

## The graduation at secondary modern school or secondary school



If your child is attending a secondary modern school the school time ends after the ninth class. If your child is attending a secondary school it will pass the exam after the tenth class. The end of the school time is a big event for the teenagers. It is prepared a long time in advance. For example there is the graduation magazine, the „last day of school“ and the graduation party.



### **The graduation magazine**

Most of the classes or grades have a graduation magazine. With this magazine they want to keep nice memories of their school time. Mostly there is a certain group of students who design the newspaper.

#### ***What is the newspapers' content?***

- there is a photo of all graduates (mostly on the front page )
- a „WANTED“ poster of every student (photo, name, birthday, hobbies, favorite subject, career aspiration and so on)
- memories and anecdotes (e.g. of class outings, school outings)
- funny sayings of students or teachers

A graduation magazine is something really funny and nice. Especially when you are older and want to have a look back in the good old times, it is nice to be read. A lot of classes organize a class reunion every ten years. In these reunions, the graduation magazine is being read again and the former students can remember their school days together.



### **"The last day of school"**

After passing all exams the students celebrate the last day of school. Some classes organize a little program at the schoolyard so that the younger students have fun. Sometimes the students play a prank or the teachers have to take part in different games. Usually there are many teachers who like doing that.

Some classes even print special t-shirts for this day. So they create a uniform look for everybody at the last day of school. Often there is a funny saying on the shirt. For example „Wer hat an der Uhr gedreht, ist es wirklich schon so spät?“ This sentence shows that the school time passed fast.

### **The graduation party**

In Germany there is a graduation party for all students who are leaving the school. Often the principal delivers a speech at the graduation party. During the speech the students also receive their certificates.



All teachers, parents and sometimes also the grandparents and brothers and sisters take part in the graduation party.

It is a big event for the school leavers. They often wear glamorous clothes. The girls often wear a nice dress and the boys usually wear a suit or a nice shirt.