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Overview

Da Vinci International College provides boarding students with a safe and caring home from home. Students share beautifully furnished ensuite rooms for up to three students. Each room comes complete with study space storage and television.

The boarding facility is on campus and adjacent to the main teaching block. This means that students do not have to travel from dormitory to school and they are secure within the school campus itself.

The boarding facility is led by a live-in house matron who is on call at any time from 16:30 to the start of morning lessons. Matron is supported by other residential and non-residential staff members such as teaching assistants, security staff, housekeepers and teachers.

Boarding staff share meals with the students, care for the children when they are ill and generally take care of their day-to-day needs. In addition, our boarding matrons organise evening activities and weekend excursions as well as maintain close communication with parents.

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BOARDERS

The boarding facility at Da Vinci International College is available for any student between the ages of 14 to 19 wishing to live and study in Bratislava. All boarders are housed separately on the ground floor.

Boarding is available from Year 7 and upwards, although some students choose to remain day pupils throughout their time at the college. Boarding at Da Vinci International College is flexible; children have the option of boarding from 2 or more nights depending on what best suits their needs. Younger students may start with two nights or more per week and gradually increase this as they progress through the School and grow in confidence. For the last two years in the School, the majority of students board full-time

Some boarders choose to go home to their families or to guardians at the end of the school week or Saturday morning and return on to Sunday evening or Monday morning. Those students who are full-boarders and normally stay at weekends often choose to return home for either a long weekend or school holidays. This means that few boarders spend more than four consecutive weekends at the school without going out to family and friends.

Any boarder is entitled to stay for the weekend at the School. Occasionally, day pupils may also board at weekends and are charged accordingly. However, this option is only available if there is free dormitory space.

The Boarding Facility

Girls and boys reside in different sections of the facility located in our beautiful, lake-side campus.

- 01** 24-hour supervision by our experienced residential staff
- 02** Evening and weekend excursions and activities led by our residential staff
- 03** Three meals per-day plus three snacks daily, with access to the kitchen and dining hall throughout the day. The menu provides a choice of three options at each mealtime
- 04** Luxury accommodation with dormitories accommodating between 2 and 3 young people. Shared common room with television and internet access
- 05** Access to all school facilities including the swimming pool, gyms and gardens
- 06** Counselling service delivered offered by our residential staff
- 07** A friendly and supportive environment in which to live
- 08** Excellent location with public transport easily accessible to anywhere in the city
- 10** Daily cleaning service with launderette on site
- 11** English speaking staff with English language lessons provided by native speakers
- 12** All rooms are completely renovated to state-of-the-art boarding standards, with individual workspaces, Wi-Fi internet access, and ensuite bathrooms. Rooms are shared by two or three students, depending on age and availability. Each room has cupboards, shelves and pin-boards, storage for shoes, clothes, school material, decorations, smaller instruments or sports equipment as well as a small lockable safe for valuable and personal items.
- 13** The Da Vinci boarding facility is closed during the three main school holidays in Winter, Spring and Summer. Boarders usually return home during this time.



Schedule

THE SCHOOL DAY

07:00 - 08:00

Breakfast served in the main dining hall

08:15 - 08:30

Classes, breaks, lunch at the main dining hall

08:30 - 09:15

Afternoon snack, after school activities,
afternoon study, free time

09:20 - 10:05

Evening Meal in the main dining hall

10:05 - 10:30

18.00 - 18.30

Evening activities

10:30 - 11:15

Evening snack, free time*

11:20 - 12:05

11.20 - 12.05
Bed and lights out

BED TIME

Pupils' normal bedtimes are as follows:

20:00 - 21:00

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showers and time in the Common Room

22:00

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Bed and lights out

(depending on age of students)

Boarding staff are assisted by Matron in overseeing the pupils' bedtime routine, until approximately 10.00 pm. The 'on-call' matron is responsible for the boarders throughout the night until 7am the following morning. The 'on-call' Matron is also supported by boarding staff supervising students via a duty rota to ensure that at least one member of staff is responsible for each dormitory through the night.

Schedule

WEEKENDS

Saturday

09:00 - 10:00

Breakfast is available in the main dining hall

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch served in the main dining hall

14:00 - 18:00

**Excursions and/or Boarding Activities
(times and dates according to the House
Weekend Programmes)**

18:00 - 19:00

Dinner served in the boarding kitchen

19:00 - 19:30

Free time or Boarding Activities

Sunday

08:00 - 09:00

Early Bird breakfast is available in the main dining hall

11:00 - 12:00

Family brunch served in the boarding main dining hall

12:00 - 18:00

Free time and/or Boarding Activities (times and dates according to the House Weekend Programmes)

18:00 - 19:00

Dinner served in the main dining hall

19:00 - 19:30

House meeting

Healthy Living

Da Vinci International College promotes healthy living and balanced lifestyles for all members of the school community. We take the personal health and safety of all our boarders extremely seriously and to this end we monitor our provision as follows:

HEALTHY NUTRITION

Boarding students are provided with 6 meals per day – breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, dinner and evening snack. Our extensive kitchen facility means that we can provide a range of healthy choices to meet the dietary needs of individual students. The kitchen is always open and available at all times. On weekends, students also have the option of preparing their own meals. All of our food is prepared on site by our registered school chef, who prepares a variety of fresh, seasonal Slovak and international dishes.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND TIME- MANAGEMENT

The academic needs of our boarders is catered for by our house matron and other boarding staff. Boarders are given support with homework, study projects, revision and enrichment activities. In this, our boarding staff help students make smart choices regarding time management to ensure they maintain a balanced life style. Boarding staff and teachers also support our boarders with their extra-curricular activities, hobbies and interests.

Parents are sent a regular newsletter to inform them about life at Da Vinci and announce upcoming events, excursions and so on. Information regarding individual students is communicated via school reports, personal emails or by telephone. For urgent matters, illness, inappropriate behaviour or other unforeseen incidents, parents will be informed immediately. Family members are always welcome to visit Da Vinci, although we would suggest that parents of boarders visit during weekends or short holidays to avoid disrupting school life.





PERSONAL SAFETY

Da Vinci takes the safety and protection of its pupils very seriously. All boarding staff must have Health and Safety and Child Protection Training (renewed every 2 years maximum). New boarding staff arriving between official courses must undertake a full safeguarding induction with Matron who is the designated senior person for child protection before carrying out boarding duties.

Boarding Staff must report any concerns to Matron as soon as possible (or Head Teacher in her absence) regardless of how small they may seem as. All concerns recorded and communicated to parents when necessary.

Boarding students receive regular briefings and training about personal safety:

- Regular fire drills in the boarding houses
- Slovak traffic and youth protection law
- Da Vinci policies and procedures for leaving the school campus

PASTORAL CARE

Members of staff have the option of living rent-free in an apartment on the school premises. Members of staff opting to live on campus are required to carryout boarding duties for a period of one half-day per week on a rota basis. Our boarding matron provides guidance and instructions for all residence boarding staff. Additional Duty Staff are employed at weekends to provide supervisions, lead in-school activities and supervise off-campus excursions.

EXCURSIONS

Our school is ideally located within easy reach of Vienna, Brno, Budapest and Prague. On some weekends, Matron will organise excursions off campus to these and many other locations of interest.

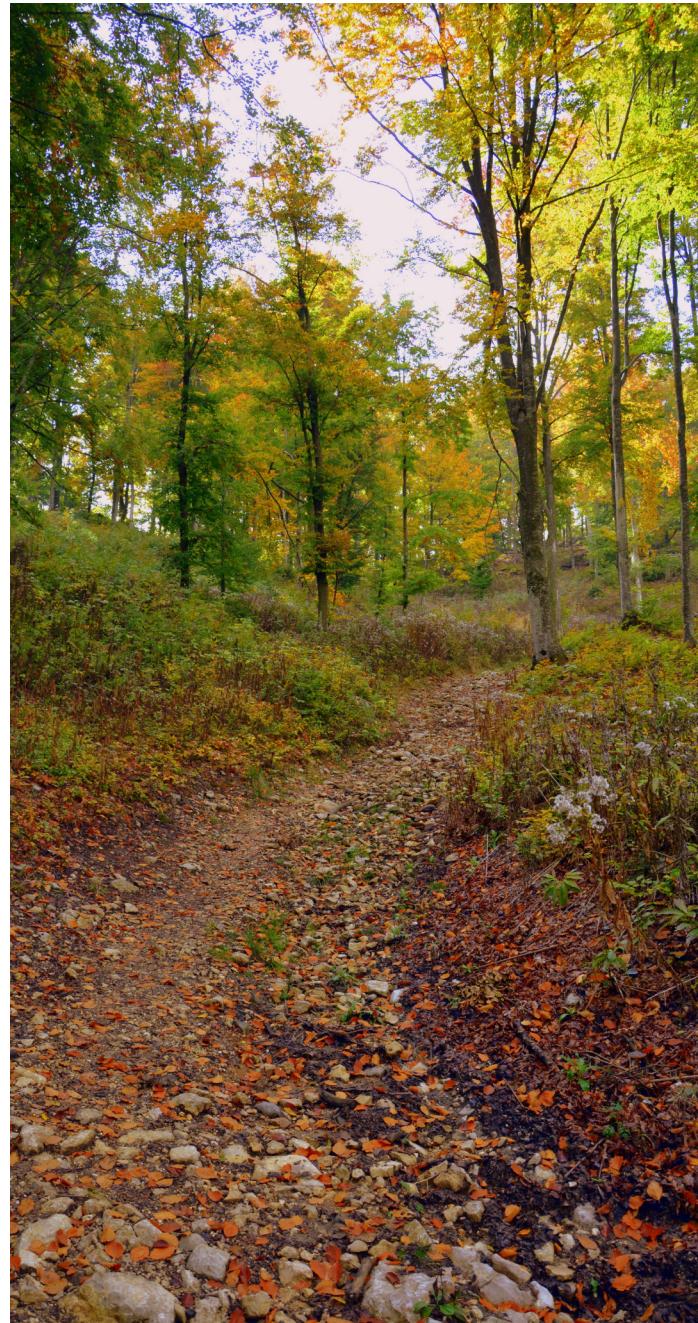
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Within Bratislava we encourage boarders to take advantage of a wide range of recreational activities and excursions. These include:

- Bowling
- Cinema
- Theatre trips
- Sporting activities and events
- Rock climbing
- Horse riding
- And much more

For some students, living away from home can be a daunting prospect. Da Vinci therefore places the physical and emotional well-being of boarding students above all else. Our boarding staff strive to make Da Vinci Boarding feel like a home from home. To this end we join our students in times of celebration and achievement while supporting them through challenging times. These may include:

- Birthdays, jubilees, religious festivals, happy and sad family matters
- Academic pressure, success and failure
- Rejection, new friendships, personal and professional relationships
- Body images, anxieties and fashion trends
- Colds and infections, cuts and bruises
- Childhood, puberty and adolescence



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WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE!**

You could have the chance to experience what life is like in our boarding school with a free trial stay in selected dormitories.

IDEAL LOCATION

Da Vinci International College is situated just outside the centre of Bratislava, Slovakia. It is no more than a five-minute walk from shops, supermarket, restaurants and post office. It is also located near to the largest hospital complex in Slovakia.





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