

Education in Great Britain



Educational system in Britain has strict quality standards. It is compulsory for all children aged 5 to 16 to study.



British education is divided into two segments: state schools, which are free of charge, and private schools, which are paid for. Over 90% of children attend state public schools.



Some children go to private schools. They have to pass an entrance exam. Many of these schools are boarding schools: pupils study, eat and sleep there during term-time.



In Britain, as in many other countries, there is a pre-school education, i.e. there are nursery schools for children from 2 to 7. After the nursery school, kids attend Junior Schools till they are 13.



During these years children have to pass an obligatory exam, called SAT (Standard Assessment Tests) twice. In case, they pass it successfully, they can easily transfer to the next step, which is called Senior School. This school is for children aged 13 to 18, and it prepares its pupils for the special exam called GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education).



According to the classification of schools by gender, education in Britain can be divided into three types of institutions: mixed schools, schools for girls and schools for boys.



Higher education in Great Britain is quite expensive, especially for foreign students. However, there are sometimes tuition grants for talented students



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