

Budapesti Fazekas Mihály Gyakorló Általános Iskola és Gimnázium



School



- **Fazekas Mihály Gimnázium** (in English: Mihály Fazekas High School; full official name: *Budapesti Fazekas Mihály Általános Iskola és Gimnázium*;
- also known among alumni as simply „**Fazekas**” (potter) or even „**Fazék**” (pot)) is a high school in Budapest, Hungary.
- Over the past 40 years it has built up a reputation for excellence
- especially in **mathematics** and in the **exact sciences**.



Short introduction



- Our school, an **8-year primary school** for kids aged 6-14, a **6-year secondary grammar school** for pupils aged 12-18 and
- also a 4-year secondary grammar school for students aged 14-18 in one, is situated in Budapest, the capital of Hungary.



Early History



1911 - the mayor of Budapest opened an elementary school at the site to meet the increasing demand for education in the expanding city

1912 - A year later, the building became temporary home to the Pedagogical Seminary, whose purpose was to provide guidance and later supervision for all teachers and schools in the city.

The elementary school thus became a *training school* where teachers could become acquainted with the latest pedagogical techniques. The seminars given at the school became enormously popular between the two World Wars; Zsigmond Móricz often praised them in Nyugat.



Changes



- The **beginnings** of the high school are to be found in the St. Benedictus High School run by Benedictine monks from 1923 at a site very close to the present location.
- After the Communist takeover** the school was **nationalised** and continued under the **present name**.
- In **1960** the high school was transformed into a **training high school** to extend the model to the entire 12 years of education.
- The high school moved to the present building and the full, official name became **Fazekas Mihály Fővárosi Gyakorló Általános Iskola és Gimnázium**.
- The building was severely damaged both in World War II and again in the 1956 revolution.
- Since 1957 the Seminary has enjoyed its most successful period ever.



Rise of an elite school



- Fazekas's prestigious reputation is linked to **special mathematics classes** which were started in **1962**, when Imre Rábai gathered some promising talent who went on to achieve world fame for the school in the subject.
- Ever since, **numerous Fazekas alumni** have excelled on the world stage, particularly in mathematics and the natural sciences.
- The eight-strong Hungarian team participating in the **1966 International Mathematical Olympiad** consisted solely of Fazekas students and three of them (László Lovász, József Pelikán and Lajos Pósa) returned with **gold medals**.
- The International Science Olympiad teams for Hungary regularly include several Fazekas students.



Notable alumni

- **Lovász, László** - mathematician, winner of the Wolf Prize in Mathematics and of 3 gold medals at the IMOs



Our school nowadays

- We are a Teacher Training Centre, our senior teachers and mentors do pre- and in-service teacher training and hold methodology courses for teachers in Budapest and throughout the country.
- As one of the few so called Talent Centres in Hungary we are honoured to be acknowledged as a school where especially talented pupils are expertly helped to fulfil their potential regardless of their social background and where the staff make every effort to cater for the needs of the brightest youngsters



School education programme



- The overall objective of our secondary school education programme is
- to prepare young people for higher education, and in that connection
- ensure that they acquire general education, knowledge and competences by means of the subjects they study
- with a focus on harmonious development of their personality.



Thank you for the attention!

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