

ITALIAN-CZECH SCHOOL

ZÁKLADNÍ ŠKOLA JIŘÍHO GUTHA-JARKOVSKÉHO



Dear parents,

We are delighted to introduce to you the Italian-Czech Section of Základní škola Jiřího Gutha-Jarkovského, our School.

It is a basic school (Základní škola), from first to ninth grade, corresponding in other European systems (e.g. Italy and England), to elementary school (from 1st to 5th grade) and to middle school (from 6th to 9th grade). Our *motto* is

Two cultures, Three languages

that is: the Italian culture and the Czech culture; the Italian, Czech and English languages.

Our School is promoted by the Ministry of Education of Czech Republic, by the Embassy of Italy in Prague, and we happily acknowledge the financial support of Assicurazioni Generali.

Here you will find a brief description of what we have to offer to your child, and some practical information on our School.

We are dedicated to successful lives of your children!

With best wishes,

PhDr. Jitka Kendíková

Principal

MISSION

The School is a Czech state school that operates in close connection with the Italian educational system.

Its goal is to forge a citizen of Europe and of the world whose roots are in the Italian and Czech rich cultures, and who masters the English language, both as a *lingua franca* and as a key tool for the high-tech world we live in.

Graduates of our School will be well prepared to continue their studies in the Czech Republic and in Italy, and, if they wish, they will enhance their opportunity to enter English-speaking schools.

OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM

In the elementary school, teaching is provided by a fully certified teaching staff. Play elements are included in classes; students have the opportunity to work with modern technology (interactive boards, tutorials). We endeavour to respect each student's individual abilities. Therefore, a special education teacher is present, providing specialized care for children with learning, behavioural or other types of difficulties.

In the fifth year, the student may choose to hold entrance exams to the eight-year secondary school. Those who are not accepted will continue their studies in the elementary school classrooms. The teaching staff is fully qualified also in the middle school. The majority of teachers works simultaneously at the Jiří Gutha-Jarkovského Gymnasium (secondary school).

Starting from the school year 2015/2016, we are carrying on a multilingual educational programme with Czech-Italian classes. The focus is on providing quality education in the Czech and Italian languages. Subjects are taught in Czech (especially Czech language and literature) and in Italian (especially Italian language and literature). At the next stage, English is added, in order to ensure the fluency and the mastery of the scientific vocabulary. In many subjects we follow the CLIL method, that consists in interchanging the three teaching languages, as shown in detail in the Schedules that you will find below. This ensures mastery of professional vocabulary in individual subjects in these languages.

What makes an excellent student is a highly qualified teaching staff. Most teachers simultaneously teach at the secondary school and prepare students for admission to Charles University in Prague. Based on the excellent results obtained, our school was one of the first to obtain the status of a "Faculty School" from Charles University in Prague whose experts cooperate with our teachers on the preparation of educational programmes and their methodical interpretation, especially when preparing the integration of the primary school and the secondary school. In the last school year, all ninth grade graduates were successfully admitted to secondary schools or vocational schools of their choice.

ACTIVITIES AND PREMISES

The school organizes educational trips to England every year; for those interested, historical excursions are organized. The very popular nature field trips are an integral part of the school year. In the field of physical education, seventh grade students participate in a ski training course for experienced skiers in the Alps.

After classes, students can attend a range of interesting activities run by our school teachers and by external experts. In addition to language and music clubs, students can choose from a variety of sports: swimming, hockey, soccer, volleyball, basketball. Activities are led by teachers, professionally trained in individual sports and after-school activities, whose aim is to enable children to achieve both recreational and performance levels.

The elementary school is located in Klimentská street, where pupils will find a more peaceful environment to begin their school career than in the full operation. First stage students can attend the after-school youth centre, which consists of four groups this year.

The school club is located in Truhlářská 14. There students have the most modern facilities of this kind in Prague 1, including a small playground in the courtyard. The Truhlářská building has been renovated in recent years, including the school cafeteria. Students have the opportunity to choose from two main meals. The building in Klimentská has also undergone major reconstruction. Here you will find well-equipped, modern-style classrooms. In both school buildings, each student has his or her own locker.

Although the school is located in the centre of Prague, it has several well-equipped sports facilities - two classic gyms as well as a sports hall, which is the largest school facility of its kind in Prague 1. The school also has available a gymnasium in Lodecká 1. The school has new professional classrooms for physics, chemistry, art, biology and music, as well as three computer science classrooms.

Schedule of the Elementary School

(number of hours per week)

Subject Area	Subject	1°	2°	3°	4°	5°	Tot.
Language and Communication	Czech Language and Literature	7	8	8	8	7	38
	Italian Language and Literature	3	3	4	4	4	18
Mathematics and its Applications	Mathematics	4	4	5	4	5	22
Mankind and its World	Elements of Science	1	2	3			12
	Know Nature				1	1	
	Know your Country				2	2	
Mankind and Healthcare	Physical Education	2	2	2	2	2	10
Information and Communication Technologies	Computer Science					1	1
Arts and Culture	Music	1	1	1	1	1	12
	Art	1	1	1	2	2	
Mankind and Work	Know Nature (Practice)				1	1	5
	Work activities	1	1	1			
Total Subjects	Total Lessons	20	22	25	25	26	118
English Language	Afternoon Lessons	3	3	3	3	3	15

Notes:

Subjects in green are taught in Italian.

Subjects in purple are taught in Czech.

Subjects in yellow are taught, alternatively, in Italian and Czech, or in Italian, Czech and English (CLIL method).

English lessons take place in the afternoon.

Schedule of the Middle School

(number of hours per week)

Subject Area	Subject	6°	7°	8°	9°	Tot
Language and Communication	Czech Language and Literature	4	4	4	4	16
	Italian Language and Literature	3	4	4	4	15
	English Language	3	3	3	3	12
Mathematics and its Applications	Mathematics	4	4	4	4	16
Information and Communication Technologies	Computer Science	1			1	2
Mankind and Society	History	2	2	2	2	15
	Civic Education	1	2	2	2	
Mankind and Nature	Physics	1	2	2	2	25
	Chemistry			2	2	
	Natural Sciences	2	2	2	1	
	Geography	2	1	2	2	
Art and Culture	Music	1	2	1	1	10
	Art	2	1	1	1	
Mankind and Healthcare	Physical Education	2	2	2	2	8
Optional Subject	Optional Subject		1	1	1	3
Total Subjects	Total Lessons	28	30	32	32	122

Notes:

Subjects in green are taught in Italian.

Subjects in purple are taught in Czech.

Subjects in yellow are taught, alternatively, in Italian and Czech, or in Italian, Czech and English (CLIL method).

Subjects in blue are taught in English.

HOW TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD

Application forms and further information can be obtained in the school building at **Truhlářská 22, Praha 1**, located in the centre of Prague on the B metro line - Náměstí Republiky station or on metro C line - Florenc station. Useful tram lines are numbers 3, 5, 8, 14, 24 and 26 or bus numbers 133, 135 and 207.

The secretariat and the principal's office are located on the first floor, to the right of the staircase. Information is provided at the following numbers:

Tel. **224816816**; tel. / Fax **224811811** (school principal)

or by e-mail

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For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.truhla.cz/>