

SCHOOL SYSTEM

An overview of the
Czech, British and US
systems

Czech R.

Great Britain

The USA

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

from 6 to 16
free of charge

from 5 to 15

6-16, 17, 18
acc. to state

controlled by
state government

private schools–
high fees

Pre – school Education

Crèches
< 3

Nursery schools
2 - 5

Kindergartens,
nursery – mostly
private, parents
must pay high
fees

Primary Education

Basic Schools
6 – 14

Primary School
- Infant School 5-7
- Junior School 7-11

Elementary
School

Secondary education

1. Grammar School
2. Vocational School
3. Secondary special School (e.g. of economics)

School leaving exam, *maturita* (18)

1. Grammar School
2. Modern School
3. Technical School
4. Comprehensive School
5. Public Schools (Eton, Harrow)

GSCE (16)
A levels (18)

High Schools
- Junior High
- Senior High
Private - State
School leaving exam
Graduation (17-18)

Tertiary (higher) education

Universities

Charles Univ.
Masaryk Univ.

Universities
Polytechnics

Oxford (12th c.)
Cambridge (13th c.)
(Oxbridge)

Universities,
Colleges

Ivy League
Harvard,
Yale,
Princeton,
Columbia,
California...

Studying at a British university

If you want to go to university, you must pass examinations called A levels

If you do well, you get a place at university

Students have to pay tuition fees

Degrees

- Students studying for their first degree are called undergraduates
- After completing the first degree you become a graduate.
- First degrees:
 - BA= bachelor of arts
 - BSc= bachelor of science
- After completing your second degree you become a postgraduate.
- Second degrees:
 - MA= Master of Arts
 - MSc= Master of Science
 - PhD= Doctor of Philosophy

School Terminology

rector

dean

bursar

school/faculty

department

professor

associate professor

lecture

lecturer

assistant professor

candidate

term/semester

auditorium – lecture room

Study for a degree

Obtain a degree

campus

dorms (dormitories)

canteen/cafeteria

Washroom

undergraduate

freshmen

sophomore

junior

senior

graduate

postgraduate

alumnus – alumni

(old boys, old girls)

major

minor

master's degree

bachelor's degree

! Remember !

public school (BR) \neq public school (US)

private school

high fees

state school

free of charge

take a test \neq **pass** a test \neq **fail** a test