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tasteMINT: A personal potential assessment for female high-school graduates

tasteMINT is an innovative personal potential assessment centre located at the gateway between high-schools and universities. It is geared towards female pupils who have not yet decided on their field of study, but are interested in MINT subjects (MINT meaning Mathematics, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Technology, in English-speaking countries often referred to as STEM).

As the term already implies, the potential assessment centre as an instrument focuses on the girls' potentials and strengths in the MINT-sector, furthering their decision-making processes and encouraging them to choose a suitable subject in MINT. During the three-day assessment centre, the young women perform several tasks simulating typical situations and requirements for their future fields of study or professions in MINT. In the five exercises they work either alone or in teams and are watched by trained observers, who provide individual feedback and advice after each task. The assessor's feedback regarding the participant's competences and strengths is based on precise and transparent criteria and includes advice on whether a university or a university of applied sciences might be the best choice.

In 2009 tasteMINT was provided by three German universities and one university of applied sciences. In 2010 at least three further universities are going to offer tasteMINT. Participation is free of charge for pupils.

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