

The King John III Sobieski Complex of Upper Secondary Schools No 3 in Stalowa Wola

The King John III Sobieski Complex of Upper Secondary Schools No 3 in Stalowa Wola consists of:

- **technical college** (a four-graded learning system which finishes with Matura Exams – students at the age between 16-20);
- **basic vocational school** (a two- or three-graded learning system – students at the age between 16-18 or 16-19);
- **complementary technical college** (a three-graded learning system which finishes with Matura Exam – students at the age between 18-21 or 19-22, who have finished a basic vocational school and want to continue their education);

We offer 8 profiles in our **technical college**:

- technician of economics,
- technician of sales,
- technician of computer technology,
- technician of landscape architecture,
- technician of nutrition and household,
- technician of organizing gastronomic services,
- waiter,
- cook,

Basic vocational school offers 5 professions:

- shop assistant (a two-graded system of learning),
- short orders cook (a two-graded system of learning),
- baker (a three-graded system of learning),
- pastry cook (a three-graded system of learning),

Nowadays there are over 940 students attending both types of schools, taught by 93 teachers. The school is governed by 3 principals.

- Our school is a complex of thriving upper secondary schools, whose origins date back to 1928. The school in its present form exists since 2009. It is situated in a pleasant, residential area of Rozwadów far from the city bustle.
- Having an over 80-year-old tradition, we are the oldest school in the Stalowa Wola Poviát (powiat - an administrative unit in Poland).
- We are continuing the tradition of Trade School, whose aim was to prepare the students to work successfully in the field of commerce, industry and finance.

- During 80 years we have educated a large number of specialists in the field of economics, finance, accountancy, advertising, insurance as well as cooking specialists.
- Our school leavers work as managers, sales representatives, presidents and directors of various companies and institutions. Among our former students there are also successful cooks and waiters.
- Our school provides the students with solid education, both general and professional. It means that our school leavers can start their studies in any specialisation, not necessarily connected to the profile of the class chosen in a technical college. Our school ensures that the students acquire the skills which enable them to understand the complex functioning of the home and world market.
- Matura as well as professional exam results of our students exceed the national average.
- Our students are successful in many high school curriculum contests.
- Some subjects (such as Maths, English or Biology among others) are taught at an advanced level, which gives our students an opportunity to continue their education at a university they want to study at.
- In the school there is an examination centre of the Regional Examination Board OKE (the Regional Examination Board OKE - Okręgowa Komisja Egzaminacyjna, which is based in Cracow) . Our teachers are qualified examiners of the OKE. The centre enables our students to gain professional qualifications as well as a Europass certificate which grants school leavers qualifications to work in the countries of the European Union.
- We organise after-school activities or clubs for students to foster their interest or enrich their knowledge in a given subject.
- We provide excellent conditions for students to develop their sports interests; we have a modern and well-equipped sports hall and a new complex of sports fields "Orlik": one of them is a football pitch, whose size is 30x60 metres; the other, whose size is 19x32 metres, is a multifunctional field with surface artificial grass.

Our school leavers can:

- analyse phenomena in the world of economy,
- draw up a plan of functioning for a small business,
- draw up a simplified business plan,
- use computer programmes in practice,
- do well during interviews,
- start an economic activity,

Typical workplaces where our school leavers find employment:

- national institutions (tax offices, Social Insurance Company – in Polish ZUS, post offices),
- self-government institutions (town councils, municipal offices, powiat offices),
- banks,
- restaurants,
- cafes,
- hotels,
- hospitals,
- chains of supermarkets,
- computer shops and technical service centres,

Our school ensures:

- very good learning facilities: subject classrooms, two computer classrooms, a classroom to conduct practical lessons (called “the simulation classroom”), a library and a reading room, modern sports facilities,
- well-qualified and creative teaching staff: our teachers inspire students to organise economic activities and to present their skills and knowledge during conferences and at the International Fair Trades of Simulation Firms, which is popular with the companies from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Finland and others,
- after-school lessons which foster a student’s personality (among them there are Literary Club meetings),
- a friendly atmosphere which contributes to a student’s development,
- help and support of the school’s pedagogist,

The school’s work:

The school’s career centre

- The school career counsellor Maryla Wardak-Matusiak advises students on planning their future career.

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cooperates with many Polish and foreign schools:

- Obchodna Akademia in Kosice, Slovakia www.oake.sk,
- Obchodna Akademia in Ostrava www.slk.fi,
- Finnish Business College in Helsinki www.slk.fi,

The school participates in the project of the international cooperation of simulation firms.

Our school is the seat of **the trade company CRAFT** (a simulation firm)

The supervisors of the students who are involved in the work of the trade company CRAFT are:

- Maryla Wardak-Matusiak
- Joanna Szczerbowska-Kopacz
- Marzena Garbacz

Our students participate in many high school curriculum contests such as:

- Economics Contests,
- Accounting Contests,
- History, Ecology and English Language Contests,
- Foreign Language Festival in Rzeszów,
- Minor Poland's Contest for Culinary Schools,
- contests checking knowledge of Small Statistical Yearbook,
- contests such as “Aids and you”, “Alcohol is deceitful”
- writing contests,
- Mathematics contests,
- sports contests
- medical contests,
- cooking contests,
- information technology and economic contests,
- excursions,
- the city's cultural life,

The patron of our school is John III (John Sobieski), king of Poland (1674-96).

John III (John Sobieski) , 1624-96, king of Poland (1674-96), champion of Christian Europe against the Ottomans. Born to an ancient noble family, he was appointed (1668) commander of the Polish army. He defeated (1673) the Ottomans at Khotin shortly after the death of King Michael, and in 1674 he was elected to succeed Michael. John's plans to recover East Prussia led him to conclude alliances with France (1675) and Sweden (1677) against Frederick William of Brandenburg (the Great Elector). However, the emphasis of his foreign policy changed when Sultan Muhammad IV and the Hungarians under Thököly advanced against Austria. Realizing the danger to all Europe, John allied (1683) with Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I and, leading combined imperial and Polish forces, raised the siege of Vienna and defeated the much larger Ottoman army under Kara Mustapha. Despite Leopold's ungrateful reception, John continued his campaign and pursued the Ottomans into Hungary. In 1684 he formed a Holy League with the pope, the emperor, and Venice. In 1686 he made a treaty with Russia that confirmed Russian suzerainty in E Ukraine. However, John's attempts (1684-91) to secure access to the Black Sea by wresting Moldavia and Walachia from the

Ottoman Empire were unsuccessful. His loss of military prestige encouraged the nobles to oppose him at home. John's death, followed by the choice of the elector of Saxony as King Augustus II of Poland, marked the virtual end of Polish independence.

It was John III Sobieski who in 1690 issued a privilege under which agreement Gabriel Rozwadowski founded the town of Rozwadow (presently the district of Stalowa Wola).

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