



Founded in 1882, "Frații Buzești" ("Buzești Brothers") National College represents a landmark in the educational system in Romania. On January 9th 1910 this establishment was given the name of its spiritual patrons, Preda, Radu and Stroe Buzescu brothers. They were loyal noblemen faithful to Michael the Brave, the first Romanian Prince who, in 1600, united all the Romanian Principalities (Vallachia, Moldavia and Transylvania) into one state. The three inseparable brave men were outstanding personalities, diplomats and generals, whose noble blood line goes back to 1461 AD. Between 1590 and 1600 these strongest military supporters of Michael the Brave valiantly fought numerous times in the army of the Christian Prince against the ottoman Turks.

As a high school it was formally established in 1882 as "Real Gymnasium" by an edict of the Ministry of Culture, with predominantly science teaching for boys. The gymnasium motto consists of the two Latin words from the beginning of the Book of Genesis: "*Fiat Lux*" ("*Let There Be Light!*"). When it was opened on 1st November 1882, the gymnasium had 62 students enrolled in the first grade, but the school did not have its own building. On 9th January 1910, however, the Minister of Education and Culture approved the gymnasium to be named "Frații Buzești". Its study



programme was quite strict and severe (34 hours of study per week) and continued much in similar vein even in the early 1960s. By 1961 it had also included compulsory practical training in Electrotechnics engineering, with all graduating students receiving certificates for building electrical motors and generators.

The most remarkable headmaster in the entire history of the school was the professor of Natural Sciences, Ion P.Ionescu-Argetoiaia, Doctor of Geology, who led the high school between 1920 and 1940. He was the first to succeed in securing the approval by the Ministry of Education for the construction of the monumental building in which "Frații Buzești" National College has been functioning since 1930 up to present.

For over a century the high school has been an educational path towards university education and a lot of students have been admitted to prestigious universities in our country and abroad. Currently, "Frații Buzești" National College is an institution affiliated to UNESCO, endowed with high quality teaching staff, who trains the young students thoroughly and intensively through active didactic methods in the spirit of humanistic values.



Our students are involved into a large number of scientific and cultural activities organized by the students' clubs or the "Frații Buzești" Foundation. Since 1996 the school has been publishing "*F.B.*", a students' magazine and journal. (The first students' magazine was founded in 1963, but it was promptly censored and soon after suspended by the school's principal, with the student editor being punished).

The educational process is structured according to the three levels of studies: primary, secondary and upper-secondary. The upper-secondary school level consists of two theoretical academic programs (*profiles*): the real profile - with five Mathematics - Computer Programming classes (including bilingual classes of English and French) and a class of Earth Sciences - and the humanistic profile with a Social Studies class and a bilingual English class of Philology and History.



The school has rooms specialized for teaching foreign languages and gymnastics, laboratories, two sports halls, a library, a canteen, and a festivity hall.

The good reputation of our school is the result of the continuous effort for renewal and adaptation to the latest tendencies in education, the high quality of the teaching staff as well as the teaching methods and aids used during the teaching process.