



BISCHÖFLICHES  
GYMNASIUM  
AUGUSTINUM



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*The Bischöfliche 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 Bischöfliche 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 Bischöfliche 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 Bischöfliche Gymnasium choir is today one of the liveliest aspects of the school's extracurricular education. Under the guidance of Valentin Zwicker, 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 Bischöfliche Gymnasium after school care programme offers students the opportunity to eat lunch



## Facts & Figures

<b>TYPE OF SCHOOL</b>	Grammar School
<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	1856
<b>STUDENTS</b>	671 (in 2017)
<b>STAFF</b>	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.

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