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## **1945 – 4th September**

The beginning – The inauguration day of Państwowe Gimnazjum i Liceum Żeńskie ( The State Lower and Higher Secondary School for Girls). 212 girls start their education in 8 classes of a 4-year school located in a red neo-Gothic building at the corner of Wyzwolenia street and Marii Skłodowskiej- Curie street ( City Council premises at the moment, a hospital during the war time ).

Irena Pietrzak Pawłowska is appointed the principal of the school.

## **1946**

The first Students` Council is elected. ( 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

The first school stationery shop is opened.

## **1948**

The school receives a banner and is named after Wojciech Kętrzyński. The banner shows The Holly Mary of Częstochowa on the background of Rodło ( a symbol of Polish Association in Germany dating back 1930s) and a calling ` A true Pole serves his nation every day`.

The school changes its name to Państwowa Szkoła Ogólnokształcąca Żeńska (The State Comprehensive Girls School).

The first graduates leave the school.

## **The 1950s**

A new tradition is born- Studniówka ( a traditional prom 100 days before the final exams). Only once , in 1982, it was not organised due to marshal law imposed by the government.

## **1951**

The school changes its name to II Liceum Ogólnokształcące ( Secondary school number 2) and becomes coeducational.

The name of a patron ( Wojciech Kętrzyński) is removed . The school banner is hidden by one of the religion teachers, a priest Małachowski, but it has never been found.

## **1966 ( 17th January)**

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is celebrated. The school is named after Konstanty Ildefons Gałczyński ( a Polish poet) and it receives the second banner. The poet`s wife Natalia Gałczyńska and the first headmistress of the school Irena Pietrzak- Pawłowska take part in the ceremony.

## **1969 – 1974**

` Monitor` - a school newspaper is published at the instigation of Wojciech Reszczyński, a journalist and Teleexpress presenter.

## **The 1970s**

The first school in the region where students are not obliged to wear uniforms. Instead they wear colourful clothes and have modern hairstyles, which expresses their nonconformity, the variety of their interests and initiatives eagerly accepted by their teachers.

## **1970**

The school is moved to K.R. Małków street. It overlooks the oldest part of the city and it is located on the former executioner`s hill. A gallows pole is said to have been located here in the middle ages.

## **1976 – 77**

A big gym and a library room is built.

## **1984**

A new school is established – Zespół Szkół Ogólnokształcących nr 1 ( Comprehensive School Complex number 1) constituted by

- II Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. K.I. Gałczyńskiego (Secondary School number 2 named after K. I. Gałczyński)
- Liceum Ogólnokształcące dla Dorosłych (Secondary School for Adults) - established in 1945 as I Liceum Ogólnokształcące dla Dorosłych (Secondary School for Adults number 1)

## **1985**

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## **1989**

Individually designed classes are formed at the instigation of the teachers : Alicja Jagosz, Janina Kiszurno, Elżbieta Matczuk i Krystyna Szymańska. The educational process is based on unconventional curriculum as well as summer and winter sabbaticals.

The above mentioned idea starts to decline beginning 1993 along with the creation of non-government secondary schools.

## **1995**

Barbara Świącicka creates a school theatre called ` Nieskromny`.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## **1997**

Traditional cloakroom cubicles are replaced by individual lockers.

## **1999**

As a result of educational reform two new schools are added to Zespół Szkół Ogólnokształcących nr 1 (Comprehensive School Complex number 1):

- Gimnazjum Nr 2 ( Lower Secondary School number 2)
- Gimnazjum dla Dorosłych (Lower Secondary School for Adults)

## **Od 2000**

A CCTV system monitoring the premises is introduced.

## **2001**

The Multimedia Information Centre composed of a library, study room and students` zone is established.

## **2002**

The school is transformed from a 4-year school to a 3 –year secondary school .  
The school choir Collegium Juvenum conducted by Joanna Muśko is established.

## **2003**

The school is accepted by The Polish Association of Active Schools. The idea of this club comes from Danuta Nakonieczna.

The first bilingual class with German as a foreign language is formed.

## **2004**

A student Maciej Hermanowicz taught by Andrzej Ciesielski wins a gold medal in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Geography Olimpiad. Next year he becomes Natural Sciences student in Trinity College at Cambridge University. He chooses astrophysics as his major. In 2005 he is rewarded Primus Inter Pares title by Warmian and Masurian Chief Education Officer.

## **2005**

The first graduates of the 3-year school take a new formula matura exam ( final exam).  
The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## **2007**

DSDII ( a certificate in German) is taken for the first time by the students of the school.

## **2009**

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gimnazjum Nr 2 (the Lower Secondary School ) which becomes now Gimnazjum Nr 2 z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. K.I. Gałczyńskiego in Olsztyn. A guest of honour is Kira Gałczyńska –the school patron`s daughter.

## **2010**

The first bilingual class with English as a foreign language is formed.

## **2015**

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The beginning of a new school choir Juvenis Cantat conducted by Anna Przegrocka, a former choir member of Collegium Juvenum.

## **2016**

II Liceum Ogólnokształcące changes its name to II Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. K.I. Gałczyńskiego in Olsztyn.

## **2018**

IELTS ( International English Language Testing System) is taken for the first time by the students .

## 2019

History turns full circle – another reform of education system in Poland .

Gimnazjum Nr 2 z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. K.I. Gałczyńskiego ( The Lower Secondary School) is brought to an end. Some information about that school [HERE](#).

The last graduates of Gimnazjum ( the Lower Secondary School) and the first graduates of a new 8-class primary school start their education in a new school.

3-year II Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi im. K.I. Gałczyńskiego is transformed into 4-year II Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. K.I. Gałczyńskiego, where graduates of Gimnazjum ( the Lower Secondary School) continue their 3-year education.

The school building receives thermal upgrading, new restrooms and new inside décor.

A new drama club ` Małe Dionizje ` is created.

## 2020

Gimnazjum dla Dorosłych (Lower Secondary School for Adults) comes to an end.



**To be continued...**