



KAUNO JONO JABLONSKIO GIMNAZIJA

WELCOME TO KAUNAS JONAS JABLONSKIS HIGH SCHOOL!



WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE
HEADTEACHER OF THE SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to one of the most famous and prestigious schools in the city of Kaunas. Over almost 90 years of its existence, our school has proven to be the centre of quality education in all subject areas, with a special emphasis on the English language – the largest lingua franca in human history.

Established in 1931, our institution has seen thousands of students graduate and go on to build amazing lives for them and their families as well as for their country, both in Lithuania and abroad.

We take pride in having educated the former President of Lithuania, Mr. Valdas Adamkus, the former member of the Seimas, Dr. Kazys Bobelis, a famous Lithuanian children's writer and poet, Miss Violeta Palcinskaitė and one of the most celebrated of modern-day Lithuanian composers, Prof. Giedrius Kuprevičius – only a few names among many notable personalities: scholars, doctors, scientists, politicians and educators.

We welcome our new students with high hopes of meeting their and their parents' expectations of providing you with the best quality education that is available to you today.

Since 2018 we offer our students an opportunity to study in one of our specialized classes, i.e. the Bilingual Education Class, in which many integrated subjects are taught in English and Lithuanian as well as the Entrepreneurial Class, the focus of which is on students' entrepreneurial skills and abilities.

We are both excited and hopeful that the students who have accepted the challenge of learning here will benefit from our highly-qualified, enthusiastic teachers and will be able to pursue their educational goals whatever they may be.

I wish everyone the best of luck in the new academic year!

*Sincerely yours,
The Headteacher*

PART 1: ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Known for its central location and situated in one of the greenest and the most beautiful parts of the city, Žaliakalnis (the Green Hill), our school is a modern educational establishment open to change and innovations, in close cooperation with the communities of higher educational institutions of Lithuania as well as partnering schools in Lithuania and abroad. The school aims at developing students' academic skills and instilling universal values while helping young people to prepare for living in a constantly changing civil society.

The mission of the school is to provide learners with the safe environment and engaging learning conditions for students aged 14 to 18 from and around the city of Kaunas. The school provides both formal extensive, wide-ranging education for students of grades 9 to 12 as well as a variety of ways of learning informally. Our goal is to raise a citizen of Lithuania with all-rounded education able to act within the changing society.

Values of the school:

- a) Quality of education (quality education for all students in accordance with their abilities and talents);
- b) Tolerance (ability to live in harmony with others);
- c) Citizenship (raising an active citizen of the Republic of Lithuania);
- d) Democracy (development of a student able to deal with difficulties).

PART 2: HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

1930s

On September 8, 1930 an official document was signed that allowed a primary school to be built for the children of workers, and a year later – on September 1, 1931, - a new academic year began. In October 1931 the school was granted the name of Jonas Jablonskis by the Ministry of Education.



(The first photo of the school)

1946 – 1957

During the Second World War, right after the Nazi occupation of Kaunas, the school was turned into a military hospital. Only in 1946 was the school building returned to the community to serve as an educational institution. The school had different names until 1958.

1958 – 1965

In 1958 the school is again named after Jonas Jablonskis. In 1963 the school is given the right to organize polytechnical education and as a result more high school students join the school. In 1965 an additional building with 15 classrooms is built. In the same year the

polytechnical education is discarded and an English-language education becomes a primary focus of the school.

1977 – 1994

In 1977 a new additional building is built with a new gym, a more spacious canteen and twelve classrooms.



1994 – 1998

On September 1, 1994 three high-school classes (gymnasium classes) are formed and in 1997 Jonas Jablonskis Secondary School is transformed into Kaunas Jonas Jablonskis High School (Gymnasium).

2017-2018

Starting September 2017 an Entrepreneurial Class is formed that caters for the needs of students wishing to pursue their dreams in the world of business, commerce and entrepreneurship. On September 1, 2018 the second entrepreneurial class (Year 9) is formed as well as a Bilingual Education Class (English-Lithuanian) where foreign students as well as their Lithuanian-speaking peers are taught integrated subjects throughout the curriculum in English as well as Lithuanian.

PART 3: OUR TRADITIONS

Kaunas Jonas Jablonskis High School has many traditions, both related with the Lithuanian culture and customs (e.g. the Advent, Christmas Fairs or various commemorative-day related exhibitions) and national as well as international events. A wide variety of projects related with traditional celebrations are implemented. Various concerts and meetings with famous people are organized here too.

Some of the more popular celebrations include:

- * Celebration of the First Day at School (September 1st);
- * The European Day of Languages;
- * The International Teachers' Day;
- * Initiation of the New Students Day;
- * Halloween celebration;
- * The 100-day celebration;
- * St. Valentine's Day;
- * The Theatre celebration;
- * The Europe Day;
- * Sports and Health Day;
- * The Last Bell celebration.

PART 4: AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

The school offers a wide range of after-school activities and clubs. All students are welcome to join them:

- * **The Debate Club** (one of the most famous of our clubs, with numerous awards won in national as well as international debating championships and competitions);
- * **Volleyball**;
- * **Orienteering** (*How NOT to get lost in a city, a forest, or your life...*)
- * **Tourist Club**;
- * **Graphics and Painting Club**;
- * **Singing Club** (*Singing CAN happen outside your shower, you know!*)
- * **Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble**;
- * **Solo Singing Club**;
- * **Theatre** (*Cuz there just isn't enough drama in your life!*)
- * **Event Management and Directing Club**;
- * **Technical Modelling**;
- * **School History Club**;
- * **Florist Club** (*Learn to arrange flowers properly!*)
- * **Simulation Games and Practice Club (Entrepreneurship)**;
- * **Cinema and Film Club** (*Are you the next Steven Spielberg?*)
- * **French Club** (*Est-ce que tu veux apprendre le français?*)
- * **Spanish Club** (*¿Quieres aprender español?*)
- * **Modern Hebrew Club** (*אתם רוצים ללמוד עברית?*) (*Yeah, try to read that!*)

PART 5: ENTREPRENEURIAL CLASS (THE EC)

Since 2017 Kaunas Jonas Jablonskis High School offers the students of Kaunas to join the Entrepreneurial Class (EC), the aim of which is to provide highly motivated students with the skills, abilities and values that are necessary to be successful in the future.

The EC students study the required subject in accordance and legal requirements of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science. However, in addition to that the students regularly attend lectures, meet with famous people and participate in various workshops in order to develop their entrepreneurial skills. They are required to participate in simulation games, give presentations, take part in various projects and show personal initiatives to provide solutions to problems raised in formal education settings.

The EC students and teachers closely cooperate with businesses, various institutions as well as colleges and university. The primary partner of the EC is the Kaunas University of Technology (the KTU).

PART 6: BILINGUAL EDUCATION CLASS

Launched in September 2018, the Bilingual Education Class (BEC) program offers foreign students and students with very good knowledge in English the opportunity to study integrated subjects in English.

In addition to regular subjects, such as Maths, Geography, History etc., which are primarily delivered in English, students will be taught an integrated Science course (Physics + Chemistry + Biology). They will be offered an integrated Lithuanian and English course with specialised English modules (Effective Written Communication and Knowledge in the World Integration, or KIWI). The BEC students and teachers cooperate with various institutions, such as the Seventh Fort Museum. However, our primary partner is the Vytautas Magnus University (the VMU).