

Dear Parents,

The Gymnasium Faik-Konica offers students participating in the Deutsche Projekt a specific training for applying to a German speaking University.

Students of the German project receive intensive support and supervision in small class formats by German-speaking teachers. Participation in extracurricular events on German culture and language deepens the learning process.

To apply for a study program at a German speaking university in Germany or Austria, proof of German language proficiency is required.

Our aim is to teach German that is natural and appropriate to different language situations.

Therefore a mother-tongue German teacher is teaching the students of the Deutsche Projekt.

### **Preparation for the German certificate**

As part of the German lessons, the students are specifically prepared for the exams for the language certificate "TestDaF", or the exam C1 at the Goethe Institute in Tirana. The examination dates of the class 12 will take place in time before the application deadlines of the German universities. Once acquired, these certificates are valid without any time limit and are recognized by all German-speaking universities as proof of sufficient language proficiency.

### **Bilingual lessons in selected subjects**

The classes participating in the German project receive subject-specific lessons in physics and geography from German-speaking Albanian teachers. Lesson content is taught bilingually in German and Albanian. As a result, the students get to know subject content and tasks in both languages.

### **Mathematic Teachings in German**

Although an entrance exam in mathematics in Germany has not been compulsory since the autumn of 2017, an entrance exam in mathematics is still part of the admissions procedure for studying for many degree courses in Germany and especially in Austria. Study-related mathematics exams and final examinations are a particular challenge for Albanian students, as the level and content of German mathematics curricula diverge significantly from Albanian curricula. Therefore, the Gymnasium Faik-Konica also offers math lessons equivalent to the German curriculum. This is held by a German native speaking teacher.

### **Supporting TestAS**

When awarding their study places to foreign applicants, many German universities consider both the final grades and the results of a cognitive test on the "general study ability" (TestAS) for the desired field of study.

For the upcoming school year, we plan to provide interested students in class 12 with assistance in individual preparation for the TestAS.

In addition to the advantages of the study place allocation, the students have the opportunity to realistically assess their suitability for the intended subject.

### **Individual Counseling and Support outside the Classroom**

For all students of the German project and their parents we offer during the school time once a week an individual counseling and consultation hour before the lesson starts. In addition to current school topics, we are also available for questions about studying in Germany.

Thank you for your interest in the German project. We would be happy to welcome your children with us!

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