

School Profile of Thomas Mann Schule Lübeck - Europaschule

Community

Thomas Mann Schule is one of seven grammar schools in the city of Luebeck. Located two kilometres from the city's historic Old Town in a quiet neighborhood close to gardens and sports grounds as well as numerous biotopes it has been given the name „School in the Green“.

The school in numbers

Thomas Mann Schule is a 9-year / 8-year (since 2008) public secondary school enrolling 890 students in grades 5 through 13/12.. Opened in 1881 as an all-girls secondary school in Luebeck's city center, it was reopened in 1959 as Thomas Mann Schule in Thomas-Mann-Street and has now been a coeducational institution since 1967.

Curriculum

The academic program differs in each grade.

In year 5-10/9 the schedules are arranged by the school and include the following subjects: German, Maths, English, French/Latin, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Music/Art, Religion and Physical Education. The number of subjects increases from year to year; the students take between 5 and 7 classes daily, each class is 45 minutes.

In year 11-13 / 10-12 the academic program is organized on a different schedule, with a basic selection of subjects necessary. The subjects are divided into 8 different groups, each of which has to be considered in the student's schedule.

The subjects offered are:

1. German 2. Mathematics 3. Languages (English/French/Latin/Spanish) 4. Sciences (Physics/Biology/Chemistry) 5. History/Geography/Politics 6. Religion/Philosophy 7. Art/Music 8. Physical Education 9. Exploratory Studies.

From this list each student has to choose four advanced courses with 4 lessons per week and a certain number of basic courses for 2 to 3 lessons per week.

In different laboratory projects in Biology and Chemistry classes, the school cooperates with the University of Luebeck through the “LOLA” – programme (Luebeck Open Laboratory).

Mandatory internships in year 10 and 12 enable students to get to know the business world and provide orientation concerning possible career choices.

For more talented students, Bilingual Geography is taught in English from year 7 through 13.

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Grading System

Grades	Points
1 - Very Good	13 - 15
2 - Good	10 - 12
3 - Satisfactory	7 - 9
4 - Pass	4 - 6
5 - Poor	1 - 3
6 - Unsatisfactory	0

School profile and related projects

In 2000, the school earned the title „Europaschule“ (“European School”) as an acknowledgement for its European activities. The school regards this award as an obligation and responsibility to foster European topics in both its academic program and extracurricular activities.

To fulfil this commitment, teachers and students engage in various projects of the Comenius programme which is part of the European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme. It has the objective of supporting teacher training, establishing school partnerships across Europe and funding multilateral education projects on issues relating to language learning, intercultural education, environmental and science education.

As Thomas-Mann-Schule emphasizes cooperation with schools from all over the world it offers student exchanges to the United States of America, Greece, France, Estonia and the Czech Republic. In different grades, class trips to German and European cities including Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Barcelona, Dublin, London and Prague are organized.

In 2005, the school set up a partnership with a school in Senegal which is financially and technically supported by the school community. There have been visits of teachers and exchange of letters between students from both schools.

Students from Thomas-Mann-Schule successfully participate in various competitions on regional and national level, including the National Foreign Language Competition, the European Competition and the Prix des Lycéens allemands. In addition to that, students have organized annual Model United Nations of Luebeck Conferences (MUNOL), taking place in Thomas Mann-Schule, since 1997. In 2010, 350 students from 10 different countries participated in the five-days conference. Students from Thomas-Mann-Schule also regularly attend MUNs abroad, including the Rome International Model United Nations (RIMUN) and The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN).