

## CJD Jugenndorf-Christophorusschule Braunschweig

### A place where you can feel at home

The CJD Jugenndorf-Christophorusschule boarding school offers young people the freedom they need to develop their personalities and abilities. It is a place where you can feel comfortable, a place that is characterized by understanding, commitment and mutual respect.

Our school accommodates a close network of five institutions: a primary school (grades 1 -4), a university preparatory school (grades 5-13), boarding facilities, an academy of music and fine arts, and a psychological counselling centre. Since boarders and day pupils are classmates in the prep school, there is always communication between those boarding and "the world outside".



### Our dormitories - a place to live in

Admission to our boarding school is possible if your child has reached the age of 13 or attends the 7th grade. We offer "contact weeks" – or classes on a trial basis - which give your child the opportunity of making sure that the road considered meets his or her expectations.

Up through 10th grade, two pupils share a furnished room. Girls and boys live in separate dormitories. Students in their final year (grade 13) live in single rooms. Small groups of particularly independent students are allowed to live in supervised flats near the school. Experienced social educators accompany the boys and girls there at all times.

### Learning to live and work together by playing together

Apart from their lessons young people can take part in a variety of leisure-time activities: from playing beach volleyball to paragliding, from canoeing to acting on stage or being part of a circus - there are about 60 extracurricular activities which offer each child the leisure-time activities program suited to his needs and interests and designed specifically to help him learn how to live and function in a community. Beyond this, the CJD Sports Association offers club sports in skiing. There are regular vacation trips to other countries and skiing trips to the Alps.

### Our school - a way into the future

Competition for employment is becoming increasingly tough. Expectations of achievement are rising. Schools must adapt to the changing economic necessities. We are meeting this challenge with future-oriented solutions, partnerships and individual support for each child.

Over 90% of our graduates study at a university or polytechnic. We aim at preparing our students for this career dimension with additional qualifications, practical training and special competence and excellence courses that will make it easier to gain access to the increasingly

selective places of higher learning. Numerous partnerships with business and industry form a central part of our work. They provide the student with a glimpse of the realities of professional life. Moreover, they have enabled us



to implement a formal process of quality assurance. In compliance with the European norm ISO 9001:2000, an independent corporation certifies that we are heading in the right direction.

### More Joy of Learning

Lessons begin at 7.45 a.m. and end at 3.30 p.m. English is already taught from the third year on, and Spanish is offered as an extracurricular activity. We have exchange programs with the Isle of Reunion, France, and the USA. Our Academy of Music and Fine Arts offers the opportunity of furthering musical and artistic talents. Our Jugenddorf Evenings - an extracurricular, leisure-time educational program - take place on average twice a week and are an interesting part of Braunschweig's cultural life.

### Supporting and challenging in unison

With the latest technology, spacious rooms and labs, and dedicated educators, we have ideal conditions for interesting instruction with lasting effects. Outdoor experience activities, learning by doing, and organized projects are not mere catchwords for our educators but are put into practice on a daily basis. Since 1981 we have been the centre of expertise for Germany in the field of special education for the highly-gifted. In order to maintain and increase our high standards in the future, we have embarked on a process of quality management. One milestone in this process is the certification according to the international norm ISO 9001-.2000-an acknowledged standard for exceptional and constant high quality.



### Between town and country

The Christophorusschule was founded in Braunschweig in 1977. The town, with its 250,000 inhabitants, is not too big and, due to its excellence in the areas of culture, science, and technology, it has a lot to offer. Braunschweig is situated on the A2 (autobahn) and is connected with the big cities of Germany by an intercity train system. The Christophorusschule is located on the eastern edge of the inner city, yet only a few minutes away from large parks and a wildlife sanctuary. Thus, the school is close to both the downtown area and peaceful surroundings and provides children with a sheltered environment to grow up in.

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