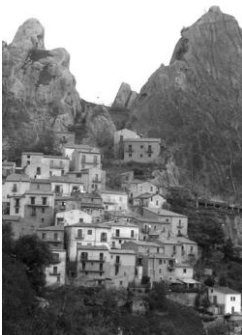




SIXTH FORM

Italian

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WHY CHOOSE LANGUAGES?

As communications systems become more and more sophisticated, many employers, in a diverse range of professions, seek employees with more than a basic grasp of a foreign language.

The in-depth study of a foreign language broadens your horizons, both culturally and professionally. Could you ... translate that fax from Rome? ... greet that client from Milan? ... chat to a friend or visitor in his or her language?

You will find AS/A Level Italian challenging and rewarding. We continue to develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing by studying a range of stimulating topics; these can include the environment, the media and the role of leisure, though we start with topics which are more familiar from GCSE.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The emphasis of the courses is on participation, with discussion on topical issues taking place in Italian. By the end of the course students achieve a high level of oral and written proficiency in the foreign language.

Some students choose to continue their Language studies beyond A Level by following a degree course at university in one or more languages, often beginning an additional language from scratch.

In addition, there are many degree courses of which a language can form a part, for example languages with Law, Management & Business Studies, Engineering or Economics. Most Language Degree Courses offer the opportunity to work or study abroad.

AS/A Levels in Languages are also valuable qualifications for many careers. Whilst success in Languages is obviously of value in the Hotel & Tourism Industry for example, recent newspaper advertisements have requested language qualifications for jobs in fields as wide ranging as Engineering and Marketing and Sales. Many colleges offer Bilingual Secretarial courses to students with A Levels in one or more language.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. You will need a pass in GCSE at grade B and preferably at grade A or A* in Italian. An interest in current affairs and a willingness to take part in class discussion would be an advantage.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

You will develop your understanding of spoken and written forms of Italian. You will be encouraged to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in speech and in writing. You will also develop insights into Italian society and culture. The following topics will be covered:

- Youth culture and concerns.
- Lifestyle.
- The world around us.
- Education and employment.

HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 1: Speaking.

Unit 2: Listening, reading and writing.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

You will continue to learn about Italian and to develop your ability to communicate effectively in speech and in writing, as well as improving your comprehension skills. The following topics will be covered, in addition to those listed above:

- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions.
- National and international events.
- Literature and the arts.
- A researched based topic of student's choosing.

HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 3: Speaking.

Unit 4: Translation, writing and research topic.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 hours per week.

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week.

