



**The Business Academy, Česká Lípa, nám. Osvobození 422, Benefit Organization**, is a secondary school established by the Liberec Regional Government, **school attendance is free of charge**. The school was founded in 1945, in 1960-1990 it was called The Secondary School of Economics in Česká Lípa. At present the school is located

very close to the centre of the city, opposite the monastery in the Square of Liberty. Near the school there is a students' boarding house with a school canteen and accommodation facilities.

### **Branches of Studies**

The original branch of study is **The Business Academy (63-41-M/004)**. It concentrates on special subjects in which students obtain theoretical and practical knowledge in marketing, management, accounting, taxes, banking, trade, business, laws, etc. The studies also include an Independent Special Written Work, a three-week-special work experience, cooperation with offices and private business firms, excursions to factories, offices and banks. Students have a possibility of taking the State Exam in Office Typing on a keyboard. There are also taught general subjects corresponding with the secondary school curriculum.

The second branch of study is **The Lyceum of Economics (78-42-M/002)**, which concentrates on preparing the students for studies at universities of economics, social and law colleges etc. The Lyceum curriculum contains special subjects and general subjects as mathematics, history, geography, biology, physics, psychology and cultural science. Starting with the third grade they can choose from various optional subjects.

Our new branch of study, **The Public Service Activities**, is going to be opened in September 2011. The students will obtain detailed knowledge of the structure of government offices, activities concerning relations of the state with people and the activities, rights and duties of the government and its regional departments. Students will learn to deal with and create some basic legal documents and other activities necessary for working in government institutions.

### **Foreign Languages**

At our school the following foreign languages are taught: **English, German, Russian, French and Spanish**. Students can choose two or three foreign languages with various intensity of study. There are only up to 15 students in a foreign language class. Our students can participate in special courses preparing them for the certificates of German and English languages/Zertificate Deutch, First Certificate in English/ and the best of them can take part in educational language courses abroad.

### **Computer and Information Technologies**



The Business Academy is equipped with three computer laboratories, which are used not only for teaching this subject but also for written and electronical communication, accounting and economics. The use of the Internet is free of charge for students and it is also reachable in their free time. Students can also use a copy machine.

## **Professional Possibilities**

The graduates of Business Academy have a wide range of professional positions at all administrative and economic professions. Most of them work in offices, banks and private firms. Some of them become successful in business and management. Many of them enter universities of economics, laws, social and pedagogical sciences, especially School of Economics in Prague, Technical University in Liberec, UJEP Ústí nad Labem /Pedagogical and Social Faculties/.

## **Professional training**



Our Business Academy mostly takes part in specialized and language competitions. Our students have already won several prizes in different competitions eg. Word-processing - arranging the text on computer, language competitions, mathematics competition called „Matematický klokan“ (“The Mathematical Kangaroo“) etc.

We organize educational visits and trips abroad. Students have visited brewery, the Ruzyně airport, the Czech National Bank and the local Employment Office. We have also arranged several trips to Great Britain for our students. They have visited international language school there, lived in hostel families, met and spoken with British people, visited historical places, improved their English. Students visit German-speaking countries with us, too. We cooperate with Kyjev Slavonic University in Užhorod. Ukrainian students visited Česká Lípa a few years ago. They stayed in our students' families.

Our school organizes language and special courses for students and public. There are the FCE course (in English), the ZD course (in German), mathematics courses for our students and general and business language courses, courses of accounting and PC works for public etc.

## **Cultural and sporting amateur clubs and their activities**

There is a student theatrical club of young people at Business Academy. It prepares a new performance for every season. We regularly visit concerts, film and theatrical performances during the school year, including plays performed in English. The graduation balls of the 4 grades are very popular with everybody (students, teachers, parents), too.

Our students take part in various competitions e.g. reading poetry, literary works. They also lead children amateur clubs in the local House of Children and Youth in Česká Lípa called Libertin. They are members of the Representation of Children and Youth of the towns and cities. We all have participated in joint events „Za Českou Lípu krásněji“ (improving Česká Lípa), collections for ADRA foundation and Euronisa.





Students can devote their time to sporting activities. They have a fitness gym, a street ball playground, table tennis, a mirror gym for gymnastics and aerobics at their disposal. We organize adaptation stays for 1st grades, a skiing course and sporting courses (tourist, cycling, water sports) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Our Business Academy is also successful in various sporting competitions and cups.