

School in Austria

The school system in Austria has changed a lot through the years. In the following part of the text the difference in education between former generations and the youth of today in Austria will be discussed.

For former generations, English was not that important as it is for the generation now. That is because many people lived in the countryside and they did not have the possibilities to speak English or to travel to a country where they had to speak English.

In contrast to the past the importance of English in the daily lives of the students has increased a lot.

Another difference is the influence of religion on education. In the past the religion has greatly influenced people's daily lives and also education. Going to church every Sunday was an absolute must. Now it is more important to get a higher education and through it a good job. In addition to that the youth now is more under pressure when it comes to learning for school. In the past, it was more important for women to learn how to cook and clean and raise the children. That is also why so many women went to domestic science schools where they learned such things.

In the country, the schools were a lot smaller than in the city. That was because many children did not have the opportunity to attend school. A reason for this was that the former generations had to help their families with farming at home.

The school system in Austria is a free and public-school system and mandatory education lasts for nine years. First, children have to go to elementary school for four years and after that they have to attend a school for lower secondary education or a grammar school for another four years. Students who want to graduate from secondary school have to spend four to five years at an institution of higher education. In the last year of school, the students take the final exams. In Austria, it is called the "Matura" or "Reifeprüfung" and after that they can go to university or begin to work.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Education_in_Austria

Leisure Time-Austria

Thinking of Austria, many people will immediately think of hiking or skiing and they are sure that these are the only activities that Austrians do in their leisure time, but there are a lot of other things Austrians do. This text should sum up the changes in leisure behaviour through the years.

In the past people were more religious than now, so there were more religious organisations which the teenagers joined in. In addition to these organisations, the youth in the countryside had to help more with the farming at home. In general, the former generations did not have so much leisure time as the youth now. Meeting their friends in their village was important for them because this was their only chance to stay in contact since they did not have smartphones or social media.

Over the years, social media have become more and more important in the daily lives of teenagers. Staying in contact has never been so easy as now. With modern means of communication like for example social platform you are able to communicate with your friends all over the world. That is also a reason why the children spend so much time on social media.

Today organised sport groups are very popular and nearly everyone does sports like soccer or volleyball. Playing an instrument is also a common way of spending their leisure time.

Of course, there are also certain hobbies which are also very common in Austria like meeting friends, going shopping, going to the cinema and playing FIFA with friends. It is very important for young people from Austria to be in contact with their friends.

Despite of the importance of having fun in their leisure time, many young people have part time jobs where they earn their first money and gain some experience in the world of work. They often have part time jobs in coffee shops or in the company of their parents.

Through the years, the pressure to do well in education has increased. The reason for this is that it is more difficult to get a good job and earn a living. Because of that many students get a lot of pressure from their parents when it comes to school.

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