

PRESS RELEASE

School, university and career

International student enrollment at renowned German universities made possible by the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg

Why German language skills do not have to stand in the way of studying

German university degrees enjoy an excellent global reputation, particularly in technical and natural science subjects. In addition: German universities charge little or no tuition fees. The country is also considered the epitome of international stability. Despite this, many international students are unsure about studying in Germany. One German boarding school, the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg, wants to help change that - and has therefore specialized in giving international students access to renowned German universities. The Schloss-Schule is convinced that attending a specialized boarding school can give foreign students decisive support.

The German language is considered one of the biggest hurdles to attending school or university in Germany. Therefore, the Schloss-Schule has set up a high school prep course that specializes in meeting the needs of foreign students. In close cooperation with the school, they aim to help young people learn German and acquire the language skills they need to enroll in school and, later, university - even without previous language knowledge. The results speak for themselves: The last year of international school leavers from the Schloss-Schule achieved an average of 10.5 points out of a total of 15 - 4.5 points better than the overall school average with a high percentage of native speakers!

Many foreign students also perceive the often very foreign German culture and the complex German educational system as a hurdle on the way to studying in Germany. But here, too, a specialized boarding school like the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg offers decisive assistance: firstly, by providing foreign students with comprehensive support from day one (airport pick-up, visa support, etc.) as well as an especially insightful introduction to the German culture and educational system. Above all, however, because the Schloss-Schule has two very decisive advantages: 1. Particularly intensive supervision, exemplified among other things by a student to teacher/educator ratio of 1:6. 2. Around 85% of students (consisting of both boarding and day students) are German, ensuring that foreign students are immersed in German language and culture through the predominantly German student body!

However, soft factors should also not be underestimated, such as the boarding school's location in the peaceful natural landscape of Hohenlohe in the tranquil Jagsttal - whilst simultaneously close to the prosperous economic centers of the German south-west. Or the outstanding catering that awaits our young guests, for whom our own kitchen team prepares exclusively fresh dishes from regionally sourced ingredients. The excellent infrastructure and the highest standards of accommodation in modern boarding school buildings, set within a spacious park above the picturesque village of Kirchberg, certainly also play a role.

In any case, the strikingly good final grades of our foreign students are clear evidence that the overall concept works: In the last school year, all of the non-German students passed their "Abit", as the school leaving certificate that entitles them to study in Germany is called. They achieved an overall grade average of 1.9 on a scale from 1 to 6 - while the total year group "only" achieved an average grade of 2.3. In addition, the two best students in the year group, achieving grades of 1.1, both came from abroad. The message is clear: In combination with the internships arranged by the Schloss-Schule, application training, volunteering opportunities, information events at universities and comprehensive support during the transition phase from boarding school to university, foreign students at the Schloss-Schule are ideally prepared for studying in Germany and the resulting life and career opportunities.

With its relatively low number of corona cases, Germany is also a particularly safe place for students from other countries. In combination with the Schloss-Schule's sophisticated hygiene concept, this convinced many parents of foreign students to deliberately not bring their children home during the last major school holidays, but instead to leave them in the care of the Schloss-Schule team in Germany. Our current track record also speaks for itself: So far, no student has contracted Corona. In addition, children and young people from abroad who attend a German school can currently easily receive an entry permit or a visa.

Schloss-Schule Kirchberg:

Founded in 1914 in Baden-Württemberg, the Schloss-Schule Kirchberg is one of the best-known boarding schools in Germany. As a non-ideological private school and a state-recognized grammar school, it offers around 200 day and 100 boarding school students optimal learning and development opportunities.

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