



REGULAR NEWSLETTER OF THE DUAL ACADEMY

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025



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SUMMARY

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- Humanity in Practice: We organized a blood donation event and participated in the "Let's Donate a Smile" project, showcasing the generosity of our students.
- Súťaže a úspechy: Naši študenti sa nezlákli výzvy na SolidCAM súťaži v Trenčíne a opäť nás skvele reprezentovali.
- Medzinárodná spolupráca: V rámci programu Erasmus+ sme hostili študentov zo ŠKODA AUTO a.s. a spolupracovali na tvorivých projektoch.
- Úspešné Dni otvorených dverí: Ukončili sme sériu DOD s výbornou účasťou a skvelou atmosférou.

Pamätajte, že nás môžete podporiť aj prostredníctvom 2 % z daní pre Občianske združenie Duálka. Pomôžete tak zlepšiť vzdelávacie podmienky a podporiť našich študentov.

Prajeme vám príjemné čítanie a tešíme sa na ďalšie spoločné úspechy!



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- Competitions and Achievements: Our students rose to the challenge at the SolidCAM competition in Trenčín, representing us brilliantly once again.
- International Cooperation: As part of the Erasmus+ program, we had the pleasure of hosting students from ŠKODA AUTO a.s., collaborating on engaging creative projects.
- Successful Open Days: We concluded our Open Days with excellent participation and a wonderful atmosphere.

Remember, you can support us by donating 2% of your taxes to Občianske združenie Duálka (Duálka Civic Association). This contribution will help improve educational conditions and support our students.

We wish you a pleasant reading experience and look forward to achieving further successes together!



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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025 MONTHS OF ENTHUSIASM

The months of January and February at Dual Academy were filled with enthusiasm!

For us, enthusiasm encompasses not only the joy of daily activities but also the passion and determination to overcome challenges with a smile. It serves as the driving force that propels us forward, brings energy to our educational pursuits, and motivates us to achieve even better results.

We believe that enthusiasm is the key to success. It inspires not only our students but also our entire team to foster an environment rich in positive energy and creativity.



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IMPORTANT DATES

There are important dates approaching in the coming weeks that you definitely shouldn't forget!

All important dates, including application submissions and other key events, can be found clearly in one place here.

Seize the opportunity to advance your future at Dual Academy! Follow us to stay updated!

Teachers' Day: March 28, 2025 (Friday)

Entrance exam 2025:

- **Technical Lyceum:** First Term: March 24, Second Term: March 31
- **Results will be published on April 8**

- **Other exams:** First Term: May 5, Second Term: May 12
- **Results will be published on May 16**

AP exams 2025:

AP2 Written Part: April 1 - 3, 2025

AP2 Practical Part: May 5 - 9, 2025

AP2 Defense: May 12 - 16, 2025

AP1 Written Part: May 20 - 22, 2025

AP1 Practical Part: June 2 - 6, 2025



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YOUR 2% FOR OZ DUÁLKA

Support Dual Academy by donating 2% of your taxes!

Dear Parents, Friends, and Supporters of Dual Academy,

The time is coming for you to allocate 2% of your taxes.

By supporting Občianske združenie Duálka (Duálka Civic Association), you will help us create better conditions for education, enhance student activities, and modernize our school.

Your contributions will enable us to:

- Improve school equipment and support innovative educational projects.
- Organize student events and develop extracurricular activities.
- Implement sports, cultural, and volunteer initiatives.

If you would like further information or need assistance with filling out the form, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping us create a brighter future for our students!

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CERTIFICATES ERASMUS+

In January, we presented certificates to students participating in the Erasmus+ project.

Congratulations to all the talented students from Audi Ingolstadt (Germany) and Audi Győr (Hungary) who completed their internships with us as part of the Erasmus+ program and received their well-deserved certificates!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Volkswagen Slovakia for making this internship possible. Special thanks go to our colleague Matej Repčok for his constant support, guidance, and assistance to both groups during their stay.

We wish them much success in their future studies and careers!



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BILINGUAL TECHNICAL LYCEUM

Bilingual Technical Lyceum: We're Excited to Announce the Opening of Our Second Class!

At Dual Academy, we are thrilled to announce the launch of the second class of the Bilingual Technical Lyceum for the 2025/2026 school year!

Our students will benefit from a comprehensive 5-year study program offered in both English and Slovak, along with practical training and professional internships available in the 4th and 5th grades.

Professional instruction in English will equip them for the international job market, while achieving a C1 level on the secondary school leaving exam will ensure they possess a high level of language proficiency and professional skills.

We are confident that our students will achieve success not only in Slovakia but also abroad, becoming valuable contributors to the technical industry and the field of renewable energy.

We would like to express our gratitude to all applicants and look forward to welcoming a new generation of talented individuals!



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2024

During January's HydePark event, we announced the December Student of the Month. School Principal Milan Ráchela emphasized the importance of open communication and encouraged students to ask questions and express their opinions without hesitation.

The December Student of the Month award was presented to **Samuel Kavický** from II.MEat. He was nominated for his diligence, responsibility, and willingness to help his classmates. Samuel excels not only in his professional subjects but also in teamwork and shares his knowledge generously.

We wholeheartedly congratulate him and believe that his approach will inspire other Dual Academy students!



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BLOOD DONATION IN DUÁLKA

At Dual Academy, we organized a beautiful and meaningful event: a blood donation drive that has the potential to save lives.

Sponsored by Občianske združenie Duálka (Duálka Civic Association) and in cooperation with the Slovak-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Slovakia) and the mobile National Transfusion Service of the Slovak Republic, we provided a space for those willing to contribute this precious gift.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all 30 donors, whose courage and kindness demonstrated that compassion and a willingness to help are still cherished values in our community. We are thrilled that the donors included not only employees of Dual Academy but also students and visitors from the DNV area.

We are extremely grateful for this wonderful response and look forward to organizing more activities like this that will bring joy and meaningful assistance to those in need.

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LET'S SHARE A SMILE!

In December, we participated in the nationwide social initiative "Let's Give a Smile," which has been organized since 2014 by the Association of Ex-Alumni in collaboration with the Salesian Family and the Slovak Catholic Charity.

This project provides tangible assistance to people in need and allows us to support those who require it most.

Our students helped load a delivery truck in Bratislava for distribution across Slovakia. School supplies, clothing, shoes, and appliances were sent to families and organizations throughout the country.

We are extremely proud of our students for their willingness to help and demonstrate compassion. We believe that such activities will strengthen their empathy and sense of responsibility towards the community.



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ERASMUS+ CZECH REPUBLIC

As part of the Erasmus+ program, we hosted students from ŠKODA AUTO a.s., Střední odborné učiliště strojírenské.

Eight students, accompanied by their teachers, visited the Dual Academy to create a game cube and enjoyed various leisure activities, including bowling.

Our students proved to be excellent hosts, guiding the Czech visitors not only around the school but also through Bratislava.

We take pride in being part of international cooperation and contributing to the development of young talents.



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DOORS OPEN DAYS

January 25, 2025

Open Day attracted a record number of visitors!

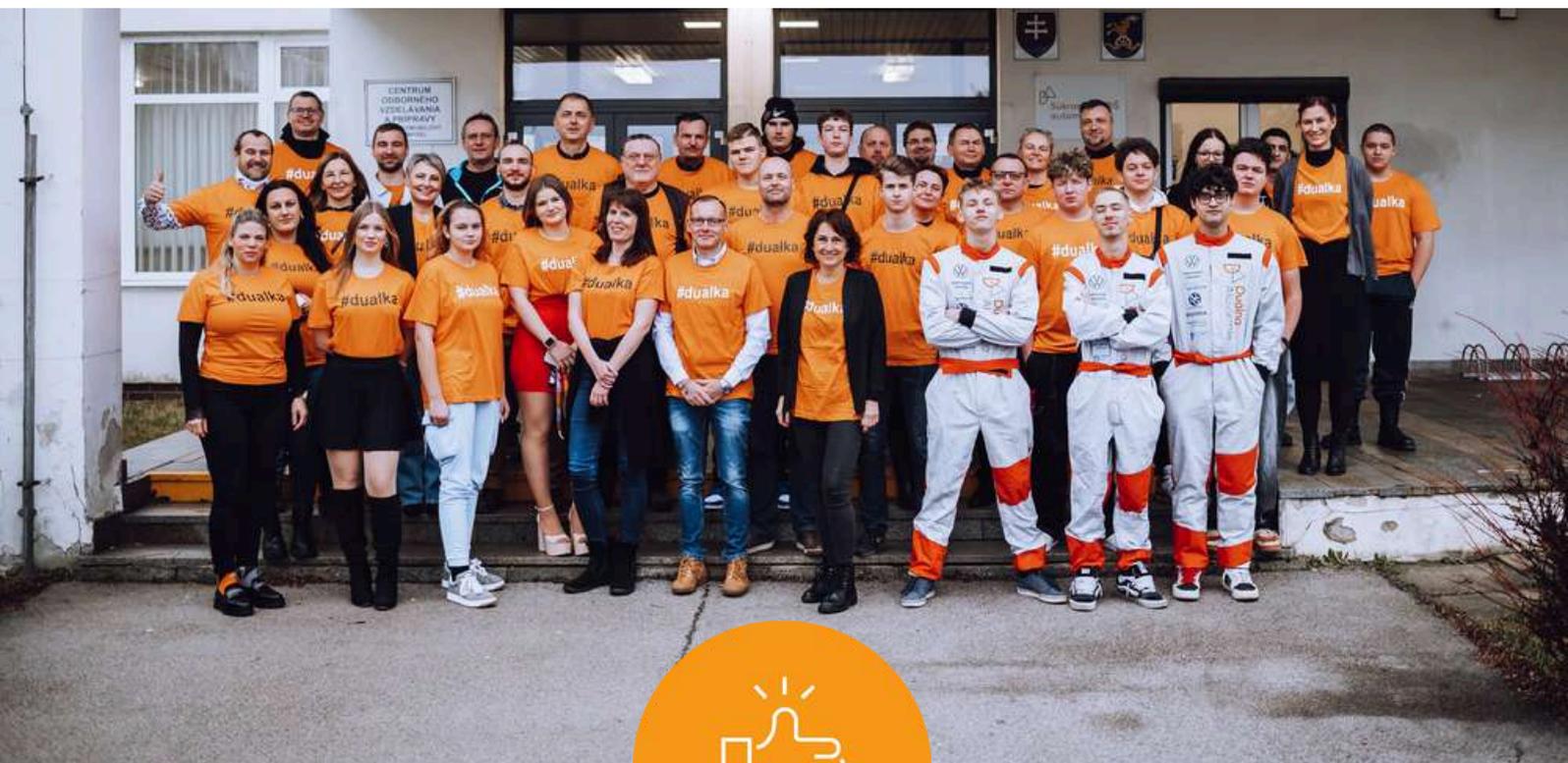
On Saturday, the Dual Academy welcomed a record 237 visitors who had the chance to explore our facilities, study programs, and dual education opportunities. Many attendees expressed a strong desire to apply for a place at Dual, which brings us great joy.

Vladimír Orovnický from Daikin drew special attention by captivating visitors with his engaging scientific experiments.

There was also significant interest in our bilingual technical lyceum, and we are thrilled with the positive response to the opening of two new classes in the upcoming school year.

We are already looking forward to welcoming next year's freshmen!

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YOUNG ENERGY EUROPE

Dual Academy has successfully completed the Young Energy Europe project!

As part of this project, our main instructor, Michal Voloch, along with professional trainer Filip Kapusta and project manager Nadežda Nováková from Duálka, became certified Energy Scouts.

From June 17 to October 2, 2024, a residential meeting focused on environmental issues, energy saving, recycling, and the development of soft skills took place. The Young Energy Europe project provided our colleagues and team with valuable knowledge and fresh inspiration on how to enhance dual education and contribute to a sustainable future.

We would like to thank all the participants for their outstanding representation of the school!



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MARKUS KAUNE - VISIT FROM ZSE

Markus Kaune, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of ZSE, visited the Dual Academy recently.

The visit was a pleasant experience that exceeded our expectations. The CEO expressed his satisfaction with the cooperation between ZSE and the Dual Academy.

We are pleased to hear that he is committed to continuing and expanding our collaboration, both in the dual education system and in the area of lifelong learning for current and future experts at ZSE.

Thank you!



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EXCURSION TO AUSCHWITZ

On January 24, 2025, our students embarked on a field trip to Auschwitz, a site with a complex history and a profound legacy for every generation. As they entered the premises, they were struck by a deep sense of emptiness and sadness. The barracks, gas chambers, and personal belongings of the victims revealed the harsh reality of one of the darkest chapters in human history.

This visit was more than just an excursion; it served as a powerful lesson about the consequences of hatred, intolerance, and indifference. The students left with lasting memories and a vital understanding of the importance of protecting peace, human dignity, and respect for life.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our tour leader, Ing. Miroslav Bajo, as well as the teaching staff, Denisa Bullová and Ivana Kapalko, for their sensitive approach and careful organization of this challenging yet essential visit.



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DOORS OPEN DAYS

February 7, 2025

Thank you for the wonderful Open Days at Duálka!

On Friday, February 7, 2025, we concluded this school year's Open Days series. We are extremely grateful to all the visitors who came to explore our school, as well as to the entire team who contributed to the preparation and execution of this event. Your curiosity, insightful questions, and enthusiasm for education truly inspire us!

The application deadline for high school was February 20, 2025, and we were genuinely pleased with the interest shown. Thank you to those who submitted applications and expressed a desire to join the Dual Academy!

We wish everyone the best of luck during the entrance exams!

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SKI TRIP

Dual Academy Ski Trip – Snow, Experiences, and Great Company!

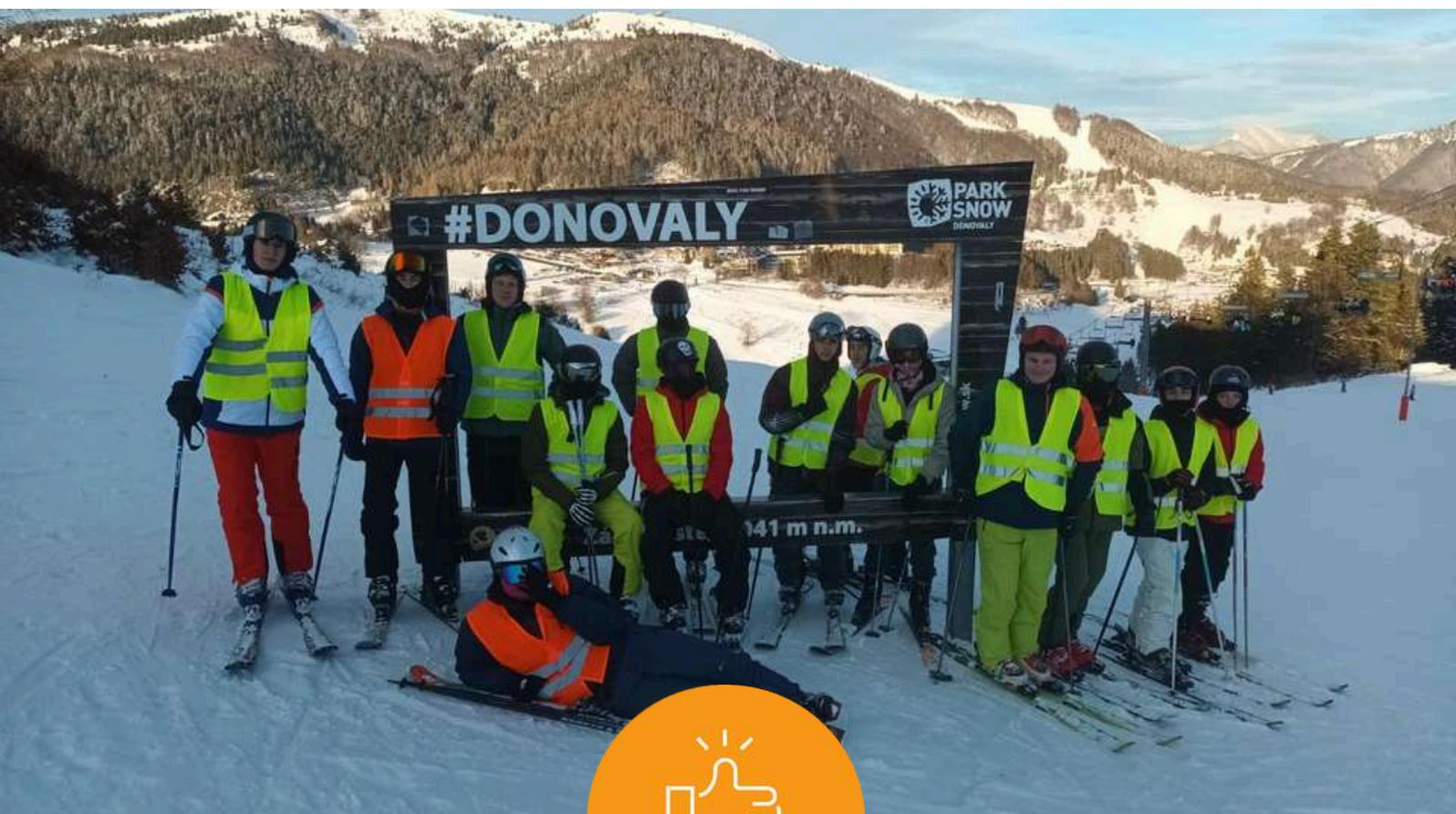
The freshmen of Dual Academy, including those from the bilingual technical lyceum, enjoyed unforgettable moments during their ski trip in the beautiful surroundings of Liptov!

Accommodation: Liptovská Osada

Skiing Location: PARK SNOW Donovaly

Instructors and Supervisors: Mr. Bauer, Mr. Hofmeister, Mr. Žitný, and a nurse

From morning ski sessions to evening relaxation at the cottage, the trip provided not only exciting sporting experiences but also plenty of fun and cherished memories. We extend our gratitude to all the organizers and students for creating a wonderful atmosphere and fostering a spirit of teamwork!



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COMPETITION SOLIDCAM IN TRENČÍN

Duálka students excelled at the SolidCAM competition in Trenčín!

Our students embraced the challenge and participated in the inaugural SolidCAM competition, which took place on February 13, 2025. This event was organized by Schier Technik Slovakia in cooperation with SOŠ Trenčín.

Here are the results from our students:

- **Marek Mrva** (2nd year of Mechanical Engineering) - 8th place
- **Alexander Kučera** (3rd year of Mechanical Engineering) - 10th place

In a strong field of 31 participants from 10 schools across Slovakia, our students showcased their skills in CNC milling programming. Congratulations on your outstanding achievements! A special thank you to Matúš Deters for his invaluable support and guidance.

We are proud of you and look forward to your future successes!



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COOPERATION WITH AHK SLOVAKIA

We welcomed representatives from the Slovak-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK) to the Dual Academy: Iveta Hrkelová and Anna Volivach from the Skills Experts Koordinierungsstelle. Together, we discussed preparations for the AP1 and AP2 exams for IT professionals in this school year.

Here are the exam dates for all disciplines:

AP2 Written Part: April 1-3

AP2 Practical Part: May 5-9

AP2 Defense: May 12-16

AP1 Written Part: May 20-22

AP1 Practical Part: June 2-6

Collaboration with the AHK ensures the quality and professionalism of the exams, not only for IT professionals but for all disciplines. We look forward to achieving great results!



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2025

In January, Dual Academy hosted an event called HydePark, where representatives from the student parliament presented current topics and important issues affecting the school.

Our students once again demonstrated their responsibility and commitment.

A key highlight of the event was the announcement of the Student of the Month, which was awarded to **Lukáš Vlk**.

His perseverance and responsible approach to school responsibilities make him an excellent role model for his peers.

We thank everyone for their efforts and hope that Lukáš's motivation will inspire other students to achieve great results!

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YEARBOOK 2024/2025



We have completed the photoshoot for Dual Academy students. We are excited to move on to the second phase together and preserve precious memories with the second Dual Academy yearbook.

Yearbook 2024/2025 can yours, too!

Last year, we captured memories through words and vibrant images across more than eighty pages. This year, you can look forward to an even thicker yearbook, filled with individual and group photos of students, classes, events, trips, competitions, and activities at Duálka. It will also include humorous comments from students and much more. Don't miss this unique opportunity to order a yearbook and preserve the memories of one of the most beautiful times in your life.

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INTERVIEW WITH THE EMPLOYER SALESIANER MIETTEX S.R.O.



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Konateľka a obchodný riaditeľ vo firme SALESIANER MIETTEX s.r.o.

V spoločnosti pracujú od decembra 2023.



Spolupráca s **Duálnou Akadémiou** začala na jeseň 2024.

Why should a student choose your company as his/her employer in dual education?

Name three reasons.

- Salesianer Miettex is a stable international company and an Austrian family business with over 100 years of tradition, operating in 11 European countries. It offers a long-term perspective and opportunities for professional growth.
- The company places a strong emphasis on sustainability and innovative approaches. It is committed to ecological solutions in textile management, recycling, and hygiene standards, providing students with valuable, modern, and environmentally responsible work experience.
- There are opportunities for further career advancement along with employee benefits. Overall, Salesianer Miettex comprehensively prepares future employees for work in an international company focused on innovation and a technologically advanced environment.

What are the most significant new developments that have recently occurred or are planned in your company?

The company is continuously modernizing its operations to enhance efficiency and reduce its environmental impact. As part of our dual education initiative, we plan to give students access to modern technologies, professional training, and collaboration opportunities with experienced technicians. With this approach, we aim to prepare a new generation of experts who will have stable and promising careers in an innovative and environmentally friendly industry.

If you had to describe your company in one word, what word would it be?

Reliability.

Salesianer Miettex is a stable and trustworthy company that offers high-quality textile rental and maintenance services. We prioritize security and safety for both our customers and employees, while consistently delivering top-notch service. We are committed to innovation, sustainability, and efficiency in all our operations.



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INTERVIEW WITH THE EMPLOYER SALESIANER MIETTEX S.R.O.

Can you share something about your company that is not widely known or easily found on the internet?

- The high-tech laundry facility in Bratislava can wash 32 t of laundry or clothes per day, which is equivalent to the output of more than 6,400 household washing machines.
- SALESIANER Group currently operates approximately 20,000 solar panels. These panels generate enough electricity to meet the annual consumption of about 3,000 single-person households.
- Through its commitment to sustainable energy production, the company can significantly reduce its ecological footprint by avoiding 672 tons of CO2 emissions each year.
- Women hold 46.63% of management positions within the company, while the overall percentage of women in the workforce is 70%.
- The company employs individuals from 65 different nationalities across 11 countries.
- Additionally, the company's drivers collectively cover approximately 80,000 kilometers per day, which is comparable to circling the globe at the equator.

How do you select future students for the Dual Academy? What skills should a student have, and what qualities do you consider when selecting candidates?

When selecting young candidates for Salesianer Miettex, we seek individuals who are technically proficient and possess manual skills, along with a responsible attitude and a willingness to learn. Our maintenance workers operate JENSEN and KANNEGISSER machines, so it is essential to have an openness to new technologies. These machines are fully automated and digitally controlled, requiring qualified experts for their maintenance. The selection process consists of an interview in which we assess the applicants' motivation and abilities.

What is the perspective of students in your company, and does your company have a plan for working with graduates? Could you share some success stories with us?

At Salesianer Miettex, we provide young students with the opportunity to develop their technical skills in a professional environment. Our facility is equipped with advanced technologies, including state-of-the-art JENSEN and KANNEGISSER machines, which are essential for the efficient operation of our services. We also prioritize sustainability and innovation, as demonstrated by our use of photovoltaic devices in our processes. We aim to attract students who seek stable employment and professional growth while working with the latest technologies. In our company, we foster an environment where young technicians can learn from experienced experts while gaining hands-on experience with the most modern equipment in the industry.

What benefits do you provide for Dual Academy students?

Upon completing the program, students have the opportunity to secure stable employment with prospects for professional growth in a dynamic and innovative work environment. Additionally, we offer motivating employee benefits and support for ongoing professional development. Salesianer Miettex provides Dual Academy students with several attractive perks, including a bonus for referring a new employee, paid training, an English language course, and a day off for donating blood. Employees also receive meal vouchers, which are available even during vacation, as well as free account management at UniCredit Bank. The company actively supports students' professional growth by offering opportunities to enhance their foreign language skills and training with external providers. All of these benefits create a motivating environment for students and contribute to their development as professionals.

MONTHS OF RESPONSIBILITY MARCH - APRIL

March and April: The Months of **RESPONSIBILITY**

At Dual Academy, we believe that responsibility is one of the most important values for both personal and professional life.

In the upcoming months, we will focus on how to approach learning, work, and daily responsibilities with a sense of accountability.

We are excited about activities that will help us develop a sense of responsibility and demonstrate that being responsible means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Education should foster
a sense of **responsibility**,
not celebrate power and success.

- Albert Einstein



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THANK YOU!

You can already look forward to the following newsletter with lots of interesting information already in early May 2025.

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