



Step Up

Orphan Opportunity Centre



Who we are

We work with pupils and leavers of special needs orphanages and children's homes.

Our Mission is to help every child to learn and develop as a person, overcoming the negatives of an institutionalised past.

We give children new opportunities



Who comes to us:

- Average age - 18
- Educated in a special needs institution
- Educated to grade 9 of special needs school (= grade 5 in a general school)
- Students of specialised colleges (specialisations: builder, cleaner, cook, seamstress, shoe maker)
- Lack of career choice → unwillingness to work
- Lack of interest in the outside world
- Low levels of social adaptation

Our work:

- Teaching of a varied curriculum
- Preparation and support to take 9th and 11th grade certificates
- Career advice and help with finding employment
- Assistance with entry and studies at college and university
- Meeting new people and making friends
- Reawakening an interest towards the outside world
- Confidence and responsibility for own future



Alternatives

- Alcoholism, drug addiction, crime, dependency, vagrancy
- Life in closed institutions

Governance



Representative body:

- Raising public awareness
- Approving organisation's transparency and legitimacy

Board of Trustees
(currently being formed)

A consultational and monitoring body on:

- Strategy
- Fundraising
- Contentious issues
- Governance (financial assurance, conflicts of interest, etc)

Board of Directors

Olga Tikhomirova – Step Up Director
Vitalij Farafonov - board member
Yekaterina Kurdyukova - board member
Yelena Zemskova - board member
Aslan Naskidaev – financial controller

Olga Tikhomirova

Teaching staff

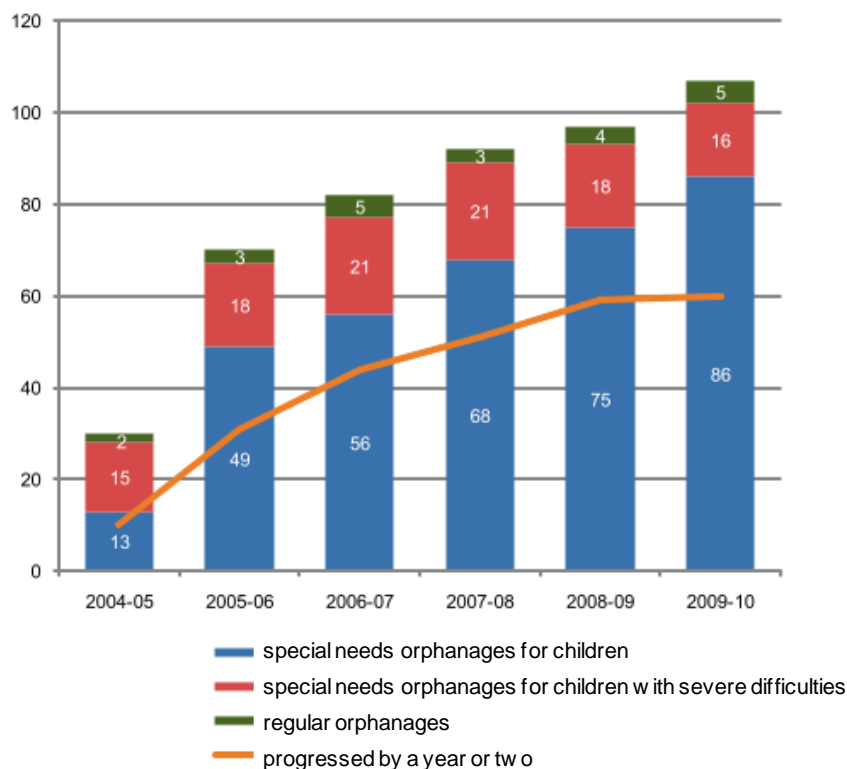
Secretary

Accountant

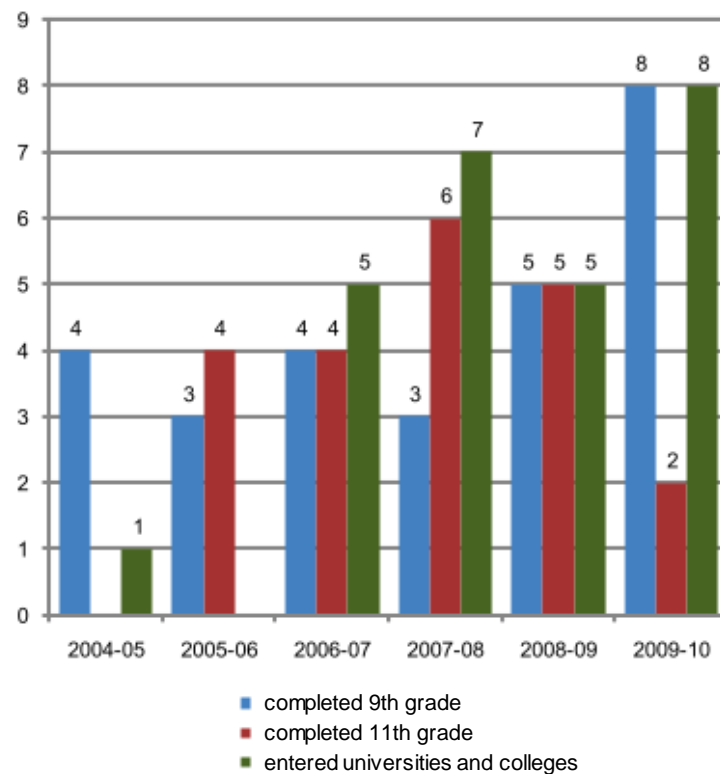
IT support

Results of our work: in numbers

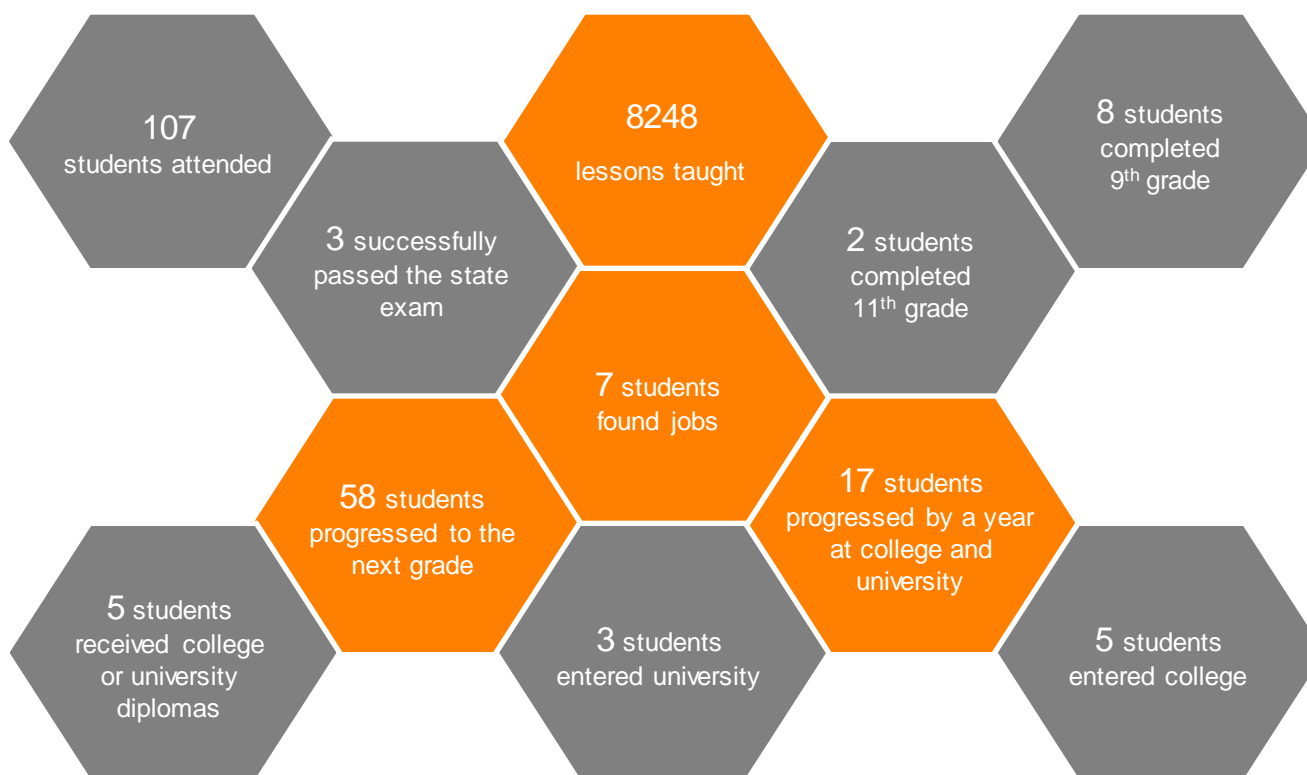
Number of Students



Academic Achievements



Results of our work: 2009/10



Results of our work: in smiles

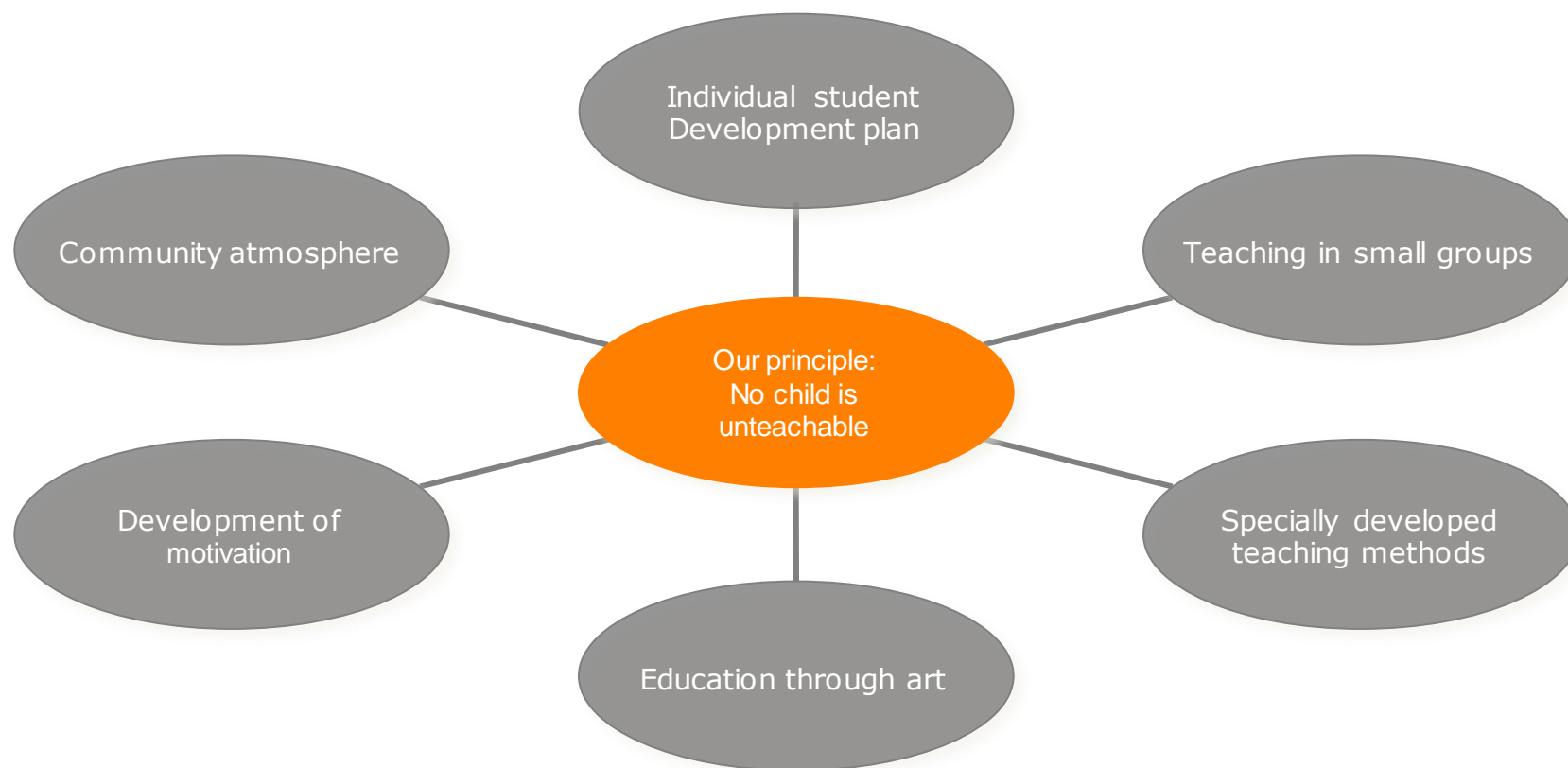




Our Programmes

Educational programmes:	Socialisation programmes:
Basics of reading and writing	Student council
Supporting school studies	News board
Computer literacy	Shared celebrations/special occasions
Preparation for 9 th grade exams	Literature club
Preparation for 11 th grade exams	Theatre studio
Preparation for college or university	Country studies club
Support whilst at college or university	Trips, cinema, theatre, museums

Teaching Methodology



Planned projects

“On to College”

Assistance with college and university education: support with funding of preparatory courses, education fees and expenses

“1:0 - we win”

Creation of a football team for orphanage leavers

“Law club”

Development of awareness of law and citizens’ rights and responsibilities

“Ecology club”

Development of ecological behaviour and thinking

Feedback from our students

Maxim, group 12

I became clever, literate, started reading lots and communicating lots with people.

Happy, communicable, I can understand other people who are less fortunate



Maxim, group 3

I live in a psychoneurological institution. It is boring there and there is nothing to do, but in Vverh, everything is very different, there is always something to do here.

I go to Vverh every day, I study, I like it here very much. I can always get advice here from the teachers and students.



Vitya, group 7

I enjoy studying at Vverh very much, even more than that. There are many wonderful people here, all the teachers are great. I have never had such a big family as I have at Vverh.

Thank you!

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Appendices



Exhibition at the Centre for Curative Pedagogics



Chemistry lesson – Group 9



IT lesson at Clifford Chance



English lesson in partnership with “Partners in Hope”



Student play "Hero of our time" by Lermontov



Trip to Serpukhov



Student play "Cinderella"



Easter



Project presentation «Italy»



Trip to the Moscow Kremlin Museum



Cooking lessons at Nestle



Presentation of 9th grade certificates



Presentation of higher education diplomas



Trip to Suzdal



At the entrance to St Andrew's Church



Picnic





Our sponsors and partners

- Linklaters
- Raiffeisen
- Clifford Chance (volunteering with IT lessons)
- Partners in Hope
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (volunteering with English lessons)
- The Global Fund for Children
- Maria's Children
- Rostok
- IFC through their project "Chance for success"
- Big Change
- Starbucks (employability project)
- Nestle (organisation of cooking lessons)
- Deloitte (community day)
- Global International School (volunteering with English lessons)
- St Andrew's Anglican Church (provision of premises)



Our bank details

Autonomous Non-profit Organisation
Orphan Opportunity Center «Step Up»

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