

Data, Facts, Numbers

The Neue Schule Wolfsburg is an **independent private school; officially recognised** by government authorities. The Neue Schule Wolfsburg gGmbH, a limited liability company, does not trade or conduct business with a view to profit; it is a non-profit organisation. The school is governed by a board of representatives from the Volkswagen Group, Wolfsburg AG and the City Council of Wolfsburg. They are cooperative partners in the development and establishment of the school. The Chairman of the board is Mr. Oliver Syring.

The Neue Schule Wolfsburg is a comprehensive co-educational Year 1 to Year 13 day school. Students leave the school with **accredited qualifications based on the German school system** up to the **Allgemeine Hochschulreife (Abitur)**, the general entrance qualification for higher education and to German institutions of higher education and universities. The school development is still in progress and should be completed by 2017.

The pedagogical concept of the Neue Schule Wolfsburg accentuates individual student learning and internationality. Science and Technology, Art and Culture, Business and Economy are emphasised curriculum elements. Information about the pedagogical concept is available under: www.neue-schule-wolfsburg.de

The Neue Schule Wolfsburg is located at Heinrich-Heine-Straße 36, **in the City Centre of Wolfsburg** and will be extensively extended within the next years. Temporary classrooms are also used at a nearby school. The Wolfsburg Planetarium, the Wolfsburg Theatre, the Wolfsburg Art Gallery, and the Wolfsburg Public Library are within walking distance to the school.

The Principal Helga Boldt leads the school with the **School Leadership Team**: Katja Krull, Head of Primary School (Year 1 – 4), Julia Bernabéu Reetz, Head of Junior School (Year 5 – 7), Sonja Hartelt-Bördeling, Head of Middle School (Year 8 – 10), Dr. Klaus-Peter Nieschulz, Head of Senior School (Year 11 - 13) and Dr. Brigitta Ritter, Head of Teaching and Learning and Curriculum Development. Currently the school has 143 **permanent staff members** composed of 108 teachers, 7 trainee teachers and 14 professionals for social learning (social pedagogy), as well as system administration staff, office administration staff, media support staff and grounds and building maintenance. Many staff have had experience in a variety of different occupational fields, are proficient in a range of languages and have a diverse international background. English, Spanish and Chinese are taught by native speakers.

For the **school year 2017/2018**, the school will have a total enrolment of 988 students.

Primary School: 160 students in 8 'learning-groups' (Composite classes; mixed age groups from Year 1 to Year 4).

Secondary School: 528 students for Years 5 to 10 (4 classes per year level)

Student numbers per class are limited to: 20 in Primary School and 22 in Secondary School.

Senior School (Years 11-13): 100 students per year group.

Languages taught: **English** (starting in Year 1), English and **Spanish** (starting in Year 5), **Latin** (starting in Year 8 as an elective (compulsory option subjects)).

Chinese is offered to some students as an **additional elective**. **Non-German speaking students** are given support in learning **German as a second language**.

Approximately 20% to 30% of students can communicate in a language other than their first language. **English and Spanish** are the languages mostly spoken and are therefore also **taught at an advanced level**.

Starting in Year 6, "Studies of Society and Environment" is offered in English (The so called bilingual or "BILI" class).

An **academic advisory group** provides guidance and professional support. This academic advisory group is led by Christian Fischer, Professor for Educational Research and School Pedagogy: Research of giftedness and Individual Education at the University of Münster.

All students participate in **diagnostic testing** once enrolled at the Neue Schule Wolfsburg. The testing is conducted in cooperation with the International Centre for the Study of Giftedness from the University of Münster.

School starts every day at 7.30 am with a non-compulsory open early-learning-session, offering remedial classes and additional individual learning support. Compulsory classes begin at 8.15 am. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays school **finishes** at 3.45 pm. Wednesdays and Fridays school

finishes at 2 pm. After school care is available at the school on five afternoons: Monday to Thursday until 5 pm and on Friday until 4 pm. On Wednesdays additional **extra-curricular activities** are offered until 3.45 pm. (soccer, indoor sports in the 'Black Box', inside and outside free games, 'Kochmützen' cooking, dancing, pottery, textile art classes, Martial Arts: Wushu, Programming Club and many more).

Eating together is part of the school's cultural idea and reflects the school philosophy. All students share breakfast with their class before first break and eat lunch together at the school cafeteria. A warm lunch is cooked at the cafeteria in the Congress Park Complex adjoining the school grounds. Parents volunteer to prepare the meals alongside with kitchen staff. The school's food concept gets support from the AutoVision GmbH.

Parents play an active part in the establishment of the school. They serve on the School Council and Parent Involvement Committee, volunteer for field trips and school activities, make sure classrooms are tidy and regularly renovated, help with homework and reading, offer extra-curricular activities and supervise independent student study times, meet with teachers, maintain the school grounds, support the school canteen and supervise the self-study areas and in the IT-Room.

The Neue Schule Wolfsburg **does not charge tuition fees**. Parents make an advanced monthly payment of 100 Euros (85 Euros Senior School, years 11 – 13) to cover the costs for food (breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack during after school care). This fee can be reduced under certain circumstances. There is an additional monthly fee of 25 Euros to cover the costs for stationary, photocopying and smaller excursions.

Almost all parents are members of the **School Support Association or Parent Committee** (Förderverein). The monthly contribution varies according to the annual income. The School Support Association plays an important part in supporting the school's operation and establishment.

Upcoming dates

- This year's **Golden Day** takes place on Thursday, 14th **June 2018** between **2.00 pm and 4.00 pm**. On this day the students present the results of their work from all areas of school life. The public is also invited.
- Regular **information events** are open to everyone with a general interest. The next events are held on Wednesday, **15th November 2017**, from **4.00 pm to 6.00 pm** and on Wednesday, **23th May 2018** from **4.00 pm to 6.00 pm**. Interested individuals can register in advance at the school office.

Application dates for the school year 2018/2019

Information session for **Year 1**:

Wednesday, 10th January 2018, from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm, Atrium, Neue Schule Wolfsburg

Information session for **Year 5**:

Wednesday, 7th February 2018, from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm, Atrium, Neue Schule Wolfsburg

The enrolment process opens at the end of the information session for the upcoming school year 2018/2019. The enrolment process closes on **20th January 2018, for Primary School** and on **17th February 2018, for Secondary School**.

Early applications will not be accepted. Applications from abroad need to be made during this specified timeframe using the same forms, available online through the school's website. Enquiries can be made by contacting the school. Enrolment during the school year, outside the application period, is not possible as class sizes are limited (20 students in Primary School and 22 students in Secondary School). In all year levels we accept students outside of the regular enrolment period only if a vacancy arises as a result of a student departing permanently.

Information session for **Senior School (Year 11)**:

Wednesday, 10th January 2018, from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm, Atrium, Neue Schule Wolfsburg

The application process closes on **20th February 2018**.

100 students will be admitted to Year 11.

Students can choose to focus on one of the following areas of study: **linguistic, artistic, social scientific, technical or natural scientific**.

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