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**OKAN
RECEPTION CLASS
FOREIGN-SPEAKING NEWCOMERS**

Goal

The language of education in our city is Dutch. Students in the reception class have the opportunity to learn Dutch in a fast, intensive way, allowing them to join the regular school system.

Background

Learning a language is more than just learning to communicate. Language is also a way of introducing the fundamentals of tolerant multicultural society. This is only possible in a spirit of mutual respect. In the reception class, Dutch is the common language we use to explore.

Forms of education

The main goal is to teach students to process abstract information. We work on the basis of grade groups and use as many different didactic work forms as possible. We approach the four skills (writing, speaking, reading and listening) of Dutch through assorted didactic techniques. We endeavour to look at things wherever possible from the perspective of the students; their interests and qualities are important.

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Dry run

During the year students have the opportunity to test their newly acquired language skills in the study orientation of their choice for one week.

Guidance

We work closely with the CLB (the student guidance centre) and PINA -18 (the integration project for foreign-speaking newcomers in Antwerp). This enables us to give students personal guidance on their challenges and potential problems.

Recommendation

At the end of the school year, students receive a record of attendance and a certificate. The teaching team draws up a well-reasoned recommendation with respect to language skills, results, any equivalencies of foreign diplomas and school career in the country of origin.

Who can register?

Newcomers are welcome to enrol in the reception class if:

- Dutch is not their native language.
- They have yet to follow a full school year in Dutch.
- They are not yet 18 years of age on 31 December of the calendar year in which the school year begins.

How can you register?

Come along with a parent and bring:

- A passport or valid ID of student and parents
- School diplomas and certificates from your country of origin
- 1 passport photo
- Medical information from your country of origin (including vaccination record)

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