

Moving on from primary school to year 5 – general information

Dear parents,

Your child is beginning a new phase of life. Their time at primary school is coming to an end and they will soon change to year 5. Your child will make new friends and will usually have to travel a little further than their immediate home area to attend school. With this flyer we would like to give you some important information regarding this major step towards independence.

The city of Oldenburg has a wide selection of schools which your child can attend from year 5: Oberschulen (upper schools), Integrierte Gesamtschulen (integrated comprehensive schools) and Gymnasien (academic high schools). They can also continue to attend a Förderschule (school for children with learning difficulties). Every one of these schools does exceptional work. We therefore recommend that you find out about what all the different schools have to offer. A good way to start is to take a look at the website of the schools.

Places are limited in all of the schools, so please pay attention to the registration dates on the reverse. Only then will you have the greatest possible chance of getting a place for your child at your chosen school

All schools in Oldenburg implement inclusion policies. You can find out more on this topic via the city of Oldenburg's website www.oldenburg.de/inklusion

You can find general information on the schools in Oldenburg from our website www.oldenburg.de/schule

Oberschulen (upper schools)

The Oberschule Alexanderstraße, Oberschule Eversten, Oberschule Ofenerdiek and Oberschule Osternburg are owned by the city of Oldenburg. In all these schools the pupils are not streamed (taught in groups according to educational ability) in the initial years.

At the upper schools the pupils can learn a second foreign language as well as develop a focus on either economics, technology or health and social subjects. The high level of practical experience offered, as well as solid career orientation, are particularly outstanding. All leaving examinations of the Sekundarbereich I (secondary level I) can be taken at these upper schools. If the pupils achieve the Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss I (extended secondary examination I) in year 10 they are allowed to attend the Oberstufe (senior level) at an academic high school (Gymnasium) or a comprehensive school (Gesamtschule). This educational route then leads to the general higher education entrance qualification (Abitur) required to attend universities etc.

You should register at the school you are interested in for your child. Every child is guaranteed a place in an upper school. However the Oldenburg City Council has decided on fixed processes to speed up the procedure. This means that if there are too many registrations, you are not entitled to have a place at a specific upper school. We therefore recommend that you give a second and also possibly a third choice on your registration form, in order to increase the chances of gaining a place at one of these schools.

You can find further information on the websites of the schools:

Oberschule Alexanderstraße	www.obs-alex.de
Oberschule Eversten	www.obs-eversten.de
Oberschule Ofenerdiek	www.obs-ofenerdiek.de
Oberschule Osternburg	www.obs-osternburg.de

As well as the upper schools owned by the city, there is also the Catholic-owned Paulus-Schule:

Paulus-Schule	www.paulus-ol.de
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Integrierte Gesamtschulen (integrated comprehensive schools)

The Integrierte Gesamtschule Helene-Lange-Schule, Integrierte Gesamtschule Flötenteich and Integrierte Gesamtschule Kreyenbrück are owned by the city of Oldenburg. The schools have different profiles. In all these integrated comprehensive schools the pupils are not streamed (taught in groups according to educational ability) in the initial years. At the senior level (Oberstufe), the schools work together with the academic high schools (Gymnasien), meaning that pupils have the choice of almost any combination of subjects.

The integrated comprehensive schools enable pupils to develop a specialist focus; for example French or Spanish can be learned as a second foreign language. All leaving examinations of the Sekundarbereich I and also the general university entrance qualification (Abitur) can be taken.

In the initial years, the pupils do not receive attainment grades but learning development reports instead. Pupils progress automatically to the next year up to year 10 (i.e. pupils cannot be forced to repeat a year).

You should register at the school you are interested in for your child. There is no automatic entitlement to a place in an integrated comprehensive school. It is therefore a good idea to think about possible alternative schools if your child does not get a place at your first choice school.

You can find further information on the websites of the schools:

Integrierte Gesamtschule Flötenteich	www.igs-floetenteich.de
Integrierte Gesamtschule Helene-Lange-Schule	www.hls-ol.de
Integrierte Gesamtschule Kreyenbrück	www.igs-kreyenbrueck.de

As well as the integrated comprehensive schools of the city of Oldenburg there is also the Freie Waldorfschule Oldenburg and the Freie Schule Oldenburg:

Freie Waldorfschule Oldenburg	www.waldorf-oldenburg.de
Freie Schule Oldenburg	www.freie-gesamtschule-oldenburg.de

Gymnasien (academic high schools)

The Alte Gymnasium, Gymnasium Cäcilienchule, Gymnasium Eversten, Herbartgymnasium and the Neue Gymnasium are owned by the city of Oldenburg. The schools have different profiles. All Gymnasien (academic high schools) have their own senior level (Oberstufe) that leads to the higher education entrance qualification (Abitur) necessary to attend university etc. At the same time, all the academic high schools work together and also with the integrated comprehensive schools, meaning that pupils can almost always study their chosen subjects.

You should register at the school you are interested in for your child. Every child is guaranteed a place at an academic high school. However the Oldenburg City Council has decided on fixed processes to speed up the procedure. This means that if there are too many registrations, you are not entitled to have a place at a specific academic high school. We therefore recommend that you give a second and also possibly a third choice on your registration form, in order to increase the chances of gaining a place at one of these schools.

You can find further information on the websites of the schools:

Altes Gymnasium	www.altesgymnasium.de
Gymnasium Cäcilienchule	www.caeci.de
Gymnasium Eversten	www.gymnasium-eversten.de
Herbartgymnasium	www.herbartgymnasium.de
Neues Gymnasium	www.neuesgymnasium.de

As well as the academic high schools owned by the city of Oldenburg, there is also the Catholic-owned Liebfrauenschule Gymnasium. There is also Graf-Anton-Günther-Schule owned by the district of Oldenburg, however it does not accept pupils from the city of Oldenburg.

Gymnasium Liebfrauenschule	www.liebfrauenschule.de
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Information events during the 2023/2024 school year

Oberschule Alexanderstraße

- Friday 10 March 2023, 10:30am to 12:15pm Open Day
- Monday 15 May 2023, 7pm

Oberschule Eversten

- Monday 20 March 2023, 6pm

Oberschule Ofenerdiek

- Thursday 9 March 2023, Open Day (see school website for times)
- Monday 13 March 2023, 7:30pm

Oberschule Osternburg

- Thursday 16 March 2023, 9:30am to 12:30pm Open Day
- Thursday 16 March 2023, 7pm
- Thursday 20 April 2023, 7pm

Integrierte Gesamtschule Flötenteich

- Thursday 24 November 2022, 9am to 12:30pm Open Day
- Thursday 16 March 2023, 7pm
- Tuesday 21 March 2023, 7pm only digital

Integrierte Gesamtschule Helene-Lange-Schule

- Tuesday 7 March 2023, 7:30pm
- Thursday 16 March 2023, 12:30pm Open Day

Integrierte Gesamtschule Kreyenbrück

- Thursday 2 March 2023, 9am to 12 noon Open Day
- Wednesday 8 March 2023, 7pm

Altes Gymnasium

- Saturday 4 February 2023, 9:30am Open Day
- Thursday 23 March 2023, 7pm

Gymnasium Cäcilien- und Marienschule

- Saturday 18 February 2023, 10am to 1pm
- Thursday 23 February 2023, 6pm for the music special focus

Gymnasium Eversten

- Saturday 11 March 2023, 10am to 1pm

Herbartgymnasium

- Monday 13 February 2023, 5pm
- Saturday 4 March 2023, 10am to 12 noon for the brass, woodwind and voice class

Neues Gymnasium

- Saturday 11 February 2023, 10am to 1pm

Paulus-Schule

- Wednesday 15 March 2023, 2pm to 5pm Open Day

Gymnasium Liebfrauenschule

- Saturday 25 February 2023, 9am to 1pm Open Day

Freie Schule Oldenburg

- Saturday 10 December 2022, 10am to 1pm Transparent School Day
- Saturday 11 February 2023, 10am to 1pm Transparent School Day
- Tuesday 14 March 2023, 7:30pm

Registration times for the 2023/2024 school year

City-owned upper schools (Städtische Oberschulen)

- Tuesday 23 May 2023, 8am to 12 noon
- Wednesday 24 May 2023, 8am to 12 noon and 3pm to 5pm
- Thursday 25 May 2023, 8am to 12 noon

City-owned integrated comprehensive schools (Städtische Integrierte Gesamtschulen)

- Wednesday 26 April 2023, 2pm to 6pm
- Thursday 27 April 2023, 8am to 12 noon and 1pm to 6pm
- Friday 28 April 2023, 8am to 1pm

City-owned academic high schools (Städtische Gymnasien)

- Tuesday 23 May 2023, 8am to 12 noon
- Wednesday 24 May 2023, 8am to 12 noon and 3pm to 5pm
- Thursday 25 May 2023, 8am to 12 noon

Paulus-Schule

- Registration possible at any time, registration closes on 24 March 2023

Gymnasium Liebfrauenschule

- Monday 6 March 2023, 2pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 7 March 2023, 2pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 8 March 2023, 2pm to 6pm

Freie Waldorfschule Oldenburg

- Registration possible at any time

Freie Schule Oldenburg

- Registration possible at any time

Please bring the child's half-year report for year 4 (1. Halbjahreszeugnis, 4te Klasse) in original (not a copy) Please ask the respective school if you need to bring other documents with you.

At the moment it is not possible to say in advance how the coronavirus situation will be at the time of the information events and registration dates, and whether these can take place in the planned form. Please therefore find out in good time from the school in case any changes have to take place.

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If you have general questions for the city of Oldenburg, please get in touch with the ServiceCenter on 0441 235-4444 or via email servicecenter@stadt-oldenburg.de.

