

Our education system in Czech Republic isn't that different from another countries I'd say. You start to go to kindergarten when you're about 3 years old. At the age of 6-7, you start going to primary school. When you finish your fifth grade, you can decide to either stay on elementary school and decide about your high school and future in ninth grade or you can attend „gymnasium“, which is some kind of „pre-high school“ for students, that don't mind study harder in many different subjects, from science to languages. You usually attend gymnasium for 8 years, which means until your graduation, and if you graduate, it's with gymnasium almost expected from you to attend college, because gymnasium doesn't orient to one field but instead deeply prepares you in many subjects, so you can't do many jobs without college, because most of them require specific specialisation.

Doesn't matter on your school, from when you're little, you can start attending art school. Children usually go there after school few times a week. They usually can choose from music, dance, drama and fine art (in means of drawing, painting or basically creating something) and you can even combine it and attend more fields, though it is more time consuming for sure. These art schools usually are just hobbies, but they are also almost necessity if you want to attend art high school. In Czech Republic many people praise you when you are interested in art, but if you choose it as your future job, most of them are disappointed because „it isn't real job“ „you're lazy“ and many more. But I don't think that it's really that different in other countries when it comes to this.

This system of art schools is unique. There is only one other country in Europe (probably world), which have the same kind of schools - Slovakia.

I hope you did enjoy this „informative report“, shared together with some of my personal thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

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