1.PRESENTATION OPENING PART + CONTENT/Violeta/

Hallo everyone! We are Violeta, Valeria and Tina-Maria, students from 11th grade in 32nd Secondary school for foreign languages "St. Kliment Ohridski" and today we are going to present you our school.

On this slide you can see the content – first, we will present you some facts in a nutshell about the school and its establishment. Then we will get out of the nutshell and will present in more detail the specifics of our school as well as the educational process and school life from our point of view. And finally we will mention our sources of information.

So, now it's time to begin with our first point – ABOUT THE SCHOOL (in a nutshell)

ABOUT THE SCHOOL: /Violeta/

Our school full name is 32nd Secondary school for foreign languages "Sv. Kliment Ohridski". It is founded in 1896 as a woman secondary school. In 1954 it became a mixed school and later in 1992 it was renamed with its current name 32nd Secondary school for foreign languages "St. Kliment Ohridski".

It is located in Sofia, Bulgaria on Hristo Botev Boulevard, on the corner with Todor Alexandrov Boulevard.

Our school is one of the biggest schools in Sofia with 135 highly qualified teachers and more than 2000 students from 1st to 12th grade. It has 3 educational levels and is language focused. The provided education is bilingual that means that in gymnasium level we learn English as a main language and second optional language, for instance – German, French, Russian and Spanish. In 11th and 12th grade there are several profiling areas and also our school works in high project environment. About these 2 last points we will talk in more detail later in our presentation.

So, then let's continue with the specifics our school has.

2.1 SCHOOL SPECIFICS:/Violeta/

Just as people make a first impression of each other, so students build their first impression of the appearance and interior of the school. Thanks to the interior, our school is really very different from most schools in Bulgaria, providing us with an interesting and close to us environment in which learning becomes many times more interesting, easy and fun!

* ATMOSPHERE, INNER AND OUTER LOOK:/Violeta/
* Imperial Eagle wall

The first thing I saw from our school was the amazing graffiti on the wall overlooking the boulevard. I think it was around 2015, when my parents and I often passed by car through that building and I admired the beautiful painting of some eagles and nature. Then I was unaware that this building is a school let alone that this is the school where I will spend my high school years. On these photos you can see this incredible and memorable painting representing some Imperial Eagles. Actually, it is not just a painting. It is made by “140 ideas” working together with the Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB) over their project for protection of the Imperial Eagle in Bulgaria.

Cut Shape /Valeria/

It is divided into 2 separate blocks, and between them is a hall. . The school, in its original form, includes only from Sofroniy Vrachanski Street, and around 1960 it was added with a new wing to the east, reaching Hristo Botev Blvd. In 1999, during the construction of the subway, part of the south wing, where the amphitheater halls are located, was destroyed.

2.2 INSIDE THE SCHOOL

Classrooms and floors/Violeta/

as soon as we enter our school, the interior makes a great impression. Personally, I have never seen such a school before and I am amazed from my first day in it until today. In our school, each floor is thematic, and everyone can easily understand the theme of the floor from the thematic wallpapers in the corridors and rooms on the respective floor.

Here is probably the moment to express a special thanks to our Bulgarian language and literature teacher – Petar Alexiev, for the photos of the interior that he made for us in this pandemic situation, so we can present the charm of our school and its unique atmosphere.

So, let's start with the first floor in the main part of our school. It has a New York theme in the corridor and comic book characters in all the classrooms (you can see them on the pictures). This is the floor where English is mainly taught and also where all 8th graders mostly spend their school year.

Then on the next – second floor, we learn Bulgarian language and literature and as you can see, the floor as well as the classrooms there are full of wallpapers connected with books and literature.

Then we have the Math floor that is full of wallpapers with mathematical equations.

At the other parts of our school, we mainly learn subject such as geography, history, civil education, philosophy, physics, biology and chemistry so there the wallpapers and the paintings on the walls are again connected to the subjects we learn there.

OPEN SOFAS PLALCES ON EVERY FLOOR:/Violeta/

Another really important component for the atmosphere in our school are the big places with sofas on every floor. Unfortunately, we don’t have photos of them to show you, but just for you to imagine them, let’s say that they look like a large living room with sofas at the beginning of each floor. All the students totally love them, because there we can rest and socialize in the breaks. /Violeta/

Roof/Valeria/

What is specific about the roof of the school is that there are cabinets for information technology, a cabinet for fine arts, a cabinet for music and a library, which is very well equipped. There are a variety of books in all fields, there are also computers on which we can find the necessary information and prepare with the tasks assigned to us by the teachers. The interesting thing about the classrooms is that the windows are not in the usual place, there are built into the ceiling of the classrooms.

Interactive whiteboard/Valeria/

There is an Interactive whiteboard in each room. The teacher can write on it with a special pen. In this way the school saves money from markers, but also facilitates the way of teaching and is easier for students to learn. /Valeria/

Phone boxes/ Tina-Maria/

Each classroom has a phone box, where the students must put their phones in the beginning of the lesson. There are as many places as there are students in the class. The goal is to have concentration during the whole lesson.

2.3 Uniforms: / Tina-Maria/

As you can see our uniforms consist of shirt, pullover, and black trousers. Students from 1st to 7th grade should wear official clothes for the purpose of building an identity and confidence in early age. As a result, each student can feel a belonging to a social group, because here every individual is important. If you do not teach a person to be serious in early age, then when is the right time to do it?/Tina -Maria/

3.EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES:/Violeta/

Our school is really big and as we mentioned earlier – it has more than 2000 students and 3 educational levels as following – elementary school, pre-gymnasium and gymnasium. We can't speak musch about the first 2 educational levels because we are in this school from 8th grade till now so that’s why we will present you some facts mainly about the gymnasium level.

So, the gymnasium level begins in 8th grade and lasts till 12th grade. It is language focused and the education is bilingual that means that we learn English as main language and Spanish, German, Russian or Friench as a second language that we choose when we candidate to the school.

At the first school year in 8th grade, we learn mainly English. We have 18 English classes and 2 second language classes that in our case are German. This year is preparatory for us, so, by graduating it we are expected to possess a high-level English. It is really important because the next school year, in 9th grade, we start learning subjects such as history, biology, chemistry and geography on English.

New and interesting part are the profile areas in 11th and 12th grade. They are 4 types and we choose and candidate for them at the end of 10th grade. They are: History, Philosophy, Bulgarian language and literature, Math and IT and biology and chemistry. Our profile is Math and IT so we can tell you more only about it. As you can see on the slide, we have ….... /number/ classes …. /subject/ per week.

As a next subpoint we decided to mention that in the gymnasium level in our school we have a very interesting ways of teaching. For instance, some teacher gives us to use our telephones in class but only for education game called Kahoot that you may know. By playing it, we learn new lessons or revise previous ones in a funny and interesting for us way.

Our school has a high project environment and takes part in projects such as Erasmus+ (both for teachers and students), eTwinning school, European Parliament Ambassador school programme, educational and cultural exchange activities. Moreover, in most of our classes our teachers often give us team projects. Sometimes they are verry massive and tiring, but nevertheless they are for our good, because we learn a lot form them, develop our team work and presentation skills, as well as our imagination and creativity.

4.SCHOOL LIFE

Students council/ Tina-Maria/

The student council is the connection b/n teachers and students. We have a meeting every even week of the month to decide if we want something to organize or change for better. We have one prime minister and three commissions. The first deals with events, the second with rights and obligations and the third one, which I take part in, deals with public relations. It is important to know that your voice will be heard. /Tina -Maria/

Clubs /Valeria/

The school has various clubs such as philosophy, Bulgarian language, mathematics, chemistry, history, even knitting and others, which develop students' abilities and increase their motivation to learn through interesting activities. They develop knowledge and skills needed for the future. They make many new friendships in clubs

Teambuilding (8th grade) / Tina-Maria/

All students enrolled at these school after graduation in 7th grade go to a 3-day teambuilding, where they develop their communication skills, teamwork, and strategy. During these days’ students work with psychologists on various projects and play games.

Foreign school exchange / Tina-Maria/

Every year the school organize various students exchanges abroad. You can wide your worldview and meet friends for life. Also, you can improve your language skills, see foreign cultures, you can look through different eyes. It is a good experience for you to take part in such programs because you learn how to express you opinion and how to be more tolerant for everything ( for example the cultures of other participants)