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- ▶ **Graz, Austria**
- ▶ **9.06 – 13.06.2025**
- ▶ Host school:
Bundesreal Gymnasium Kepler
- ▶ Participants: 8 students from grades 1B i 2B
- ▶ Teachers: dr inż. Jacek Uryga
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Monday 9.06.25

Our mathematicians in Austria

Last Sunday, eight students from technical classes went on a week-long trip to our partner school, Bundesrealgymnasium Kepler in Graz, Austria, which, like us, specializes in teaching science subjects. Our students began their visit on Monday with a tour of this beautiful city with Mr. David Preasens, a mathematics teacher at BGR Kepler, who was the guide for our group and the Austrian students. After breakfast, the whole team headed for Schlossberg (Castle Hill). They took the cable car up and then explored the area around the castle. The views were really nice, you could see almost the whole of Graz, which lies in a valley surrounded by the Alps. After descending the steep stairs, the students went to the Old Town to the armory, which houses interesting exhibits from the past. The students also visited the local museum and saw the historic Town Hall. After lunch, the next item on the agenda was a visit to the local CoSa Center of Science Activities, where the students could see various exhibitions related to nature, science, and technology. That was not the end of the day—in the evening, after dinner, the students went to the park. The first day in Austria ended with a game of bridge.



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Tuesday 10.06.25

Classes at an Austrian school On Tuesday and Wednesday, our students joined their Austrian peers at our partner school, BRG Kepler. The students participated in several blocks of interesting subjects. As Eryk from class 2B reports: "We started with laboratory workshops, during which we conducted experiments using UV light. This was followed by an English lesson, during which we had the opportunity to present our high school and get to know the students from the host school better. Then we had some time to eat something.



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Wednesday 11.06.25

Math classes at an Austrian school

On Wednesday, we went to a block of math classes, where we solved problems to prepare us for the competition. In between, we played soccer, and at the end of our visit to the school, during an astronomy workshop, we were able to observe the sun through a telescope using various filters. After all the classes, we went to a pizzeria. We returned to the hotel, and that was the end of another day.



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Thursday 12.06.25

Discovering the history and culture of Styria
As Mateusz from class 1b reports, Thursday was another intense day of mobility in Austria. Our group left Graz and headed for our next destination - a small town in the middle of the Alps - Judenburg. The weather was truly summery today. On the way, our students stopped at the Freilichtmuseum open-air museum, which depicts life in the Austrian countryside in previous centuries. Our group visited probably every building in the museum: an old school, a mill, a chapel, and wooden huts straight out of a Milka chocolate commercial. After a hearty lunch, everyone boarded the train to Judenburg, the town hosting the Austrian Math Olympics.



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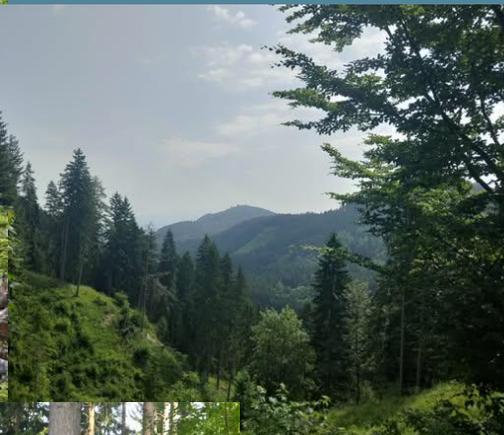
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Friday 13.06.25

Our students in Judenburg According to the Austrian plans, Friday was supposed to be the day of the national math competition, to which students from our school were also invited. Unfortunately, due to the tragedy that took place at a school in Graz, national mourning was declared, which resulted in the cancellation of the competition the next day and the closure of schools in the Styria region.

However, our students, led by Mr. Balicki, came up with an alternative plan for the day and went on a hike to the summit of the nearby Hölzlkogel mountain. As Piotrek from class 2b reports: "After a long hike and close contact with Mother Nature, we managed to reach the summit. After returning, we had lunch and ended the day with a visit to the local outdoor swimming pool." We hope that the postponed math competition will be held in the future, also with our mathematicians in attendance. We are very sorry that the trip turned out this way, but we are happy that our team is safe and sound.



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