MY SCHOOL

Let's learn about education system in Croatia and your school

TASK 1: Read the text and match the <u>underlined words</u> with their Croatian translation

School is a place where students go to learn many different <u>subjects</u> like Maths, Croatian, English, History, Geography, PE and many other. Teachers help <u>students</u> understand new things and solve problems. Students usually have <u>classes</u> in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon. There are different <u>levels</u> of school, such as <u>elementary or primary school</u>, and <u>secondary school</u>. In Croatia all students start their <u>education</u> at the age of 7. Compulsory education lasts till the 8th grade, or the end of elementary school.

- školski predmeti _____
- obrazovanje _____
- razina _____
- nastava _____
- učenici _____
- osnovna škola- _____
- srednja škola _____

TASK 2: Finish the sentences so that they are true for you

I go to _____(which level of school.

I have classes _____(when).

My favourite subject is _____(which one).

Try to remember that you can use the verb 'ATTEND' instead of ' GO TO' when you mention the school you are a student at.

Example: I attend ______(name of the school)

TASK 3: It's time we learn some new words about secondary education and our school. Match the words written in capital letters to their meaning.

Secondary schools in Croatia are divided into three different types of schools: GRAMMAR SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, and ART SCHOOLS. Some schools are STATE SCHOOLS, which means that students **don't have to pay any money to attend them***, but some are PRIVATE SCHOOLS. Most students in Croatia don't have to wear uniforms, but they have to bring their own food because most schools don't have a canteen.

• don't have to pay *a tuition fee*

1 GRAMMAR SCHOOL	a) a school where students have to pay money to attend it
2 ART SCHOOL	b) a school where students go to to learn more about their future jobs or vocations
3 PRIVATE SCHOOL	c) schools such as music schools, art school, and dancing schools
4 STATE SCHOOL	d) a school where students focus more on academic subjects to get ready to go to university
5 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	e) a school where all costs are covered by the state so that the students do not have to pay for anything

TASK 4: Use the words from task 3 to describe your school. Is it a vocational (strukovna), grammar (gimnazija) or art (umjetnička) school? Do you have to pay a tuition fee to go to this school?