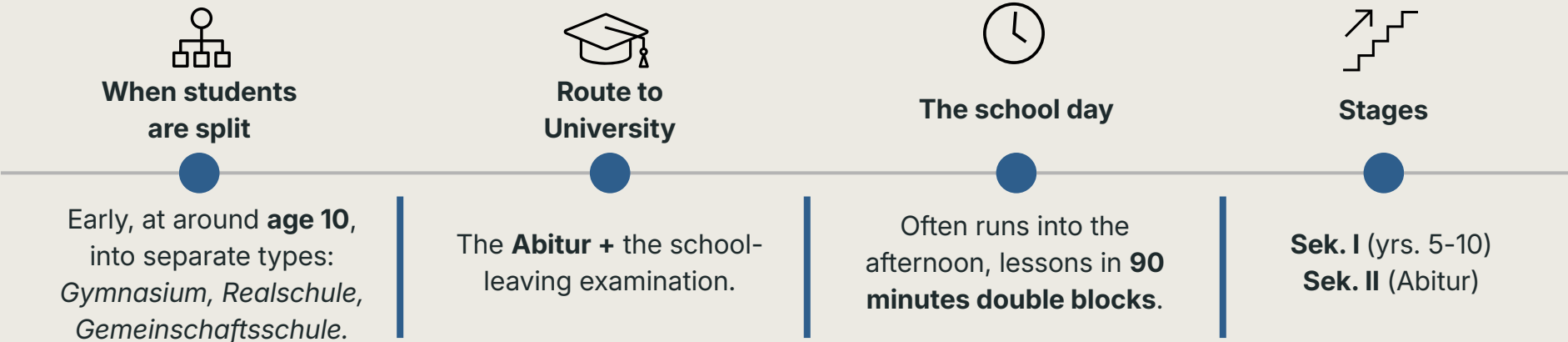


Job Shadowing

Two experiences inside German secondary education.

01 Main system differences

How Germany organizes secondary school.



02 Two experiences

Same goal: learning that fits the learner. Different strategies.

SELECT

Landesgymnasium für Hochbegabte

Schwäbisch Gmünd - Baden-Württemberg.
State boarded school for gifted pupils.

2004

OPENED - 2ND GIFTED CAMPUS SCHOOL IN GERMANY

≈ 250

PUPILS - MAXIMUM 24 STUDENTS PER CLASS

Yr 7

ENTRY - APTITUDE TEST + MOTIVATION LETTER

RESTRUCTURED

Dalton-Gymnasium Potsdam

Potsdam - Brandenburg.
Ordinary municipal Gymnasium.

2022

FOUNDED - CERTIFIED DALTON SCHOOL SINCE 2023

1 - 2

SELF-DIRECTED *DALTON* SESSIONS EVERY SCHOOL DAY

Only

DALTON SCHOOL IN THE WHOLE BRANDENBURG

- **Publicly funded boarding.** Run by the state of Baden-Württemberg, unusual, as most German boarding schools are private.
- **Campus model** inspired by Anglo-Saxon schools. Main building is located in a converted former military barracks.
- **Aditta:** Compulsory elective subjects across three domains - cognitive, arts & music and sports.
- **Pupils help govern the school** through elected representatives and their own students councils.

- **The Dalton Plan.** Devised by reformer education **Helen Parkhurst** and named after Dalton, Massachusetts. Pupils are given assignments and decide how to work through them.
- **Dalton-Zeit** during these sessions, pupils from different year groups share a classroom, choose their tasks, and ask either a teacher or an older pupil for help.
- **Teachers become *Lernbegleiter*** (learning guides). One-to-one mentoring sessions are built into the weekly timetable.
- **Learning how to learn:** New pupils spend their first four weeks on method training before the Dalton system is introduced.

03 Three days inside one of them

What we observed at LGH, lesson by lesson.

Day 1 [JUNE 15th]

Music

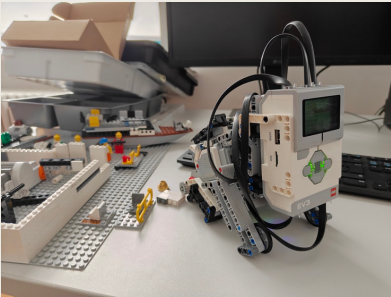
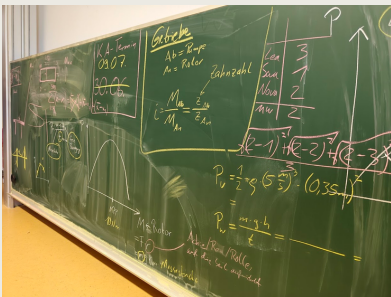
History

French

Creative writing

Tech Lego iLab

Dance



Active, participatory lessons: Extensive use of varied speaking and writing tasks, careful respect for turn-taking in classroom, and creativity integrated across all areas of learning.

Day 2 [JUNE 16th]

PE

Chemistry

Maths

Visual arts

Spanish

English



An impressive sports hall, PE taught separately for boys and girls. A maths lesson that starts with a challenge and builds the lesson around it; an art that tells stories on small clay tiles; and public speaking in English that leave us astonished. In Spanish class, we feel right at home.

Day 3 [JUNE 17th]

Visual arts

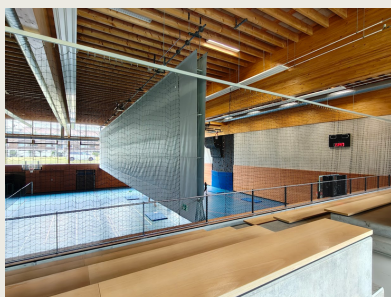
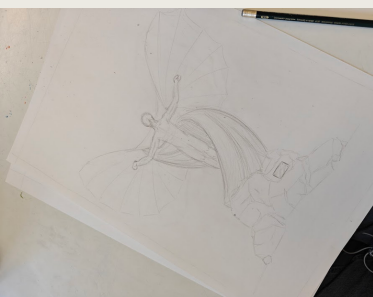
French

English

Maths

Civics

Sport games



What these students can produce in just one art lesson is remarkable. We continue to see how organisation, order, and focused work are common features across every subject. Finally, we discover the remarkable versatility of the sports hall.