

Italian

Examination Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: A minimum of Grade B in Italian at GCSE level and an interest in Italian life and culture.

Why study Italian?

- Meet people from different countries and find out more about them
- Learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, be confident about speaking in public, use problem solving strategies and write coherently
- Develop critical thinking, creativity and independence
- Discuss interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- Learn more about the countries where the language is spoken, and the people who speak it
- Read books and watch films in their original language
- Spend time abroad (e.g. at university or on a work placement)
- People with language skills and knowledge stand out
- Find it easier to learn other languages later on
- Add a useful skill if your main subjects are not languages: languages support careers in areas including management, business science and tourism

Course Content:

A-Level Italian helps you explore a wide range of topics, which will add to your understanding of the language and country. Topics are: evolving society in Italy; political and artistic culture in Italy; immigration and multiculturalism in Italy; history from Fascism to the present day. You will also study a book and/or a film and be able to use more complex grammar and vocabulary.

Assessment:

Paper 1

Listening, reading and translation.

Listening

Questions on a variety of recordings.

Reading

Questions on a variety of written passages

Translation from Italian to English

Paper 2

Written response to works, grammar and translation

You will write about two books or one book and one film you have studied. There is also a translation of a passage from English into Italian.

Paper 3

Speaking

You will discuss a stimulus card you have been given. You will have 5 minutes to prepare for this.

You will also give a presentation on an independent research project you will have conducted on a topic of your choice.

Further Course Information:

Visit the Edexcel website

[http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Italian/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/Specification GCE A level L3 in Italian August 2016 Draft.pdf](http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Italian/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/Specification%20GCE%20A%20level%20L3%20in%20Italian%20August%202016%20Draft.pdf)

See Miss Boyt, Mr Aquino or Mrs Florulli

Future Uses:

- Add an international dimension to your personal skills profile
- Have greater opportunities to work and/or study abroad
- Work for companies with international links