



FREIES GYMNASIUM ZÜRICH

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Choosing a school is one of the most important decisions families need to make. This is especially true, of course, if your family moves to a foreign country where you are not familiar with the education system. What a great opportunity it is for your family if your destination is Switzerland, a European country with among the highest educational standards in the world. If you wish to combine Swiss education standards with a modern, international approach and the individual support of the needs of every single student, you will find the private school, Freies Gymnasium Zürich (FGZ), the right place for schooling for life.

What makes Freies Gymnasium Zürich so distinctive?

Long-standing tradition – 125 years private schooling for life

Founded as a private Gymnasium in 1888, Freies Gymnasium Zürich is one of the oldest Gymnasiums in Zurich. It enjoys long-standing tradition and is a state-recognised school.

In this liberal-minded school with its deep roots in the humanistic tradition and Christian ethos, FGZ guides and supports its students in their efforts to achieve success in the Swiss Matura examination and develop independence. FGZ supports them in their personal growth and in developing their ability to take on responsibility.

Pioneers in truly bilingual education

Bilingual education meets the requirements of a globalised world. Freies Gymnasium Zürich has developed a bilingual programme with this in mind. Freies Gymnasium Zürich was the first school in the canton to found a bilingual Progymnasium in collaboration with Lakeside School (Küsnacht). This built a bridge between genuine bilingual primary school education and the upper school of the Gymnasium, and marked a pioneering achievement in truly bilingual education in the Canton of Zurich.

The bilingual way

The bilingual way at FGZ offers a programme that is taught with equal amounts of German and English, each at mother-tongue level. As a result, pupils are successfully immersed in the culture of both languages. In order to meet the requirements of a

globalised world, the bilingual way at FGZ is not limited to just a few school years, but begins at Pre-Kindergarten level and is concluded with the Swiss Bilingual Matura examination (which is on a par with the International Baccalaureate IB), and qualifies students to study at Swiss and international universities. Teaching is based on the Zurich curriculum.

Primary school classes are the responsibility of our partner, the Lakeside School, in Küsnacht. The Progymnasium, the lower and upper schools of the Gymnasium, are the responsibility of FGZ.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school.

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Maximilian Schell – the world famous Oscar-winning actor, director, producer and translator

«In 1948 I finished Freies Gymnasium Zürich with the Swiss Matura examination. I loved this school and – looking back – I still love it. (...) I made friends at FGZ; I discovered my fascination for language, arts, literature. Also (...) within those years I learned important lessons for my later life ...»

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