

## **Gymnázium Jozefa Lettricha in Martin, Slovakia**

### **A modern centre of education - a place for mutual dialogue among students, parents, teachers and the community**

#### **Foundation**

Gymnázium Jozefa Lettricha was founded in 1993 in the city of Martin, located in the Turiec region of central Slovakia. It belongs to the most reputable schools in the region. Since 1 September 2003, Gymnázium Jozefa Lettricha has been a specialized grammar school, complete with the proper combination of faculty and resources. It is a secondary grammar school with 8 years of study ending in a comprehensive final exam. The annual application rate for first year students consistently exceeds school capacity. Accepted students work closely with teachers to develop to their full potential. It is a diverse place offering a wide range of opportunities for its students.

#### **Educational process**

Students start at the age of 11 and finish at 19. Each student interested in studying at school has to pass an entrance exam in Slovak language and Mathematics. This type of school prepares students for further study at university, though the skills a student acquires at Gymnázium Jozefa Lettricha are also immanently valuable throughout life. After passing their compulsory final examinations, students are able to display a wide array of competencies. Each graduate must be able to communicate in two foreign languages, use technology, and practice critical, lateral and logical thinking.

The leadership team consists of the headmaster and his 2 deputies. The academic faculty is made up of teachers covering a diverse spectrum of disciplines. Administrators manage the school in collaboration with the School Council, Parents' Council and Students' Parliament.

#### **Equipment and resources**

Responding to opportunities our students are given after their graduation, we focused our curriculum on various fields of study. The school is outfitted with special laboratories and classrooms for Multimedia studies, Informatics, Social studies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Foreign languages, Slovak language, Mathematics. The school offers a reconstructed sport area for various types of sports and games.

#### **Extracurricular activities**

Every year, our students and academic faculty participate in several extracurricular events. Throughout the school year, students have the opportunity to attend competitions, dance courses, sporting events, language courses, handcraft courses, local and international excursions, debates, discussions and many others. Students are encouraged to develop creativity and a strong sense of self. One of our school's greatest achievements has been the annual students' school magazine, *Gymlet*. It has been rewarded several times as the best Slovak secondary school magazine. We publish our annual almanac (year book) which highlights and commemorates the events of the school year.

## **International Cooperation**

The school organizes exchange stays in cooperation with schools Montessori Lyceum in the Netherland and Mendelovo Gymnazium in the Czech Republic. These are short-term exchanges where students essentially focus on getting to know the new country and its culture. The school enables students to study abroad in various countries.