



ST. GILGEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
AUSTRIA



LEARNING

At St. Gilgen, we endorse the four essential pillars of education as identified in Learning: The Treasure Within (UNESCO, 1996); Learning to know; Learning to do; Learning to live together; and Learning to be.

We are inspired by the American educationist Howard Gardner, and the experience of Anthony Seldon, Headmaster of Wellington College and a member of the St. Gilgen International School Advisory Council. However many forms of “intelligence” we may identify, learning must focus not only on the usual linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligence, but provide room for personal, social, artistic, physical, spiritual/moral development.

Boarding and day students at the St. Gilgen International School are ‘learning to learn’ in close conjunction with the world around them. The St. Gilgen International School is committed to developing each individual student’s talents by providing a personalised and differentiated education both within and beyond the classroom.

Learning is a dynamic individual and group process aided by student and staff engagement, goal setting, and risk-taking, reflection and passion. Continuous evaluation of learning is also critical in providing evidence of understanding and in reflecting the continuous nature of learning itself. Learning is not confined to specific times and places. School and the “real world” should be one and the same.

From the outset, we provide each of our students with elements necessary for effective learning. These include individual learning spaces, excellent resources, and a personal laptop computer. Students also receive the guidance of an individual Mentor Tutor - and the additional support of a Housemaster/mistress and Residence Tutors for boarding students - in addition to the ongoing support and encouragement of their teachers.

Everyone here is a learner: staff and students have different roles but a common interest. We help each other and work together; cooperation is an essential way of learning, working, and living together. A strong peer group allows for positive encouragement, and interaction with the host community of St. Gilgen is an enrichment and obligation.

