Gewerbeschule Breisach

The Gewerbeschule Breisach is a vocational school. You can find it in the town of Breisach. Breisach is a small town in the very south west of Germany, in the federal country of Baden-Württemberg. The well-known university town Freiburg is only 30 km east of Breisach. The 10.000 inhabitant town of Breisach is situated on the river Rhine. The Rhine is the boarder with France. In Breisach there is a highly frequented bridge across the river Rhine to France. According to the regulations of the EU there is no customs check between Germany and France. So you can just cross the bridge without showing your passport. For more information about Breisach please click onto the website of Breisach which is <u>www.breisach.de</u>



The mainstream of our school's work is done within the field of the "Dual System" of vocational education.

"The basic idea behind this system is for young people to be trained by vocational schools and company in unison, in order to reinforce the tight interlocking of theory and practice, thus training well qualified specialists. In this way there are two educational entres. The public vocational school and the company or firm training centre. Thus it can be described as a dual system." (Text is taken from a brochure of the Baden-Württemberg Ministery of Education and Sports)

At the Breisach vocational school techonolgy all around the vehicle is the main teaching subject. This is done in several different sectors at our school. There are the schools for master craftspeople with the classes for masters in vehicle machinery and lorries, in agricultural machinery, in building machinery and two-wheeled vehicles e.g. bicycles, scooters and motorbikes. In all these sectors we also teach apprentices during their time of apprenticeship (first year up to the third year). This type of school is called Berufsschule. (= vocational school within the "Dual System of Education")

There are also students attending the "Berufsfachschule" (= vocational school in fulltime).

This is a full time establishment in contrast to Berufsschule which means that all lessons, practical sessions as well as theory, take place at school. (Text taken from a brochure of the Baden-Württemberg Ministery of Education and Sports)

At the Breisach vocational school you can attend the two-year course of the Berufsfachschule (= vocational school in fulltime) in the subjects of metal works or electricity.

At present there are 40 teachers and 800 students at our school. Modern workshops and garages are well equipped for teaching the necessary theory and vocational practice. There is equipment for modern teaching in all the sectors of our school. We are very proud of being sponsored by companies and manufactures of vehicles and machinery. This enables our teachers to use the latest technology in their lessons. This way we can ensure the most up-to-date knowledge for our students.

Our students come from the area of Breisach and from the south of the the federal country of Baden-Württemberg. Some students even come from more distant federal countries. There are even some young men and women from all over the Federal Republic of Germany here at our school. For those students who cannot commute there is a hostel.

Our school has school partnerships with a French vocational school, the Lycée Professionnel "Paul-Emile-Victor" in Obernai and a vocational school from Bale in Switzerland, the "Lehrwerkstätte für Mechanik der Gewerbeschule Basel".



Since October 2006 the Two-year course of our Berufsfachschule takes part in an eTwinning project with Gruzdziu Gimnazija, a school of secondary education in Lithuania.

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