

# Sint-Ludgardisschool - Antwerp - Belgium

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## School presentation

Our school which was founded in 1911 is located near the very centre of the city of Antwerp.

It offers general and technical education to approximately 650 pupils on the secondary level (12 to 18 years old) and to about the same number in the nursery and primary school (3 to 11 years old).

The secondary school mainly offers ASO, which is a general education preparing pupils for both higher education and university. Its main options are Latin, Greek, Economics, Modern Languages and Sciences.

The school also offers TSO, technical education, providing the options business and administration, and technology and sciences.

Let's now focus on the ICT implementation in the curriculum at the moment, starting with the first year (12 year olds).

All the pupils have one hour of ICT a week during which they get an introduction into the use of computers (keyboard, mouse, etc...), Word and the www.

During the second year ICT consists of the exploration of a certain aspect, e.g. building a simple website (without knowledge of html). In the third year ICT teachers focus on: Excel, Word and PowerPoint.

Fourth year: the principles of Word processing, spreadsheets, database and the integration of these.

In the last grade (16 and 17 year olds) there are no specific ICT-classes, except for the Business and Administration department.

These pupils practise applied ICT (blind typing, spreadsheets, Word processing, Database; the software we use is Microsoft).

Our pupils regularly use the computer at home to do their school work. In the first and second grade (12 to 15 year olds): Word and in the third grade: Word, Power Point, Integration of visual material: pictures, short videos). And most of them daily use the computer to chat on MSN, to download music and to play games.

In September 2004 we started with a virtual learning environment, called Blackboard, which is a commercial product but as a school we can count on a price reduction.

In the third grade Blackboard is being used in the geography classes, mathematics, Latin and French, although we have to admit the use is still limited. We'd like to organise a demonstration of BB in November during our meeting.

As a matter of fact our pupils are very well acquainted with the computer; the teachers on the other hand still have a long way to go.