

SUBJECT: ITALIAN IB Standard Ab Initio

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**SYLLABUS NUMBER:
LANGUAGE B COURSE**

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

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.

The topic areas covered are the Individual and Society, Leisure and Work and Urban and Rural Environment.

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.

SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED

Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The Ab Initio course also places great emphasis on the grammar, vocabulary and cultural aspects of language learning.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

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

ASSESSMENT

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%)

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

There are no matriculation requirements in addition to the general requirements of 5 GCSE's at grades A*- C with B's required for HL subjects.

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

OTHER INFORMATION

E.g. Field Trips/expenses/books

Lower Sixth students may have the opportunity to participate in the work experience Italian exchange.

Students will be provided with text book resources, though are encouraged to purchase a good dictionary, vocabulary book and grammar reference book.