**Education**

After leaving school young people can enter a university they choose. Here in Russia there are a lot of universities among which the most popular one is Moscow State University established by M. Lomonosov. Also nowadays school leavers have an opportunity to get a higher education abroad, depending on their preferences they can graduate from a university in any country of the world.

The Russian Federation is famous for high quality of education and a very high literacy. About 60% of the populations over 16 years old have completed secondary education. Russian educational system was inherited from the Soviet Union without any significant changes. Nowadays education mostly free of charge for all children between ages 7 and 17. Private fee-paying schools account for less than 1% of elementary school pupils.

There are about 60 000 general education schools including about 5000 advanced learning schools specializing in foreign languages, mathematics, etc; about 3000 gymnasiums and 2000 schools for all categories of disabled children. The school year extends from September 1 to the end of May.

School leavers who are good at doing things with their hands can enter vocational schools. Historically, vocational schools were divided into low-prestige PTU’s and technicums and medical schools; in 2000s, many such institutions were renamed to colleges.