



XLVI Stefan Czarniecki Secondary School with bilingual units was until recently not so well-known school. It was not taken into consideration by ambitious and thinking about further education gymnasium pupils. Even during the recruitment in June 2005 it was difficult to create four planned classes. At present, the school is vibrant with life, every year there are more units and the rising number of students is the best proof that our institution is rapidly developing.

The initiator of all these changes is the Headmaster of the school Mr. Marek Nocuła, who entered a competition for the headmaster of the school in 2005. He proposed to create in the district of Targówek a modern school, especially aimed at learning foreign languages. Today the secondary school possesses an attractive educational offer, which has in the recent two years won the trust not only of the youth, but also of the parents and the local authorities. It is worth acquainting with the details of that institution which will explain the phenomenon of XLVI Secondary School.

Although the school has become modern, the tradition here is still alive. Cultivating the memory of Stefan Czarniecki who is the patron of the school, there is a competition 'Hetmany' organized from many years. In the present school year, which by decision of Polish education is treated as the Year of Stefan Czarniecki, the school has become the organizer of the all-Poland edition of this contest. All the matters connected with the realization of this undertaking were discussed during the conference of all the headmasters where the schools' patron is Stefan Czarniecki. The conference was called by the authorities of the XLVI Secondary School from 14 to 15 of September 2007. The end of the competition was on 8th February 2008 during the Gala of Hetmen, when there were given the merit awards – the Statues of Hetman. The winners will set out on a journey around Europe following marks of Stefan Czarniecki. The organizers hope that the competition will initiate the co-operation between different schools, of Stefan Czarniecki as a patron, in whole Poland and will contribute to deepen the knowledge about the Hetman.

In XLVI Secondary School the setting of all the school ceremonies, annual awards for students (the statue of hetman, badge of hetman, mace of hetman), the hetman hall, the hetmen book, and finally the logo of the school – all this reminds of the fact that the students belong to Czarniecki.

Speaking of the modern character of the school, it is not only functionally equipped library or IT classes and language classes, but mostly on the field of study. In the school year 2008/2009, next to already existing units – psychological-pedagogical class (with pedagogical teaching practice), journalistic-cultural classes (with journalistic practice), management-computer classes and drama classes (with drama practice) – there are also going to start bilingual units with German language (four-year).

The language offer of the school includes five languages: English, German, Spanish, French and Russian, and from the next school year there will also be Italian. During the week there will be eight hours of classes for foreign languages, and the classes are often lead by native

speakers, teachers for whom the teaching language is a mother tongue. Systematically there are language school camps organized, since last year there has also been working international exchange between our school and schools in Germany and Spain, which is for the students and teachers as well. This about what one used to dream of, nowadays without considerable financial outlays is achieved in XLVI Secondary School.

The school has established contact with OHG Gymnasium in Getynga and on the 22nd October 2007 signed ceremonially the partnership contract. The first result of the co-operation was the stay of the German teachers in our school from 20th to 24th of October 2007. According to the realized in our school curriculum, after three years of learning German language the students may receive the DSD Certificate, which entitles students to take up studies in all of the universities of German speaking countries. Recently the school has put forward a proposal to create the centre of certification DSD.

In October 2007 the secondary school, with the partnership school of Ronda, entered bilateral project Comenius, titled ' Multimedia Polish-English-Spanish Textbook'. Its main aim is creating, with the usage of computer and communication techniques, of the textbook for learning the mentioned languages. Participants hope that the realization of the project will let the students familiarize with the culture of partnership country and will ease learning a foreign language in practice.

The students have finalized also the international project STEP 21, which aim was to examine a blank page in the recent history. The ending of the edition was multimedia presentation of the newspaper with the results of the project in Berlin from 19th to 20th of January 2008.

Since September 2007, the school has been organizing meetings with interesting people representing various domains of social life. The subject matter of these meetings is in three cycles: 'Closer to politics', 'Closer to culture', 'Get to know your neighbor'.

The secondary school has an attractive offer of optional classes. The students can choose between choir, theatre, cabaret, musical band, voluntary, internet radio, subject circle and different sport classes. There are a gym and a sports field at school.

The secondary school on Żuromińska Street is a safe school, which guarantees students solid education.