

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN RUSSIA AND IN GREAT BRITAIN

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Relevance of the topic: The theme of my project is: «The Educational system in Great Britain and in Russia». Now this theme is very up-to-date because one day every child has to go to school to become clever and well-educated. Growing up we began thinking about our future life and what type of school would be better for us. I am fond of learning languages especially English. One day the question was set for me where to go to study: to continue my education in Russia or to go abroad in Great Britain. To decide it I need to find out and compare these two educational systems.

The purpose of my project: To conduct a comparative analysis of the content of Russian secondary education and British secondary education.

Educational system in Great Britain: The modern system of education consists of early childhood education, primary education, secondary education, higher education. Across the country a free public education for all children exist. Children aged from 5 to 16 years are included. The duration of the school year is 38 weeks. The year is divided into trimesters, which are separated by vacation: summer (6 weeks), Christmas and Easter (2-3 weeks). A week break is provided in the mid-trimester. The working week lasts for 5 days. The school day lasts from 9:00 to 15:30 with a lunch break and morning prayers. Schools which are paid – private, which are free - public. In the UK there are two types of schools: grammar and combined. The most widespread type is combined school. They take the primary school graduates with different levels of mental abilities. They were organized with the aim of creating equal opportunities for education. In grammar schools the child receives a general upper secondary education. The basis of teaching in these schools, the principle of differentiated curriculum. High School is completed by passing the exam GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education).

The educational system in Russia: Today's educational system in Russia is federal, centralized. Currently, it consists of: pre-school education, primary education, secondary education within 5 years, full secondary education, higher education. Formal education is from 7 to 18 years. The duration of the school year is 34 weeks. Students are trained 5-6 days a week. In Russia, many types of secondary schools (f.e. common schools, lyceums, gymnasiums) and the variety of educational programs. In Russia, as in the UK private and public schools exist. Basic education lasts for 9 years (9 classes). It is completed by passing the exam "GIA" (State Final Attestation). After finishing 9 classes students receive an incomplete secondary education. At the end of the 11th form students pass the exam "RSE"(Russian State Exam) in order to get the certificate of finishing school.

Conclusion: All in all, I conducted the comparative analysis of my research in these systems of education and made a conclusion of the differences. They are: the grades of education; the duration of the year; the types of school; the specification of studying programs; the age of students; types of passing exams.