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## **Comparative Analysis of Education Systems of the UK and the Republic of Belarus**

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Education is a process of education and training of people for the benefit of society, the individual and the state, which sets and levels of education. What are the differences of education systems in Belarus and the UK? Compare the two systems.

The academic year in England is different from the Belarusian. English students have more holidays during the year.

Academic year in schools of Belarus is divided into 4 terms, at the end of each of them exhibited an overall assessment for each study subject. At the end of the year is really on the subjects, derived from the mean values of estimates for the quarter. The school year starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and ends in late May, typically, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes. Belarusian students have breaks each lesson. It lasts 10-20 minutes. The school examinations are taken after the 9<sup>th</sup> and after the 11th grade. Also there are entrance exams and interviews for admission to school.

In the education system of Belarus there are two official languages: Russian and Belarusian. In contrast to our country in England there are paid and free school, and boarding schools (where children live and learn). Parents can choose where to send their child [1].

The system of organization of lessons in England is slightly different than in Belarusian schools. The academic

year is divided into three terms, each lasts about 13 weeks. In England, the first four lessons are generally without rest. When they have dinner, they have a rest about 50 minutes. The school day usually begins at 9am. The lesson can last 60 minutes or more. In Belarus and in the UK 11-year school education is compulsory for children aged 5-6 to 16-17 years. Compulsory education consists of two stages: primary and secondary education, called Primary and Secondary Education. Belarusian Certificate of secondary education is the analogue of the British certificate of complete secondary education GCSE [2].

The higher education system in Belarus is the creation of two-tier higher education system. The number of specialties suggests an additional period of externship for six months at the end of the five-year period of study: six years and more for students of medical universities, as well as part-time students. Students enroll for a particular course according to the results of CT. Educational program of each course is determined by the state educational standard of higher professional education. In most universities the academic year consists of two semesters – spring and fall sessions, winter and summer practices, summer and winter vacations.

Most University courses last from two to four years. Courses with a break for practice can extend this period for another year, and medical and veterinary courses last five years. This is a basic course after which students receive a bachelor's degree. They continue the course for another year (on philosophical specialties two) to get a master's degree. The academic year at English universities is divided into three terms: October to mid-December; from mid-January to late March; mid-April until the end of June or to early July. Exams are held after the end of each term, and there is main exam after each course [3].

If Belarus to higher education is not only a fee but is free in England only for a fee basis. However, if the Belarusian

students must deposit money during the learning process, in England one could pay only after graduation and employment at minimum wages in the amount of 21 thousand pounds a year. Study "in debt" gives the possibility of obtaining higher education to the poor of Great Britain.

Belarusian students to enter British universities directly after high school may not: equivalent to secondary education in the UK is considered the Belarusian certificate secondary education and two years of study in any University. More common than in England in Belarus have received such form of training, as absentee and evening. In Belarus higher education primarily involves the acquisition of a specialty, and in England, getting an advanced or doctoral degree. As for the technical professions, as they say Belarusian students studying at British universities, the learning process is no different from our own: the same control, course, exams. But in Britain, the material and technical base is large, much more than the Belarusian.

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