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A Destination for
International Students for
more than 20 years



Discover the European Grammar School Waldenburg

A Unique Path to
Academic
Excellence and
Personal Growth.

At the European Grammar School Waldenburg (EGW), we believe education is more than academics. It's about growing as an individual in a vibrant, respectful, and inspiring community.

With over 20 years of experience supporting international students and offering a wide array of opportunities in arts, languages, and cultural exchange, the EGW has been a trusted choice for international students since 2002.

Particularly students from China, Vietnam, and Korea come here to achieve the German Abitur – the highest secondary school qualification in Germany.

Each year, selected students from these countries join us in grade 9 to immerse themselves in a rigorous academic environment and earn a degree that opens doors to prestigious universities across Germany.

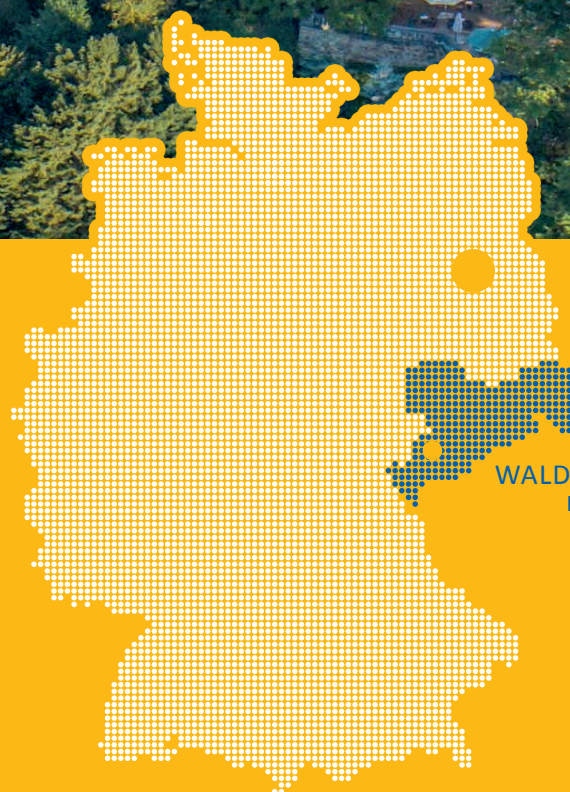


This photo shows the pretty town of Waldenburg with its imposing castle complex.



Since its foundation in 1994, the European Grammar School Waldenburg has stood for a holistic and humanistic educational approach with an international perspective.

Located in a small town with 4,000 inhabitants and a high level of safety, this tranquil and secure environment provides an ideal setting for students, offering a conducive atmosphere for focused learning and personal development.



BERLIN

WALDENBURG
IN SAXONY

GERMANY

Why Choose Us?

Academic Excellence and International Opportunities

DISTINCTIVE INTERNATIONAL CAREER PATHWAYS:

As a graduate of EGW, you will earn a qualification that sets you apart. With the German Abitur and fluency in German, our students are highly attractive candidates for international roles, particularly in multi national companies and organizations with ties to Germany. This combination opens doors to a wide array of global career opportunities. Don't just be one among many, be the one for many.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND EXPERIENCE:

Since 2002, EGW has been a trusted destination for international students. Our small class sizes ensure personalized attention, enabling students to excel both academically and personally. Specialized support is provided to help students transition smoothly to life in Germany, including German as a Foreign Language classes.

A TRULY INTERNATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

At EGW you'll live and learn alongside peers from diverse countries, gaining cultural awareness and global perspectives. Our international atmosphere is enriched through study tours, cultural exchanges, and partnerships with schools worldwide, offering you an exceptional opportunity for personal and academic growth every school year.

LANGUAGE AND GLOBAL COMPETENCY

All our language classes are taught by native speakers. We emphasize language skills as key to global success. Our students can earn internationally recognized certificates, including Cambridge (English), DELF (French), and DELE (Spanish), preparing them for future studies and careers

FACILITIES FOR PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC GROWTH:

The Music and Arts School program at EGW plays an essential role in the development of each student. Our focus on music, sports, and extracurricular activities, for example working groups in STEM disciplines, supports cognitive, intellectual, and personal growth, enhancing the learning experience and fostering wellrounded individuals.



Why did you choose the European Grammar School Waldenburg?

I can give several reasons for this. On one hand, German higher education is highly regarded in my home country, China. Additionally, German universities do not charge tuition fees, which is very advantageous for us compared to other popular study destinations like the USA, Australia, Canada, and many European countries.

On the other hand, I find the offers of the high school particularly unique. In 9th grade, we have a whole year to focus intensively on the German language. The linguistic environment in the school greatly enhances our language skills. Moreover, we are allowed to stay in the boarding school throughout the year, even during the holidays. This offer is not available at any other school in Germany.

Do you feel comfortable at the school? What do you particularly like about it?

I feel comfortable at school. What I particularly like is the beautiful nature around Waldenburg. It partially compensates for the lack of interesting activities in the small town. The lovely landscape helps us focus better on learning.

Are there any special events or projects at the school that you particularly enjoy or that have left a lasting impression on you?

I especially remember the music lessons at the music and art school and the band nights, where we could perform with our instruments. At the boarding school, we celebrate a graduation party every year for the seniors. There are many fun activities, good food, and the graduates say goodbye to the school in a formal setting. The annual excursions are also lovely memories for me. In 9th grade, we went to Castle Kriebstein and spent a week in nature. In 10th grade, we went to Greifswald on the Baltic Sea, where we visited the university and the Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics. In 11th grade, we spent half a week in Weimar and visited, among other things, the Goethe House and the Schiller House. In 12th grade, unfortunately, there are no more excursions because of the upcoming graduation exams. However, on the Open University Day, we had the opportunity to visit a university in Saxony and attend lectures.

You play the organ at the Music Arts School. Did you discover this passion before attending this school, or did you start here?

I started playing the organ here in Germany. Since I played the piano before, the transition was fairly easy for me. Playing the organ is more challenging than the piano, but I also enjoy it much more.

You live in a boarding school far from home. How do you feel living here? Do you feel comfortable and well-supported in the boarding environment?

At first, I more or less had homesickness. But the educators and the classmates from different countries, including from my home country China, create a familiar and family-like atmosphere. The close friendships I have made here also help me overcome the feeling of being alone.

Have you formed friendships here that extend beyond school life?

A large part of my friends are my German and international classmates, as I spend most of my time at school or in the boarding school. But I have also made friends outside of school. During the last summer vacation, I participated in the German Student Academy in Clemenswerth and made valuable friendships with students from all over Germany. We are still in contact and plan to do something together after our Abitur.

Do you already have future plans? In which field would you like to study or work later?

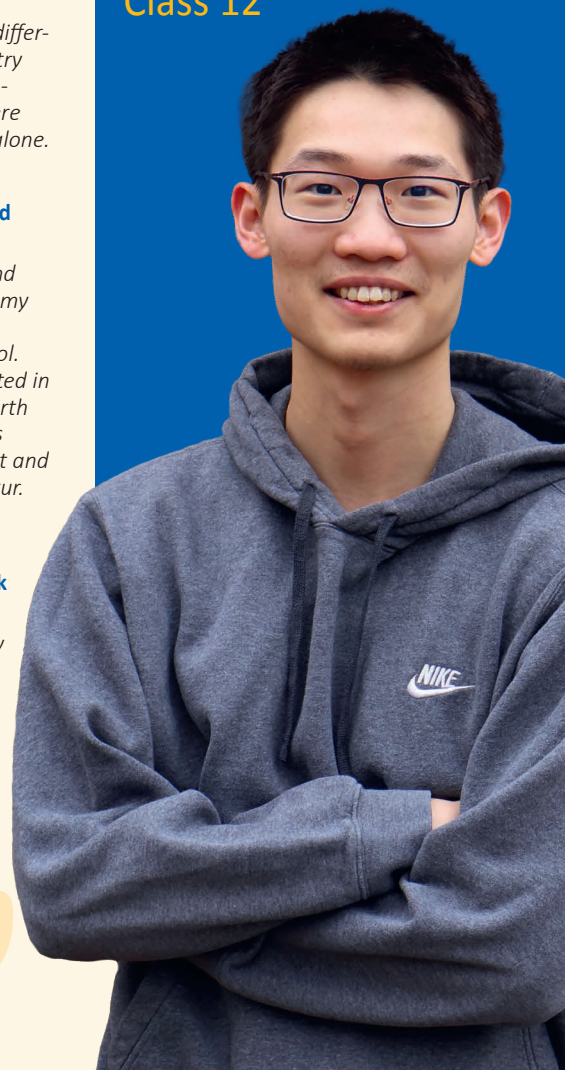
I plan to study medicine in Germany after my Abitur.

How does the school help you prepare for your future? Are there any specific programs or support that assist you with career or study orientation?

I have participated in the study and career orientation sessions offered by the school. There, a consultant from the Employment Agency gave me a lot of useful information and advice.

Interview with

Zhaoyang Li
Class 12



On-Campus Dormitory

A Home Away from Home

Our dormitory, established in 2004, is located directly on the school campus, offering students a secure, supportive, and enriching environment.

COMPREHENSIVE 24/7 CARE ALL YEAR ROUND

Experienced educators provide constant guidance, ensuring students receive academic, personal, and emotional support at all times. Our On-Campus-Dormitory is open 365 days a year including weekends and holidays.



RICH EXTRACURRICULAR LIFE

Students can explore their interests and talents through sports, cultural events, workshops, and excursions as part of the integrative full-day concept.



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CAPACITY OF
DORMITORY



SOCIAL COUNSELING:

We strive to empower students to achieve their best in academics and life. Our programs are designed with care and precision, offering:

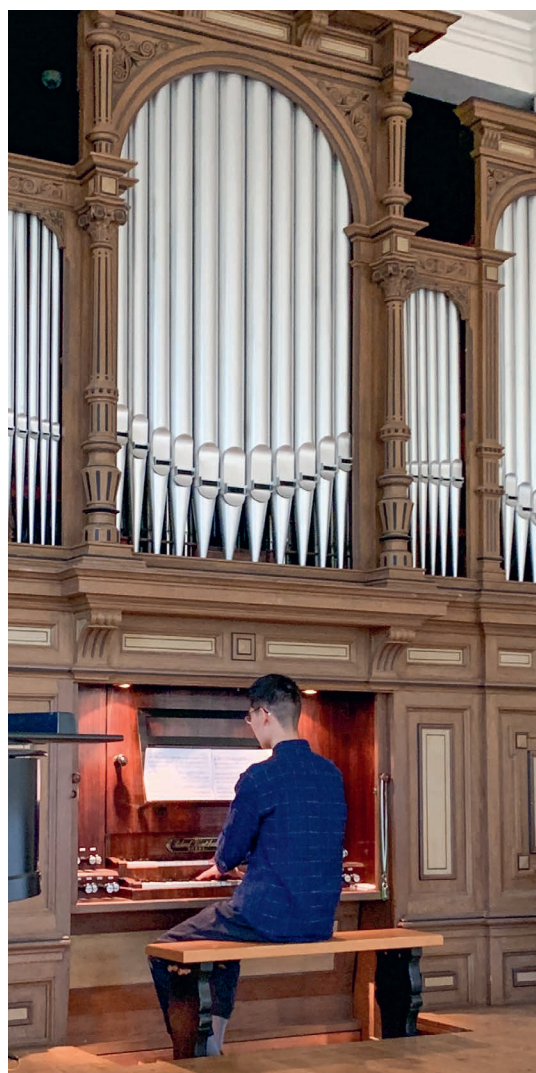
- **A HOLISTIC APPROACH:**
Supporting students through tailored programs and ensuring academic and personal success
- **GUIDANCE AND MENTORSHIP:**
Providing structured guidance and ensuring the well rounded development of character and personality
- **COLLABORATION:**
Nurturing teamwork and mutual support we encourage students to integrate into the community

Together, we build a foundation for lifelong success and global impact



Music and Arts School





The Music and Arts School offers a comprehensive program that covers all areas of a classical music school.

The instruments of the school include: Piano, guitar, flute, saxophone, violin, viola, double bass, electric bass, trombone, trumpet, tenor horn, tuba and accordion.

The students also have the opportunity to take part in band and orchestra activities. With the support of our music teachers, students can even form their own bands and ensembles.

The following activities are available in the area of fine arts:

- Pottery
- Wood printing or wood carving
- Painting and drawing
- Upcycling (creative sewing)

The way to the German Abitur at European Grammar School Waldenburg



PREPARATION YEAR

After completing the 9th grade in their home country, international students can come to EGW. During their first year at EGW, the focus is on intensive German language acquisition. Additionally, students are integrated into class activities and certain subject courses of the 9th grade to help them adapt quickly to the German education system. We emphasize the importance of students having a basic knowledge of the German language before joining EGW. Therefore, we strongly recommend starting German language studies in China. This foundational knowledge ensures a smooth transition for the students and paves the way for academic success at our school.

GRADE 10

Starting in grade 10, students fully join the regular school classes. At the same time, focused preparation for the Abitur begins. Students select their subject and course focuses, which they will deepen in the following years. In addition to regular classes, German language lessons are still offered to further strengthen their language skills and ensure they are optimally prepared.

GRADE 11 AND 12

From grade 11 onward, students are gradually and systematically prepared for the Abitur in their chosen subject areas. At the end of grade 12, students take the Abitur exam, which opens the doors to a wide range of professional and academic opportunities.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Completion of grade 9 in the home country
- Basic German language skills, good to excellent proficiency in English obligatory
- A strong academic record with good grades
- Intrinsic motivation of the students





1994
FOUNDATION



5 - 12
CLASS LEVELS

460
NUMBER
OF STUDENTS

62
NUMBER
OF TEACHERS

Up to
25
STUDENTS
CLASS SIZE

European Grammar School Waldenburg in Brief

State-approved
grammar school

GRADUATION
German Abitur
(A-Levels)

Linguistic,
Economic &
Artistic
PROFILES

English, French, Latin,
Russian, Spanish
FOREIGN LANGUAGES

24/7
CARE

365
DAYS A YEAR

120
CAPACITY OF
DORMITORY
DAYS A YEAR

Exceptional Facilities
State approved
Music and Arts School

WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART
MUSIC AND ARTS PROGRAM

MORE THAN
14
INSTRUMENTS
CAN BE LEARNED

LEARN EXPERIENCE CREATE



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make learning
a joyful journey!**