



SUBJECT: Italian IB Standard Ab Initio

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:

Mrs H Latimer

EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:

IBO Language B / QAN: 60007977

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT: <p>This course runs for four hours per cycle. It will focus on strengthening students' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Italian. Another important aspect of the course is the development of students' cultural awareness of Italy. The main focus is on the acquisition of language required for situations in everyday life.</p> <p>The topic areas covered are the Individual and Society, Leisure and Work and Urban and Rural Environment.</p> <p>The course is demanding in terms of rapid acquisition of new vocabulary and requires a great level of commitment. Students also need to be highly participative in lessons in order to get the most from their language learning.</p>	WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT? <p>Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The Ab Initio course also places great emphasis on the grammar, vocabulary and cultural aspects of language learning. Italian is a fast-growing language with more and more students enrolling on courses every year up and down the country.</p> SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES: <p>www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/talk www.zanichellibenvenuti.it www.scudit.net/mdindice www.oneworlditaliano.com A number of IB past exam papers can be found at: www.freeexampapers.com</p>
HOW IS IT ASSESSED? <p>Oral Assessment (25%): Individual oral exam (10 minutes). Paper 1 Text Handling (30%). Comprehension of four written texts. Paper 2 Written Production (25%). Two compulsory writing tasks. Written Assignment (20%)</p>	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES <p>Weekly speaking sessions with a Native Speaker Drop in clinic sessions</p>

	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS The course is aimed at students with no previous experience of learning Italian.
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