

SUBJECT: ITALIAN

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: Mrs H Latimer

SYLLABUS NUMBER: Edexcel 1IN0

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

The emphasis throughout the course is on communication and practical, useful language and aims to enable students to develop an understanding of key vocabulary and structures in a variety of contexts; transferable language learning skills; the ability to communicate effectively and an awareness and understanding of countries and communities where Italian is spoken.

Pupils will study the following topics:

1. Identity and culture
2. Local area, holiday, travel
3. School
4. Future aspirations, study and work
5. International and global dimension.

For listening and reading, pupils will be expected to understand native speakers at varying speeds and material such as extended texts, signs, brochures, letters and articles. Italian will be used as much as possible in class and students will be expected to develop their spontaneous spoken use of the language.

For speaking and writing, pupils will be expected to know essential language and, at Higher Level, to communicate about what has happened in the past, their opinions and future events. For the highest grades they are expected to narrate stories, justify opinions as well as use a wide array of tenses and complex structures. Students will gain skills in recognising, adapting and applying key structures in their own spoken and written production. Grammar will remain an important aspect as the course prepares students for their Sixth Form studies.

ASSESSMENT

2 year linear course with 100 exam at the end. Each skill (listening, speaking, reading and writing) counts for 25%.

RESOURCES

Amici text book, work book and exercise books

The main text book will often be supplemented by other materials for specific purposes.

A good dictionary is essential for homework and assessment.

A grammar/verb reference book is also recommended.

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

There is only one group for Italian.

Students need to have studied Italian in Year 9 or have a good background understanding of the language.

SELF STUDY ADVICE

A strong commitment to vocabulary learning is essential for listening and reading exam preparation.

Pupils should listen to and read as much Italian as possible: radio, TV, DVDs, magazines and short newspaper articles.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Participation in the Eisteddfod in March.

Support sessions with peers who are fluent Italian speakers can be arranged.

Italian clinic is offered every week with targeted support for GCSE students.