

About the Department

Internationale Klasse

The **Internationale Klasse** (international class) (**IK**) is a one-year, full-time course which is exclusively for young people of compulsory vocational school age (16 – 18*), who have recently arrived in Germany.

The main purpose of the IK is to help pupils learn the German language as well as basic mathematical skills and practical vocational skills in the fields of woodwork and design. Furthermore, pupils acquire an orientational knowledge of topics such as life in Germany, the school and education system and the world of work.

At the end of the course, successful pupils are awarded a qualification equivalent to the first secondary school certificate, which is awarded after the ninth school year in Germany (Hauptschulabschluss nach Klasse 9). Successful pupils are those who can prove that they have achieved level A2/B1 in German according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in the skills of listening and reading as well as writing and speaking. In addition to that, pupils are required to complete a work placement.

Obtaining a school qualification opens up other opportunities for pupils, such as starting vocational training in their chosen career or continuing their education in another course of study at a vocational college.

Some pupils arrive in Germany after the beginning of the academic year. In order to give these new-comers the best chances of finding their feet in Germany, as far as language and the school system are concerned, we have a class called “**Fit für Mehr**” (FFM). This is a full-time introductory course and precedes the IK. Pupils acquire a basic knowledge of the German language, Maths, Cultural Studies, Politics and Social Studies. For their participation in the FFM course, pupils receive a certificate at the end of the school year. They then automatically go on to continue their schooling in the IK in the following academic year.

Above and beyond the school curriculum, our pupils get additional support in matters of education and careers as well as in personal matters from our school social workers and from organisations we co-operate with, such as the Jugendmigrationsdienst (an advisory bureau for young immigrants), the Flüchtlingsrat (refugees’ council) and the Bundesagentur für Arbeit (Federal Employment Office).

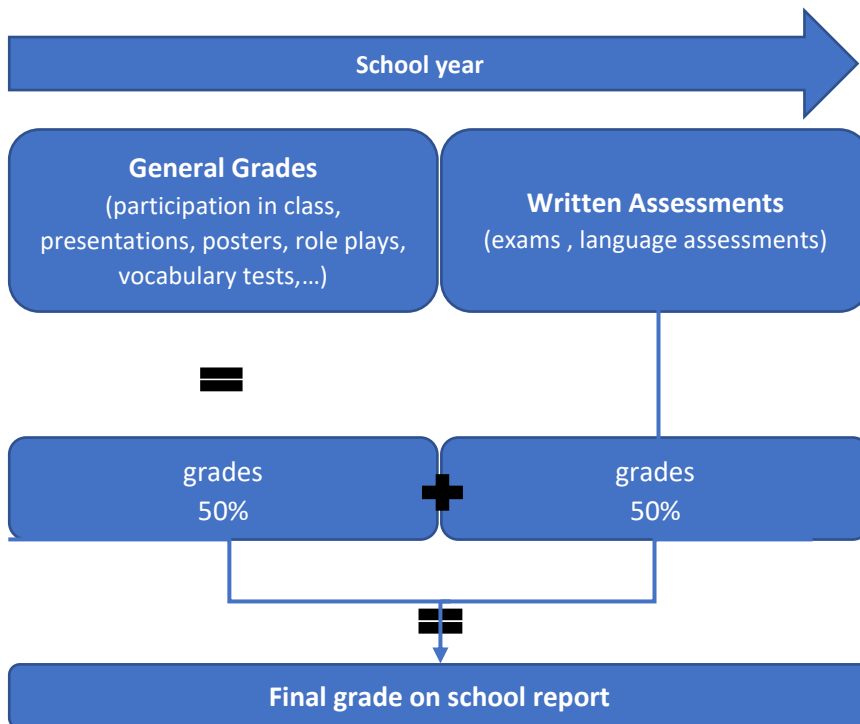
Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements: Pupils must be of compulsory vocational school age (16 to 18 years*), have a command of the Roman alphabet and be able to prove that they have had the necessary medical examination at the Gesundheitsamt (Public Health Department). Furthermore, they must not have already completed a year or more of schooling in an international class at another school.

Other Requirements: Pupils should also go to a Kommunales Integrationszentrum (Communal Integration Centre) in Leverkusen, Bergisch-Gladbach or Kreis Mettmann for education counselling. Here they will get advice on school enrolment.

*Please note that pupils who turn 18 **during** the academic year are of compulsory vocational school age.

Assessment in the IK



Subjects in the IK

Vocational subjects

Vocational skills¹:

Woodwork (Company Organisation, Product Construction)

Design (Surface and Object Design, Operating Schedules and Production)

Mathematics

English

Interdisciplinary Subjects

German/Communication

Religious Studies

Sport/Health Promotion

Politics/Social Studies

Supplementary Courses

Extra German

Extra English

Career Studies

Cultural Studies

¹ Options

Subjects in the FFM

Vocational Subjects

Mathematics

Interdisciplinary Subjects

German/Communication

Religious Studies

Sport/Health Promotion

Politics/Social Studies

Supplementary Courses

Cultural Studies

Contact Person

Sarah-Louise Rowe (Course Co-ordinator)

Projects and Excursions

- Participation in centralised language exam: Das Deutsche Sprachdiplom (DSD) (German Language Diploma).
- Careers orientation programme by the Kultusministerium (Ministry of Education)
- Sex education project
- Games project "Spielebox" in co-operation with pupils from the department for Health and Social Studies.
- Class trips

Registration

Please submit the following for your registration:

- + Registration form (Anmeldeformular)
- + Registration via Schüler online
- + (If available) last school report and translation (unless in English)
- + Written confirmation that a medical examination has been carried out by the Public Health Department (Gesundheitsamt).

For all enquiries regarding school enrolment, please contact: s.rowe@bk-opladen.de