




# A Guide for Candidates



# Setting free young dreams







# MULTILINGUAL AND MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION



## Our School Values put children at the core of their own learning

- We respect ourselves, we respect others and we respect our school.
- We act and speak with kindness.
- We take responsibility for what we say and do.
- We show tolerance towards other people; differences enrich our lives.
- We are inquisitive and have a desire to learn more.
- We cooperate with others – together we can achieve more.
- We trust ourselves – we can make mistakes but, when we try, we can make it.
- We dare to dream and strive to make those dreams come true.



# WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TALLINN EUROPEAN SCHOOL

## Who we are

Tallinn European School was officially opened in August of 2013 by the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research. The European Schools and the Accredited European Schools are educational institutions set up in the European Union's Member States and Tallinn European School is part of the network of 28 European Schools. They provide children with a multilingual and multicultural education at nursery, primary and secondary levels. The Schools follow a specific curriculum and offer the European Baccalaureate diploma. [www.eursc.eu](http://www.eursc.eu)

The words which express the essential aims of the European Schools have been sealed, in parchment, into the foundation stones of all the schools:





*“Educated side by side, untroubled from infancy by divisive prejudices, acquainted with all that is great and good in the different cultures, it will be borne in upon them as they mature that they belong together. Without ceasing to look to their own lands with love and pride, they will become in mind Europeans, schooled and ready to complete and consolidate the work of their fathers before them, to bring into being a united and thriving Europe.”*

Jean Monet





# OUR FUTURE SCHOOL

## Phenomenal growth

We are currently housed in a building in the technology start-up sector of town. The picture on the cover page depicts the new school building where we will move in September 2018 with all the resources necessary to make learning enquiry based and interesting. We currently have pupils and teachers from more than 45 different countries (190 pupils together) which makes Tallinn European truly an international school and a dynamic and exciting learning environment.



**Due to the phenomenal growth of our school, we are seeking to employ new teachers to join our talented team of professionals. If you are motivated as a teacher with a passion for teaching and learning and willing to go above and beyond to put children in your care at the core of their own learning, then we would like to hear from you.**





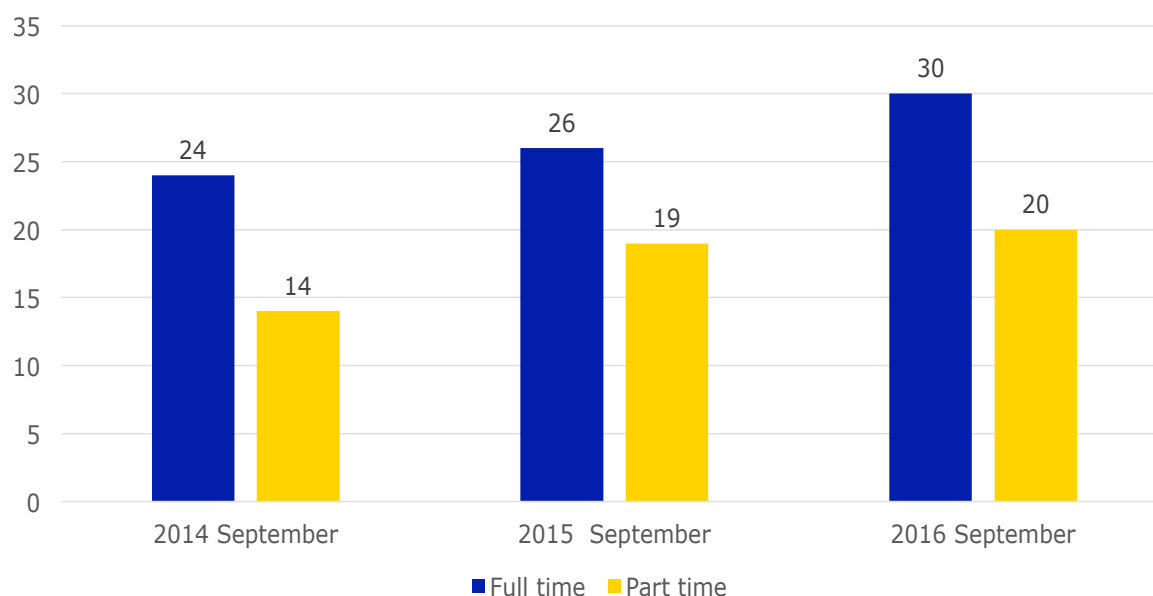
# SCHOOL CURRICULUM MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE

## The general structure of school curriculum

Basic instruction is given in the official languages of the European Union. This principle allows the primacy of the pupil's mother tongue (L1) to be safeguarded. At Tallinn European School we will have more than one language section (English and French). The curricula and syllabuses (except in the case of mother tongue) are the same in all sections. The conscience and convictions of individuals are respected. Education in non-confessional ethics is an integral part of the curriculum. To foster the unity of the school and encourage genuine multi-cultural education, there is a strong emphasis on the learning, understanding and use of foreign languages. This is developed in a variety of ways.



## Teachers



Tallinn European School is open for pupils from age 4 to age 19 (to Year Secondary 7), the final year of school. We are currently offering education up to year S6, but will add S7 during the 2017/18 academic year.

Tallinn European School follows the guidelines of the curriculum of the European Schools. Optional subjects are chosen by the pupil according to the choices on offer at the school. The structure of the curriculum includes a general section and subject syllabuses. The curriculum is the basic document of the studies and it states the study objectives and duration, the conditions for starting the studies, the list of subjects and their scope, the syllabuses, the options and conditions for selecting subjects and the requirements for completion of school years and for graduation.

The 8 Key Competences for lifelong learning can be found here: <https://www.eursc.eu/Syllabuses/2010-D-229-en-3.pdf>, Page 13 – General objectives.






# LANGUAGES 2016-2017

## We offer the following language section

English language section(N1-S6). Instructions are generally given in the language of the respective section. The second language chosen (L2), becomes the language of instruction for Ethics, Human Sciences (starting from S3), History (from S4), Geography (from S4) and, if chosen, Economics (from S4). If a respective language section exists, pupils will be enrolled in the language section that corresponds to their mother tongue (or





a language stronger than their mother tongue). SWALS – Students Without A Language Section. SWALS are those pupils whose mother tongue/dominant language is an official language of an EU Member State but for whom no language section in their mother tongue/dominant language (L1) exists in school. At TES, SWALS are enrolled in the English section. Very often the language of the section is the pupil's L2 while the pupil's mother tongue is the pupil's L1.





## Mother tongue tuition

Additionally, Estonian studies are compulsory at Nursery and Primary level (1 lesson in a week). Language years are offered as electives only in case the particular language is requested by at least five pupils. It is important that L2 is different from L1 and also L3 must differ from L1 and L2.



- First language (L1)– at Primary 1 (P1), at the latest. The pupil must choose his/her mother tongue as L1. In case there is no respective mother tongue learning possibility at Tallinn European School, the pupil's L1 is his/her language of instruction of his/her language section.
- Second language (L2)– at Primary 1 (P1), at the latest. L2 must be French, German or English.
- Third language (L3)– at Secondary 1 (S1).

We provide lessons in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Finnish, Latvian, Greek, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Estonian.





# ACADEMIC

## Our programme

At Tallinn European School we cater for the educational needs of the international community. Tallinn is fast becoming a key country in terms of developments around the IT environment. The reason for the establishment of the school is very closely linked to this very idea. Our primary target group includes families from the IT Agency of the EU, eu-LISA (European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice), the European Commission and the European Parliament. Other category of clients includes the Local Embassies, NATO Cyber Defence HQ, Skype and other international companies. Furthermore, we also accept pupils from our other 27 European schools.

Our class sizes are smaller than the average class size in Estonia with a maximum of 20 pupils in a class at primary level. Our pupils come from various countries and are able and engaged in their learning. The final certificate is the European Baccalaureate at the end of S7(Secondary 7). We place emphasis on the pupil's intellectual and personal development



## ★ EUROPEAN SCHOOLS

### **Belgium**

European School, Brussels I (Uccle + Berkendael): [www.eeb1.eu](http://www.eeb1.eu)  
 European School, Brussels II (Woluwe): [www.eeb2.eu](http://www.eeb2.eu)  
 European School, Brussels III (Ixelles): [www.eeb3.eu](http://www.eeb3.eu)  
 European School, Brussels IV (Laeken): [www.eeb4.be](http://www.eeb4.be)  
 European School, Mol: [www.esmol.net](http://www.esmol.net)

### **Germany**

European School, Frankfurt: [www.esffm.org](http://www.esffm.org)  
 European School, Karlsruhe: [www.eskar.org](http://www.eskar.org)  
 European School, Munich: [www.esmunich.de](http://www.esmunich.de)

### **Italy**

European School, Varese: [www.eurscva.eu](http://www.eurscva.eu)

### **Luxembourg**

European School, Luxembourg I (Kirchberg): [www.euroschool.lu](http://www.euroschool.lu)  
 European School, Luxembourg II (Mamer): [www.eur-sc-mamer.lu](http://www.eur-sc-mamer.lu)

### **Netherlands**

European School, Bergen N.H. (Petten): [esbergen.eu](http://esbergen.eu)

### **Spain**

European School, Alicante: [www.escuelaeuropea.org](http://www.escuelaeuropea.org)

### **United Kingdom**

European School, Culham: [www.esculham.eu](http://www.esculham.eu)

## ★ ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

### **Germany**

Europäische Schule RheinMain, Bad Vilbel: [es-rm.eu](http://es-rm.eu)

### **Denmark**

European School Copenhagen: [escph.sag.dk](http://escph.sag.dk)

### **Estonia**

Tallinn European School: [tes.innove.ee](http://tes.innove.ee)

### **Finland**

European Schooling Helsinki (ESH): [esh.fi](http://esh.fi)

### **France**

Ecole européenne de Strasbourg: [ee-strasbourg.eu](http://ee-strasbourg.eu)  
 Ecole internationale Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur à  
 Manosque: [ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr](http://ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr)

### **Greece**

School of European Education - Heraklion (Crète): [seeh.eu](http://seeh.eu)

### **Ireland**

Centre for European Schooling, Dunshaughlin: [europe-anschooling.eu](http://europe-anschooling.eu)

### **Italy**

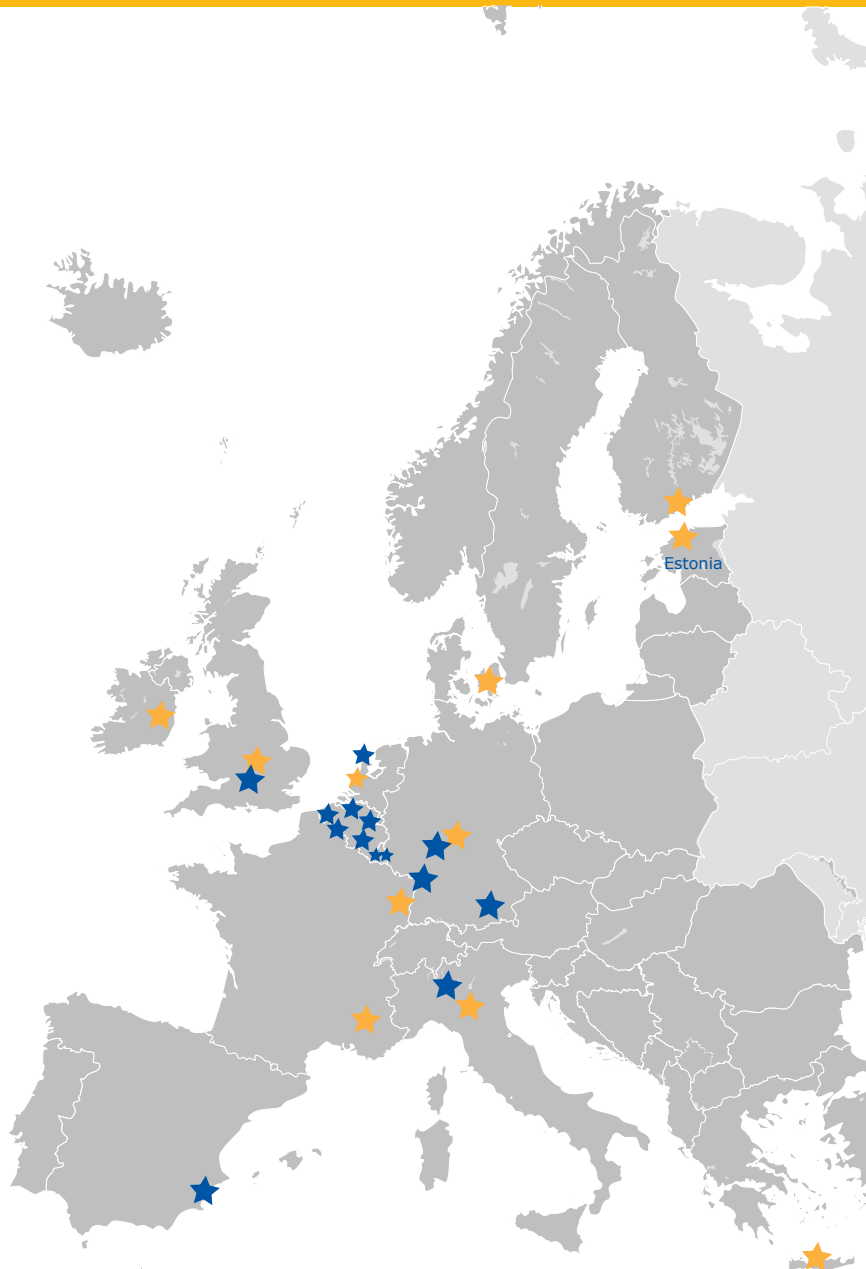
Scuola per l'Europa di Parma: [scuolaperleuropa.eu](http://scuolaperleuropa.eu)

### **Netherlands**

Europese School Den Haag Rijnlands Lyceum: [europe-anschoolthehague.nl](http://europe-anschoolthehague.nl)

### **United Kingdom**

Europa School UK: [www.europaschooluk.org](http://www.europaschooluk.org)





# ESTONIA

## Quick facts

- **Capital:** Tallinn (423,000 inhabitants)
- **Language:** Estonian
- **Area:** 45,228 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population:** 1,340,415
- **Currency:** Euro (€)
- **Time zone:** UTC+2
- **Memberships:** EU, NATO, OECD, WTO, Eurozone, Schengen area
- **National day:** 24th of February, Independence Day
- **Flight times:** Helsinki 35 min, Stockholm 1 h, Copenhagen 1 h 30 min, Moscow 1 h 40 min, Berlin 1 h 45 min, Amsterdam 2 h 20 min, London 2 h 45 min, St. Petersburg 350 km
- **Climate:** Estonian climate is humid and



temperate. 50% of Estonian land is covered by forests.

- **Islands:** 1 521. Largest islands are Saaremaa, Hiiumaa and Muhu.
- **Forests:** Estonia is a green land, forests cover 55% of the country.
- **Lakes:** Estonia is a country of thousands of lakes, largest of these are Lake Peipsi and Lake Võrtsjärv
- **Population density:** 31 inhabitants per square km
- **Largest ethnic groups:** Estonians (69%), Russians (26%), Ukrainians (2%), Belarussians (1%) and Finns (1%).
- **Tax system:** 20% flat income tax, reinvested corporate profit is tax free; 20% VAT
- **Education:** PISA Rating: Estonia is

ranked Nr. 3 in the world after Singapore and Japan. Estonia achieved the first place among the European countries and the third place worldwide. You can find out more here: <http://www.oecd.org/pisa/>

- **Language:** The official language in Estonia is Estonian which belongs to the Finno-Ugric language family and is closely related to Finnish. Along with Finnish, English, Russian and German are also widely spoken and understood.
- **Religion:** Since the Reformation movement in the 16th century, the Lutheran church has played the leading role in Estonia. Other larger active confessions are: Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic.





## Have you ever heard 18 000 voices singing at once?

This emotional experience can be felt during Estonia's Song Festival, which occurs once every five years in Tallinn. Once in five years, tens of thousands of Estonians gather in Tallinn in the summertime to take part in the Song and Dance Festival. The Song Festival tradition in Estonia is 140 years old and the festival is an enormous open-air choir concert held at the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds—there are usually 18 000 singers on stage at that moment, and their powerful song touches even the most frigid Nordic disposition.

The next Youth Song and Dance Celebration is going to take place from **30 June - 2 July 2017**.



## The Christmas Market in Old Town

The fairy-tale atmosphere of the Christmas market, which is held on the Town Hall Square in Tallinn, makes anything possible! At the heart of it all – apart from Santa and his reindeers, who are eternal favourites with the kids – is Estonia's most famous Christmas tree, surrounded by little huts selling their wares. Here you will find hand-craft specialists and their work and seasonal Estonian food and drink.





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