

# Schools in Pushkin 100 years ago

There were more than 20 schools in our town 100 years ago. Most of them were private and religious. There were also state schools supported by the government of the tsar Nicolas II

The 5<sup>th</sup> form children of our “Rainbow” school have prepared the information about Mariinsky female grammar school. There is Art school in th

Tsarskoselsky female  
Mariinsky  
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Mariinsky female grammar school was opened on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1864. In 1910, the Mariinsky Gymnasium was a seven-year school. The tuition fees were 80 rubles per year. The Gymnasium was maintained at students' expense and money donated by the Department (????) of the Empress Maria Alexandrovna. Girls from families which belonged to the lower rank and peasants' daughters could not study there, because the school was expensive for them.

The main subjects were: The law of God, Russian, History, Geography, Arithmetic, elementary Geometry, Calligraphy, Crafts, Gymnastics, Basic physics concepts, Housekeeping and Hygiene. The girls studied French, German and the Arts. The teachers tried to make their students intelligent and well-educated persons.





After leaving the Mariinsky female grammar school girls received a certificate which allowed to work as a home tutor. In those days higher education for women was uncommon thing, so the work as a home tutor was a new phenomenon. The Mariinsky Gymnasium was a boarding school. The students who studied there came not only from Tsarskoye Selo, but also from its outskirts.

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Now this building is occupied by the Art school. It also gets paid. But children from large families and children living in single-parent families get free education.

There are three departments within the Art School, including:

1. Music
2. Literature
3. Painting (Drawing)

A beautiful new school building will be constructed this year. This is a gift to our city in connection with its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This school is famous for the fact that the great Russian poet Anna Akhmatova studied there between 1899 and 1905.

