



Profile of the Kopernikus Gymnasium Wissen for an Erasmus+ Teaching Assistance

For the school year 2014/2015 the Kopernikus Gymnasium Wissen (KGW) is looking for a Teaching Assistant for the French language in the framework of Erasmus+. If an assistance in French is not possible, a Spanish assistance would be suitable as well.

The KGW is situated in Wissen, a small town in the Westerwald, a picturesque region with much to offer. Whether hiking, biking, going on a mushroom foray or visiting one of the many towns with half-timbered houses, there is something to do for everyone. If you prefer big cities, Wissen is on a direct railway line to Cologne and Bonn. Within one hour you are standing in front of the Cologne Dom or walk through the old town center of Bonn. From Cologne and Bonn many other cities of the Ruhr region can be visited with their respective sites.

The KGW is a secondary school who is teaching students from grade 5 to 13. This is quite exceptional in Rhineland-Palatinate. Through a cooperation with the local Realschule+ students are taught jointly in grade 5 and 6 before deciding for which track (Realschule or Gymnasium) they are chosen. The KGW is offering something exceptional in their middle school as well. Here, in grade 7 to 10, the school is offering classes for gifted students, a program from Rhineland-Palatinate. Instead of 4 years, they can finish middle school in only three years and remain in a homogenous group. There is also the chance to go through middle school in so-called laptop classes. Here, students are working multimedia-based in special rooms designed for these classes.

The school pays attention to always offer a wide range of advanced classes from grade 11 to 13. Besides English, French, German, math, biology, chemistry, physics, geology, history and social sciences, regularly art, sports and Latin are offered as advanced classes. Furthermore, the KGW



is one of the first schools in Rhineland-Palatinate who is offering performing arts as a basic class from grade 11 on. Also students participate in a professional practical training in grade 11.

The KGW is offering French as a second foreign language from grade 6 to grade 13. While in the beginning all students share classes, in grade 11 they can choose between basic and advanced French classes. Spanish is the third foreign language. Classes are offered from grade 11 to 13 at the moment. In September 2014 this is expected to change. From then on Spanish can be chosen from grade 9 onwards. This will allow the KGW to offer basic and advanced Spanish classes from grade 11 to 13. In both languages the team is young and motivated with many new ideas to implement.

The school has different exchanges to offer. In French an exchange with Collège Louise Michel from Changy is organized on a regular basis. Furthermore there is an exchange with the Jan Kilinski Liceum from Krapkowice, Poland. An exchange with a Spanish school is to be established. Furthermore a Rwanda group is engaged in an exchange with "Centre Scolaire Cyivugiza" from Rwanda. A first trip was organized in the beginning of 2014 and other exchanges are to follow.

Different working groups exist for multiple years already such as the school choir, the school journal "Chronoskop", the theatre group, the school band "Friday Afternoon", a mediation group, the GLOBE group, a first aid group and many more. Furthermore, since August 2012 the KGW is a training school for teachers.

A Teaching Assistant has multiple ways of fitting into the school. Of course the assistant could teach own classes and/or teach in a team with one of our colleagues. This would give him/her the chance to deepen his/her teaching skills. He/She could also contribute to the exchange program or offer a study group for students who want to improve their language further. The school is open to other new ideas the Teaching Assistant would bring to the school.

For the school year 2014/2015 the KGW would be delighted to welcome an Erasmus+ Teaching Assistant and is looking forward to your positive response.

For further questions please do not hesitate to contact us any time.