

To the Parents of all Year 8 Pupils

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Dear Parents,

Once more, we are pleased to be able to offer all pupils attending Year 8 of Middle Schools (MS), Viennese Middle Schools (WMS) and academic secondary schools (AHS), the opportunity to participate in a career-orientation skills and aptitudes check (*TalenteCheck Berufsbildung*).

The *TalenteCheck* is a joint project of the Board of Education for Vienna and the Viennese Chamber of Commerce, which not only offers young people guidance, but should also:

- Indicate areas of strength and weakness
- Familiarise them with the demands of the business world (e.g. when applying for an apprenticeship placement)
- Give insight into the selection tests and procedures of companies

The following areas of skills are assessed during the check: arithmetic, German, logical reasoning, concentration, basic understanding of technology, organisation skills and a general knowledge of economics and finance.

The career-orientation skills and aptitudes check will be done online, during regular lesson time at some point between October and March. You will be informed of the exact date in plenty of time by your child's school.

As part of their career and educational guidance, the *TalenteCheck* should support young people when deciding upon further educational pathways or training options. Pupils will receive a result sheet, which they will be able to attach to job applications. The results will be discussed during lessons, however, individual results remain private and are only made available to the pupil and to the school.

Further information can be found here: www.talentecheckwien.at

If you have any further questions regarding *TalenteCheck*, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Education for Vienna.

On behalf of the Director

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