



THE
MERIT
SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT GUIDE SCHOOL YEAR 2026/27

FOR FUTURE STUDENTS AND PARENTS



THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL.

*It is a place where young
people learn how to think,
and not what to think.*



Nataša Vasić,
Principal of The Merit School

WELCOME

"The modern world seeks educated individuals — people who are capable of leading, growing, and becoming fulfilled and satisfied human beings. Alongside the family, the school plays a key role in this process, and the partnership between family and school is a value we deeply cherish.

At our school, teachers have both the autonomy and the responsibility to adapt the curriculum and learning dynamics to the needs of each student, while fully respecting the legal framework.

Our teaching approach ensures that new material is not introduced until previous content has been fully mastered. Parts of the curriculum are also shaped in accordance with students' interests and the contemporary context.

The Merit School is a school with zero tolerance for violence, where every issue is addressed promptly through dialogue, understanding, and cooperation.

We pay special attention to how our students feel, because we believe that personal development is just as important as academic knowledge — today at school, and tomorrow in life."





OUR MISSION AND THE STORY THAT SHAPES OUR VISION

It all began with a simple yet powerful question:

What kind of school would we choose for ourselves today?

Not a school of memorized facts, but a school that sparks curiosity.

Not a place where success is defined by grades alone, but where potential is seen, understood, and developed.

Our mission is to create a high school where young people:

- learn to ask the right questions,
- connect knowledge with the real world,
- develop confidence, integrity, and their own authentic voice.

We believe that education is not preparation for life — **education is life.**

We were founded **out of the need for a school that understands the time we live in.**

We have seen generations of young people who know the material, but do not know how to apply it. **Students who have potential, but do not know how to unlock it.**

That is why we built a school that:

- **evolves with the modern world,**
 - **celebrates individuality,**
 - **empowers both teachers and students to embrace change with confidence.**
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ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND TEACHING APPROACH

The Merit School is a modern private general high school accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia. It combines the official national curriculum with innovative skills development and practical, real-world learning experiences.

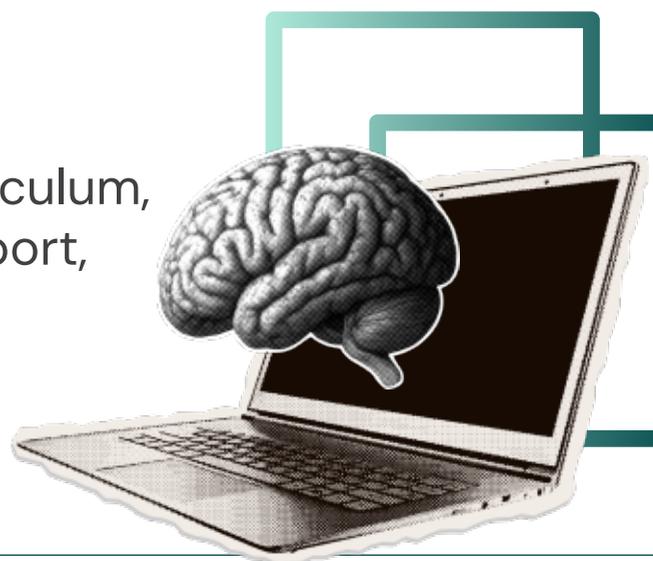
Current location: Emilijana Josimovića 4, Stari Grad, Belgrade

We form classes with 16 students.

The program includes:

- program based on the national curriculum,
- psychological and pedagogical support,
- extracurricular activities.

***The school is currently in the process of obtaining a license for the Cambridge International program, further enhancing its international educational standards.**



CORE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The curriculum covers all compulsory and elective subjects prescribed by the official high school curriculum in Serbia. Students are provided with official textbooks in Serbian, designed to promote modern, digital, and interactive learning.

FOCUS ON LANGUAGES

The main foreign language is English, with the opportunity to obtain international language certificates. Students choose a second foreign language from German, French, or Spanish.



▶ **EXTRACURRICULAR SKILLS**

In addition to the regular curriculum, The Merit School implements a specialized extracurricular skills program, which includes:

- **Entrepreneurship** – developing business ideas and practical projects
- **Public Speaking** – preparation for presentations, rhetoric, and effective communication
- **Creative and Critical Thinking** – problem-solving methods and innovative thinking

These skills are integrated through workshops, guest lectures, and practical assignments within the regular school schedule.

▶ **DAILY SCHEDULE**

Classes begin at 9:00 a.m., with six to seven regular lessons per day.

▶ **INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT & CAREER GUIDANCE**

The program includes psychological and pedagogical support, monitoring each student's progress, and professional career guidance to help students make timely decisions about higher education in Serbia or abroad.

▶ **VISITING EXPERTS**

Each year, practicing experts from Serbia and abroad join the school to lead workshops, debates, and practical exercises in entrepreneurship, communication, and creative work.

▶ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION & CULTURAL PROGRAM**

Physical education classes are organized in a variety of sports and recreational environments, including gyms, swimming pools, and parks. Students also regularly attend significant cultural and sporting events in Belgrade, which are incorporated into the school program.



NATIONAL SPORTS PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Flexible Schedule

– The school adapts to your training and competition rhythm.

Mentorship Support

– Academic catch-up provided as needed.

Cyclical Learning

– Balancing intensive training with school responsibilities.

Additional Extracurricular Activities

Prepare students for life and career, including:

Financial Literacy & Investment

– smart money management during your career and beyond

Entrepreneurial Thinking

– personal branding, negotiation, and monetizing your skills

Mental Strength & Focus

– discipline, resilience, and motivation for competition





HOW LEARNING WORKS AT OUR SCHOOL

At The Merit School, learning is not a one-way street. It is dialogue, exploration, and a process.

We learn through:

meaningful projects, topics that connect multiple subjects, discussions that encourage critical thinking.

Mistakes are welcomed. Questions are encouraged, because knowledge grows where there is freedom to think.

▶ **THE CLASSROOM AS A SPACE FOR IDEAS**

Our classrooms are not places of silence — they are spaces for exchange. Here, students discuss, present, argue, and create. They work in teams, express opinions, and learn how to defend them. The world that awaits them will not demand silence, but clarity and courage.

▶ **PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT STUDENTS**

Our teachers are not just instructors — they are mentors. They recognize potential, ask questions, and provide guidance. Every student is seen, heard, and supported. We know that the most important lessons are learned through relationships.

▶ **SCHOOL LIFE AND EXPERIENCES**

Students have the opportunity to:

- participate in volunteer activities and conferences,
- attend cultural and sporting events in Belgrade (included in the school program),
- develop and present projects whenever it adds value.

▶ **FEATURED INITIATIVES**

The Merit School is recognized as **the first high school in Serbia to financially support students' ideas**. Each generation receives a grant to realize their own projects. The first generation developed a school podcast and a branded T-shirt line.



School life beyond timetable

Workshops, competitions, conferences, guest lectures, and projects give students the opportunity to explore themselves and the world around them. This is where interests, confidence, and initiative are born.

Care that can be seen

We believe that success cannot exist without well-being. That is why we create a safe environment where conversation, understanding, and emotional literacy are just as important as academic knowledge.

A student who feels safe has the courage to grow.

International opportunities

- Collaborations with foreign institutions
- Exchange programs
- Preparation for higher education in Serbia and abroad

For parents who choose thoughtfully

We know that today's parents are not just looking for a good school. They want an environment where their child can:

- feel safe and accepted,
- develop their full potential,
- acquire professional and life skills,
- receive clear guidance for further education and personal development,



ADMISSION TO A NEW CLASS THE MERIT SCHOOL CLASS 2026/27

Enrollment for the new class for the 2026/27 school year is in its final stage.

The number of places is limited to ensure that each student receives the attention, support, and quality of education we consider essential.

Applications under special conditions are open until the end of **February 2026**.

ADMISSION PROCESS – CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE

Enrollment at The Merit School takes place in **two stages**, with the goal of ensuring that both sides are confident that the partnership is the right fit.

Stage I – Introduction

- Submission of the application
- Meeting with parents to discuss the child and expectations
- Student interview and assessment with the support of the school team
- Introduction to the school's values, rules, and educational approach

Stage II – Formal Enrollment

- Signing the enrollment agreement
- Submission of required documentation
- Agreement on the tuition payment plan

Parents receive detailed information throughout the process.

Are grades decisive?

We believe that a **child's potential cannot be measured solely by scores**. Far more important than the results is the question:

Is this the right school for my child?

At The Merit School, we look for curiosity, willingness to work, and openness to growth, not perfection.

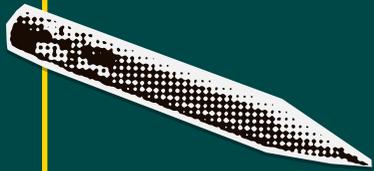
We Invite You for a Meeting

Before making your final decision, we invite you to get to know:

- our educational team,
- our approach to teaching,
- the values we live by every day.

The Merit School is the choice for families seeking an education with depth, stability, and vision.

OPEN SCHOOL DAY – During February, the school opens its doors for prospective students to spend a day with us, experience lessons, feel the atmosphere, and get to know the school.



BOOK NOW!

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