lab. There are also numerous rooms dedicated to specific subjects (including language labs), a rich library (course books, foreign publications, compulsory books), a tuck shop with a canteen and a garden, as well as open-access WI-FI.

At our school:

- we follow the core curriculum for the general subjects, and we let our students choose 2 to 4 subjects as so called extended curriculum
- the general groups are offered additional subjects: cosmetology, hairdressing, architecture, Information Technology, tourism, fitness & wellness
- it is possible to take up an additional foreign language: English, German, Russian, Spanish, or French. One can start as a beginner or continue at a higher level.
- we offer bilingual education - with Spanish or English
- There are additional Polish language lessons for the foreign students
- we have a rich library with a reading room and computers for learning
- our building is disabled-friendly

Moreover:

- we organise trips to the cinemas, museums, and theatres
- we take part in sport competitions
- our students can get different types of scholarship
- thanks to our public school eligibility, the students are entitled to annuities, child maintenance, and other benefits.
- The school cooperates with a couple of halls of residence.

Certified additional classes (optional):

➤ **Cosmetology**

The idea of these classes is to take care of your well-being, beautiful appearance, and your own unique style. In our cosmetology classes, we do facial and body treatments, nail decoration and styling, moreover we extend eyelashes and learn how to apply make-up to suit the type of beauty and the occasion.

Classes are conducted by:

- a beautician,
- a make-up artist,
- a dietician,
- a manicurist,
- a fitness instructor.

The play of colours and unconventionality is the domain of these classes. We show you how to recognise different skin types and how to choose the right cosmetic preparations for them. The certificate confirming the acquired skills will be awarded after the completion of the specialisation.

➤ **Architecture**

In this course, we teach interesting ways of designing an interior and arranging furniture. We attach importance to developing drawing skills, therefore our students have many opportunities to make freehand projects by using a wide range of art & drawing accessories. Students learn how to use professional computer programs that aid designers and let them make visualisations:

- ArCon 6+
- Wymarzony ogród 3D
- Pro100
- ArchiCad
- Realtime Landscaping Architect
- Google SketchUp

This course is tailor-made for people who are creative, of so called "artistic soul", and not devoid of spatial awareness. The classes are taught by **architects** and **designers of interior decoration**.

Why choose architecture?

- You will get adept at freehand architecture drawing.
- You will get the feel of aesthetic and functional designing.
- You will learn how to use designing programs.
- You will look into the designing craft.
- We offer special consultations for students who are willing to apply for architectonic studies at a University.
- After finishing the course, students obtain a certification of the acquired skills.

➤ **Tourism**

In this course, we discuss the way travel agencies work, and what guides' and leisure time animators' work is like. We organise trips during which we discover the cultural heritage of our city and country. We also organise optional abroad trips for the students of our school. We attend trade shows and different kinds of travel festivals. We pay visits to travel agencies and analyse their offers, marketing strategies, customer services, and leisure animation methods. Our students learn how to compile documents that are important in the craft, and they get to know the basics of economy, which allows them to start and run their own agencies. Without a shadow of a doubt, this is the course suitable for people who are curious about the world, adventurous, and interested in other cultures.

We give the students who are willing to enrich their tourism education the possibility to take up one of the oriental languages: Arabic or Turkish. After finishing the course, students obtain a certification of the acquired skills.

➤ **Hairdressing**

In the classes, we learn how to take care of hair and scalp, how to cut and choose the right hairstyle depending on the type of beauty and face shape, how to colour and lighten hair, and which cosmetics to use to strengthen it. We practice creating daytime hairstyles, as well as those for special occasions, e.g. New Year's Eve, wedding ceremonies, etc. We follow the latest trends from world hair shows and competitions. We are even able to measure up to the most extravagant artistic visions and, at the same time, we pay attention to the tricks and techniques used in the hairdressing profession. Whether your hair is straight, curly, thick or fine, in this class you will learn how to tame and style it. Classes are run by a hairdresser / hairstylist. The certificate confirming the acquired skills will be awarded after the completion of the specialisation.

➤ **Information Technology**

You will learn how to use application programs, get versed in all possible operating systems, get to know the basics of programming, and have an opportunity to create your own application programs. You will also develop on the field of computer graphics, looking into some vector graphics editing programs, as well as methods of editing photography, compiling photomontages, and preparing graphics for the Internet. After finishing the course, You will obtain a certification of the acquired skills.

You will learn how to create applications in numerous environments, such as:

- C++
- PHP
- Elementy jQuery
- XHTML + CSS
- SQL

... as well as how to use some of the graphic programs:

- Corel Draw 11
- Adobe Photoshop CS3
- Adobe Flash CS3
- GIMP 2.8

➤ **Fitness & Wellness**

In order to meet the holistic approach to health, we would like to invite all enthusiasts of physical activity to take advantage of our innovative specialisation programme preparing for work as fitness instructors and personal trainers. The programme will allow you to systematise your knowledge of health and widely understood physical activity. In our lessons, you will learn how to build fitness classes, we will focus on working with music, mastering the steps and methodology. You will get acquainted with various forms of fitness, and you will learn how to select appropriate exercises for different types of classes. You will get to know your muscles and how they work, what role they play in your body, and how to exercise correctly.

In addition to practical skills, we will also show you:

- how to overcome boundaries when working with clients, what are the specifics of the instructor's communication with the group and in individual 'one to one' work, how to build up authority and deal with stressful situations;
- how to create a personal training and a diet programme;

- how to manage your business to gain the highest possible profits – how to set up your own business, so that entrepreneurship becomes clear and enjoyable for you.

Completion of the specialisation will enhance your skills in conducting, organising and planning trainings, as well as your own work. The sooner you invest in your own development, the faster you will reach your dream goals. The certificate confirming the acquired skills will be awarded after the completion of the specialisation.

A bilingual class (with English as the language of instruction) with a British and North American specialisation.

If you want to master a language which is the key to all kinds of international contacts and which is indispensable in today's globalised world, we are happy to present you a new addition to our offer – a class with English as the language of instruction oriented towards the culture of English-speaking countries, especially British and North American.

The intended outcome of education in this class is the development of language competence in students at an advanced level, allowing them to communicate fluently in English and to pass the matriculation examination at bilingual level. The education cycle in English as the language of instruction with British and North American specialisation lasts 4 years and includes an intensive study of English to the extent of 6 hours per week. In addition to general education subjects in Polish, the syllabus also includes: modern history and geography with elements of culture (with particular emphasis on the USA and UK and their mutual relations). These subjects are taught exclusively in English. (Note: The level of knowledge of the English language will be verified during the interview before admission to this class).

Classes are taught by eminent philologists – experts in the English language area who specialise in the culture of a given region, i.e. the USA or Great Britain, as well as native speakers. The bilingual matriculation examination, which provides the bilingual high school diploma, makes it possible to apply for universities in English-speaking countries, without the need for any additional proof of language skills. In case of Polish universities, the bilingual diploma gives the possibility of gaining additional points in the recruitment process.

In times of great popularity and wide applications of English, it is not enough to know it cursorily – students of English are expected to have a high level of precision in speaking and the ability to converse on any topic. The bilingual English class with British and North American specialisation meets this challenge. The level of knowledge of the English language will be verified during the interview.

A bilingual class (with Spanish as the language of instruction) with an Iberian and Ibero-American specialisation.

If you like to use your time effectively, and acquire original knowledge and skills, we would like to present you a new addition to our offer – a class with Spanish as the language of instruction, focused on the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. Learning in a bilingual class consists of two stages. The first stage is the so-called introductory year, during which we put emphasis on the thorough learning process of Spanish, so that already in the 1st class students are able to understand the subjects taught in this language without any problems. The introductory year consists of 20 (!) hours of language study per week, which is two more hours per week than stipulated by the Ministry of Education. The classes are conducted not only by highly qualified philologists, but also by native speakers of Spanish.

In the introductory year, knowledge of Spanish is NOT required. We start teaching Spanish from scratch and continue according to our original programme, so knowledge of Spanish is not required for recruitment, although it will certainly be helpful. Starting from the 1st class, in addition to general education subjects in Polish and the continuation of practical Spanish language lessons (6 hours per week), there will also be: modern history and geography with elements of culture (with emphasis on Spanish-speaking countries, and the relationship between the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America). These subjects will be taught in Spanish.

Bilingual education lasts 5 years (including the introductory year) and culminates in the matriculation examination at bilingual level. It confirms the acquisition of advanced language skills. The bilingual diploma opens the door to admission to universities in Spanish-speaking countries, without the need for any additional proof of language skills. In case of Polish universities, the bilingual diploma enables gaining additional points in the process of recruitment. It is possible to enroll directly to the first class, in this case prior study of Spanish is required and will be verified during an interview.

What else do we guarantee if you study in a bilingual class?

- Tutorials for those who are interested, which are of an individual character. During tutorials, teachers explain any doubts concerning the discussed material.
- Periodic conversations with native speakers.
- Second foreign language: German, English, Russian, or French.
- We have prepared LO-GKJ scholarships for the students who achieve the best results in English or Spanish, i.e. a trip to an intensive language course in one of the English- or

Spanish-speaking countries. The average Spanish grade from the introductory year and the 1st class will be taken into consideration.

- The choice of subjects to be studied in the so-called extension is made by each student according to his/her own interests.
- We have a English as well as Spanish language section in our library (textbooks, dictionaries and literature in Spanish, corresponding to the different levels of language proficiency). Students can use them on site or borrow specific volumes to take home.



Enrollment & required documents:

- primary school certificate
- application for admission in school (available in the secretariat or on: www.gkj.edu.pl)
- school ID card photo in digital format
- signed agreement between the school and the parents/legal guardians
- admissions are dependent on the results of the interview - the number of places is limited. To arrange a specific date of the interview, please contact the school secretariat: 42 231 34 34, +48 731 100 870; e-mail: dobreliceumgkj@gmail.com

Register personally in the school office or do it on-line: www.gkj.edu.pl

After finishing education, students can take the *matura* exam - including the choosable bilingual level - and continue their education at Universities in Poland or abroad as well as post-secondary schools. They are also prepared to run their own businesses, especially related to the additional subjects offered by the school: cosmetology, hairdressing, architecture, Information Technology, tourism, fitness & wellness.

Extramural High School for Adults

Our high school for adults is a private school which has the status of a state school. Our aim is to create the most comfortable learning conditions for you. We value the quality of education, but most of all we value your comfort. The selection of teaching staff is carefully considered by us so that our customers, that is you, are satisfied with the effects of education.

We have a large base of teaching aids. We lend you textbooks, reference books, atlases (geography, history) during your lessons. We have many multimedia boards, charts, thematic maps and various devices (e.g. projectors, laptops, iPads) which make ordinary lessons more interesting. We place great emphasis on expanding our teaching facilities so that teachers and you get the most out of our lectures.

Learning at our school takes place in the extramural system, i.e. on Saturdays and Sundays. Classes last from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. During one term (half-year) we plan 10 weekend meetings (20 days of classes). Classes are conducted in a relaxed atmosphere by an experienced team of teachers. Graduates of our school obtain secondary education with a possibility of passing the matriculation examination.

The condition for enrolment in our school is the submission of all required documents. The required documents are: the final school / class graduation certificate (primary school, junior high school, vocation school or high school / technical school), ID card. You do not need to be over eighteen, just have a written permission of your parent / guardian. Our students can be those who graduated in the current school year as well as those who have had a break from school.

We accept candidates who have completed:

- Junior high school
- 8-year primary school
- Basic vocational school
- Lower secondary trade school

In the case of graduation from a trade school or vocational school, candidates are admitted to the 3rd semester.

We believe that it is never too late to learn!