

The importance of education

The proverb says “Knowledge is power”. I think nowadays everybody understands how it is important to study. When we study we get new information in different spheres of life. What is more we get new skills and new experience. It helps us to communicate with other people, to keep up with the ideas in any subjects and to be ready for the future life. I’m sure good education is also the best way to get a good job and as a result to be successful in the life. If you well-educated, you can generally achieve what you wish.

Most people start their education at school. I study at gymnasium 192 named after Jacob Bruce, one of the associates of Peter the First. I’m in the ninth class/grade

Your school building

it occupies / it’s situated in a four storey building.

On the ground floor there is an entrance hall, a cloak room - to leave overcoats, school canteen, gym, school office

On the first floor there are classrooms for primary pupils, the staff room, the medical room

On the second and third floor you can find the assembly hall, the library and different classrooms

the classrooms/gym/laboratories are well equipped/not very well equipped

our school is quite well equipped, we have a good library, a computer room, a gym and physics and chemistry laboratories. The classrooms have computers, DVD players, data projectors and smart boards

As we spend most of our time at school, it is considered to be our second home.

Your timetable

the classes start/finish at ...;

we have ... lessons a day

subjects (your favourite subjects, why; subject you’re good at / you have difficulties in; important for your future life/career)

Foreign Languages (English, German, French) Russian, Literature, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History, Social Studies, Computer Studies (ICT – Information and Communication Technology) Physical Education, Principles of Personal Safety

Teachers – professional, qualified, strict but fair; they do their best to help us study well; they explain the most difficult things in a simple way

After-school activities / extra-curricular activities – we’re offered many after-school/after-classes activities for example we can attend extra/additional lessons on different subjects, sports clubs, participate in different projects, Olympiads, contests and performances. We go on excursions and school trips and can take part in exchange programmes.

Questions:

1. What school do you study in?
2. Where is your school situated?
3. How long does it take you to get to school?
4. What do you know about the history of your school?
5. What grade are you in?
6. What do you like most about your school?
7. How many classes/lessons a day do you usually have?
8. What is your typical school day like?
9. What is your favourite weekday? Why do you like it?
10. What weekday do you find the most difficult, and why?
11. Do any students in your class sometimes come too late to school?
12. What are their usual reasons for coming late?
13. Is there any punishment for late comers at your school and what is it?
14. What would you recommend to teenagers who are often late for school?
15. What is your favourite subject, and why?
16. What subjects do you find the most difficult?
17. What school subjects do you find the most important?
18. Is there any school subject that you'd like to study more and why?
19. Have you got a lot of friends at school?
20. What do you usually do with your school friends in your free time?
21. What clothes do you wear to school?
22. What is your school uniform like?
23. Do you think school uniform necessary or not? Why do you think so?
24. How much time do you spend doing your homework?
25. How long does it take you to do your homework?
26. What subject do you usually start with, and why?
27. Should schoolchildren be given more or less homework, and why.
28. What school events do you have during the school year?
29. What clubs and societies can you attend in your school?
30. What school events like concerts or school performances do you usually have during school year?
31. Do you enjoy taking part in these school events? Why?
32. What sport facilities are there in your school?
33. What event would you recommend organizing in your school and why?
34. What would you like to improve in your school?
35. What would you like to change in your school life?
36. When are you going to have your exams?
37. What exams have you chosen and why?
38. How do you prepare for your English exam?
39. What are your plans for the summer holidays?
40. Are you going to continue your education at school or anywhere else next year? Why?
41. What subject would you like to specialize in?
42. Do your friends support you in your choice of future education? Why or why not?