



MAYFLOWER[®] CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

International denominational school of the Free Churches of Austria

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the *Mayflower Christian Academy*. We would like to provide you with an overview of the educational services we offer at our school, our objectives and our Christian background.

Our primary goal is the comprehensive education of our students, which requires something more than a purely “knowledge-based” curriculum. We support our students in the development of their personality and social competence so that they may become valuable members of our society.

To achieve this, we offer a stimulating bilingual environment and a pleasant atmosphere, one in which every child has the possibility to find joy in learning.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us on the following number: 0043 1 641 94 95. We would also be happy to see you in a private appointment at our school.

Please visit our website at www.mayflower-christian-academy.at .

Your Team at *Mayflower Christian Academy*



MCA – An Introduction to our School

Every step we take guides us in a particular direction in life. You are now facing the difficult task of finding the right school for your child, a decision which will affect the future of your child's education and personal development. The process of beginning a successful school career not only challenges and affects the student, but his or her family as well.

If you are looking for a small, personal school with engaging, competent and highly motivated teachers, then *Mayflower Christian Academy* is a good choice!

The *Mayflower Christian Academy* (MCA), founded in 2002, is a ***private school, consisting of primary and secondary education***, which is led as a "Denominational School of the Free Churches in Austria" since February 2014. Since 1998, the MCA has been a successful continuation of the concept of bilingual, Christian education of the kindergarten Arche Noah which has equipped over 1.000 children for their future. From September 2019 kindergarten and school will be jointly run on the International Campus Vienna ICV, in Fontanastraße 8, 1100 Vienna in a new modern building on an area of 20,000m². In Oberlaa the continuation of the MCA up to the Matura is planned in the years ahead. The MCA is constituted as an agency and is a non-profit organization.

What We Offer

At the Mayflower Christian Academy lessons are combined with recreational educational activities and afternoon care is offered until 6:00 pm. The school day starts between 8:00 am and 8:30 am and ends between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Saturday is free of school. School vacations coincide with those in the Austrian public school system.

Teachers will be on duty to supervise students starting at 7:00 am, which is when parents may drop off their children.

We also offer an after school care from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm.



Our Educational Objectives

The MCA has based the **comprehensive education** of our students on the “Österreichischen Rahmenlehrplan” (Austrian Curriculum Framework), the mediation and transfer of **intense English language skills** and the **values of Christian Education**.

Our teaching goals go beyond the classical transfer of knowledge. We highly esteem:

- ***Identity development***
The belief and recognition of God’s works in history and in our own lives. Our children should develop strong personalities, which will allow them to flourish in the environment around them, to reach their goals and to successfully shape and fashion their lives.
- ***Aptitude and skill development***
Every person has talents and skills. We aim to help our children to discover their own abilities and to develop them to their full extent.
- ***Learning how to learn***
Learning is the beginning of all understanding. To learn *how* to learn is an ability which helps us throughout our whole lives; to understand and manage what will come across our paths.
- ***Self motivation***
The joy of learning is the best form of motivation. We offer our children a creative and inspiring atmosphere in which they can truly enjoy the art and process of learning.
- ***Social Competence***
We are all part of a society. Our children learn to live as part of this society. They learn to treat others with respect and tolerance, and to take responsibility for themselves and others.
- ***Openness to diversity***
The world is an incredibly diverse place. We would like our students to not only understand and be familiar with their own roots, but to experience and learn about other cultures and cultural traditions in a way which will lead them to value and understand diversity.

With this goal in mind, we have employed teams of **motivated and dedicated** Austrian primary school teachers as well as native English speaking teachers.

Our teachers see themselves as **mentors to the students**, whose development they continually assist and guide. They participate regularly in educational seminars and courses in order to bring their skills and knowledge to the highest level.



You can find an introduction to our team in the attachment at the end of this booklet.

The MCA teaches in small multi-level learning groups, which make individual support possible for our students.

The teaching work of the class teacher is reinforced by support teachers (gifted education, learning coach, DaZ, English teacher, ...).

English in the classroom

Children learn languages especially easily. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that they are familiar with language at an early age. In the MCA, English and German are taught from the first grade on. In addition, English is offered as an extracurricular activity.

Spelling will be taught in German, and is therefore necessary that all students enter our school with some basic German Language skills. These skills will be determined at the acceptance interview.

From the 2nd Class (2nd semester) on, in addition to the spoken and written language skills, we also teach skills and terminology in mathematics (providing the children have the capacity and verbal ability in the English language to be able to cope with this).

After finishing the fourth grade, our students will have gained very strong skills in both English and German and are able to enter other Austrian or International schools without difficulty.

Digital Technology in the classroom

Since 2014 our classrooms are equipped with tablets which are used in different subjects for research, portfolios and documentation. In addition these devices give the children access to all kinds of learning apps and special programs. Above all we educate the children how to use the internet in a safe manner.

Christian Education

Our Christian beliefs require us to treat other people with respect and dignity. Every person is unique and should have the opportunity to develop and display his or her individual character. We strive to offer the environment necessary for this kind of personal growth.

Because we believe that Christian education is the foundation of all learning, it is therefore integrated into daily lessons.



Each school day begins with a morning circle (devotion) and singing. It is our intention to start the day with God's thoughts.

Evaluation & Criteria

Students of the MCA will be evaluated twice each year (Schulnachricht/ Jahreszeugnis) according to a journal of learning objectives (Lernzielprotokoll).

From grade 3 on numerical grades (based on the Austrian grading system) are added.

It is important to us that our students understand the meaning and value of a grade. For us, a grade is not a final result, rather an indication of student progress. For example, a poor grade in a particular subject is a sign that the student has not yet reached his or her full potential in this area and therefore needs our support. Together we can achieve success.

Dress Code

Students of the MCA wear a standard uniform. A uniform helps to build community and allows children to look past social differences and to focus on what is important.

You can find the collection on the homepage of the company 'Der Walter' (www.derwalter.at) or you can visit the store directly (Landgutgasse 15, 1110 Vienna, Telephone: 01-6044231).

Currently our school uniform consists of the following:

- Dark/Navy blue pants or skirt
- Dark blue tank-top and jersey
- Navy blue sweater with **MCA**[®] Logo on back
- Other polo shirts, turtlenecks, shirts and blouses (solid colour)





School Staff & Administration

Elementary School Staff

Ms. Elisabeth	Schön	Elementary School Pedagogue, BEd.
Mr. Sunny	Yap	Elementary School Pedagogue, BEd.
Mrs. Katharina	Orcic	Art teacher, Children's theologian, MA
Ms. Sara	Keller	Elementary School Pedagogue, BEd. English teacher
Ms. Sarah	Reitzner	Co- and remedial teacher, BEd.
Ms. Tamara	Zuchna	Special Education teacher, BEd. German remedial teacher (DaZ)
Mrs. Carina	Hofer	Elementary School Pedagogue, BEd.
Mrs. Petzi	Kocarek	Assistant teacher, English teacher
Mrs. Gabi	Knotzer	After school care-, Arts & Craft - assistant

Management

and

Educational Administration

Mrs. Sylvia Aszmann, MA

Ms. Elisabeth Schön, BEd.

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Mrs. Michaela Kröss

Finances and Business Management

Mr. Marcus A. Aszmann, MBA



School fees

One time Renumeration

Deposit	€ 310,-	will be refunded when leaving the school (see contract).
Registration Fee	€ 490,-	non-refundable
School interview	€ 100,-	will be deducted in the first school month
School medical certificate	€ 50,-	non-refundable

School fees

	Fee per annum	monthly fee (12 x September–August)
Grade 0.–4.	€ 5.880,-	€ 490,-
Grade 5.–8.	€ 7.200,-	€ 600,-

- Lunch is optional (€4,70 per meal) **1)**
- Sibling discounts: 2. child in the MCA: - 15 %; 3. child in the MCA: - 25 %
- A 2-% discount off of the school fees will be given if they are paid within the first four weeks of school entrance.

Morning care in the school is from 7:00 Uhr until school starts at 7:45 € 25,- / p.M.

School hours: flexible Arrival:	8:00 am	to 8:30 am
	School starts:	8:30 am
	Mo, Tue, Thu	til 15:30 pm
	Wed	til 15:00 pm
	Fr	til 13:00 pm

Option – After school care

We offer an after school program which is open to your child:

Daily – after school

4 pm to 5 pm	€ 3,- /hour	€ 60,- / month 2)
5 pm to 6 pm	€ 5,- /hour	

Days off, vacations

Day care	€ 25,- /day	€ 125,- / week
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1) Price applies from location Campus / Oberlaa. Lunch is included in the school fees at the site Van der Nüllgasse.

2) Price applies from location Campus / Oberlaa. Price at the site Van-der-Nüllgasse is € 115,- / month.



Application and School Registration

Thank you for your interest in registering your child to the MCA!

Overview of the year's dates

- 1.) Oct. /Nov. ***Open house*** (1. Tuesday of the month)
- 2.) Nov. /Dec. Arranging an appointment to visit the school and meet the class teacher (two hour participation in a lesson of the first grade.
- 3.) Jan. Appointment arrangements with the office to ***assess the maturity level of each student (school interview)***.

Interview fee of 100€ (will be refunded with the first school fee).

- Interview: teacher of the “Grundstufe I” (First Grade) with your child
- Appointment with the school doctor (€ 50,- non-refundable)
- Hand over of the documents (copies) to the office:

Child's birth certificate
Proof of citizenship or Passport
Certificate of Residents registration office
Social Security Card
Letter from the Stadtschulrat with “Schülernummer”
Certificate of baptism (if appropriate)
Small picture of your child
If present, certifications and documents from therapist, psychologist, pediatrician

- 4.) Feb. ***Feedback meeting*** regarding the school interview
- 5.) March ***Confirmation*** of student admission through the MCA-Leadership
- 6.) until June Invitation to observe in the school for a morning
- 7.) End of June Parents breakfast + Graduation party