

I study at Óbuda University. It is a nice university in Budapest. It has many faculties and schools. I am in the Bánki Donát faculty of mechanical engineering. I am studying to be a mechanical engineer. The university is very difficult so I have to study a lot at home, too. But I am hardworking so I have good results.

I go to school in the morning, have some lessons and come home in the afternoon. Then I relax a little and continue studying. Sometimes I study until midnight because I am such a conscientious student. But at the weekend I go to parties, get pissed out of my head and enjoy life.

The teachers are very nice, sometimes strict but fair. I like and respect all the teachers. My favourite subjects are mathematics and mechanics. We have frequent tests but I prepare for all of them.

However, school life is not all hard work. We have “Bánki Days”. It is a lot of fun.

I went to primary school in Lópikula Street. After finishing primary school, I went to Eötvös József grammar school. I liked it very much. I had to study a lot but the teachers were nice. I had a lot of fun with my classmates. I studied a lot but when I did not know something in tests, I cheated. I used cheat sheets or asked my classmates for help. Fortunately the teachers did not notice it but I did not cheat very often. Our class was a good team and we took part in competitions too. There was a good atmosphere in the class and we often helped each other with the homework. I specialized in maths and physics because I wanted to be an engineer. These were also my favourite subjects. I like mathematics so much that in primary school I read mathematics books and did mathematics exercises in my free time.

There are three kinds of secondary schools in Hungary. Secondary grammar schools, vocational secondary schools and special schools (for the weaker students). In grammar schools students study many different subjects and often at a higher level because grammar school prepare students for university. Most grammar school students apply to university. In vocational secondary schools students learn many general knowledge subjects but not as many as in grammar schools. Vocational secondary schools prepare students for a profession. They do not give full training, just some preparation or “orientation”, so after a vocational secondary school you need additional vocational training to get a vocational qualification. Many students apply to a technical university after a vocational secondary school. Special schools are for students who are weak and cannot get into a vocational secondary school or a grammar school.

After secondary school you can go to university. You can study many different things at universities. There is basic training at universities, which usually lasts for three years. After basic training you can get a Bachelor’s degree. After the basic training you can do a master’s course. A master’s course usually lasts 2 years. After it you can get a master’s degree. Some jobs require a bachelor’s degree but some jobs require a master’s degree. If a master’s degree is not enough, you can go to a PhD course, which is usually 3 years. After that you can get a PhD degree. For example, if you want to teach at a university, you will need a PhD degree. I don’t think a PhD degree is necessary for someone to be a good university teacher but I did not make this dumb rule. 😊

It is difficult for teachers to test the students’ knowledge. There are several ways to do this, for example written tests, oral tests, continuous evaluation or a project at the end of the term.

In primary schools pupils have written tests several times during a year and sometimes they have oral tests and in some schools they have an exam at the end of the year or semester. In secondary schools students are tested with the same methods. At universities students are mostly tested in written or oral test at the end of each semester. There are some written tests during a semester, too, called “zéhá”.

It is best if we learn new things all through our lives. This is called lifelong learning. You can learn new things in a school or on your own. If you don't go to school, you can read books, look at webpages, instructional videos, or a friend can teach you. If you exercise your mind, it is a good thing because you will become senile later.