

## R.GY. SECONDARY SCHOOL

Our school is one of the oldest institutes of forestry education in Hungary, founded on 15th October 1885 in Temesvár-Vadászerdő with the purpose of educating young people who loved forests and nature and wanted to become foresters. After the Treaty of Trianon the School first moved to Tata, then to Esztergom and finally settled in Sopron. The last 58 years have been especially important. Since 1950 the School has become highly regarded thanks to its faculty's exceptional tutorial and educational work. Since 1980 students can study not only forestry but wood technology as well. The 1st September 1999 was a historical turning point in the life of the School when, with the decision of the Minister of Education, we became the training school of the University of West Hungary, which resulted in a remarkable professional development. Thanks to this decision the training of environmental and wildlife management technicians could be launched.

The preparatory language classes enable our students to learn English and German. These classes are a good foundation for further and higher education. Our education, based on our traditions, prepares students for life, not just for their chosen profession. The student hostel also supports our common educational goals.

Every year about 120-130 new students enrol, which brings the student body approximately to 550 in seven grades. 60-65% of the students come from further away from Sopron, from all corners of Hungary.

The main objective of the Forestry Technician course is to prepare middle level managers in the fields of forestry and wildlife management. The Wood Technology course offers students a chance to learn about sawnwood and woodboard production, furniture manufacturing and building joinery. Once graduated, the new technicians are able to work either independently or as leaders of a manufactory. Future environmental technicians prepare for the tasks of nature conservation and environmental administration. The School offers several sports, outdoor and leisure activities each year. Good conditions are provided for wood carving, drawing, folk dancing and choir singing or other extracurricular activities in connection with the school's mission. Hiking, going to museums and the theatre, field trips, ski camps etc. enrich the life of our students inside the walls of the School in the centre of a historical town.