**Schools in Britain**

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Well, in this programme we look at British schools and British students. Most children start primary school at the age of five. Then at eleven they go to secondary school. All children stay at secondary school to the age of sixteen. And at sixteen in England they take GCSE examinations, that is General Certificate of Secondary Education. After these exams about thirty percent of students leave school. The others usually study three subjects for two more years and then take “A” levels or Advanced level examinations about twenty percent of eighteen year-olds go to university. They usually leave home and go to university in a different town or city. Another twenty percent go on to other kinds of education and training.

This is the John Mason School in Abingdon near Oxford. Students go to school from Monday to Friday and school starts at nine o’clock. Most schools are mixed – they’re for boys and girls. And at most secondary schools the students wear a uniform.

This is the first class of the day. It’s Maths.

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On average there are about twenty two students in a secondary school class and about twenty seven are in a primary school class. British students have a wide choice of subjects. This is an art class. Here’s a Food Technology class, the students learn about food and cooking. This is a Design and Technology class. Science, of course, and foreign languages. Many British school children only learn a foreign language from the age of eleven. Most students study French. Other popular languages are Spanish and Italian. They also study other subjects – like Information Technology, History, Biography, English Literature and Religion. Students have lessons in the morning and then a break of an hour for lunch. Some go home for lunch, some bring sandwiches with them, and some eat here in the school canteen.

‘ What’s on the menu today?’

‘Chips and beans.’

There’re classes in the afternoon and school finishes at about four o’clock. After school some students do other activities like sport. Football’s very popular, but so are other games like netball, rugby and badminton. And some students learn music.

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