

# Italian

## AS/A Level

### Edexcel

#### Structure & Specification

Year 1: AS 8IN01

Year 2: A2 9IN01

#### Syllabus details

Edexcel syllabus 9IN01 is followed.

#### What does the course include?

##### Year One AS

**Units One and Two:** These two units focus on the development of the four main skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – with regular reinforcement of grammar points linked to the texts. We study topics drawn from the following general topic areas:

- Youth culture and concerns.
- Lifestyle; health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the Italian speaking world.
- Education and employment.

We study materials from newspapers and magazines and discuss them in class. In addition topical Italian current affairs reports from the press and media are used to broaden your interest and knowledge of Italian culture. Every year in July a trip to Rome is organised, giving students the opportunity to practise their speaking and immerse themselves in the culture.

##### Year Two- A2

**Units Three and Four:** Further general topic areas are studied:

- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions.
- National and international events: past, present and future.
- Literature and the arts.

As for AS Level the sources are contemporary. The different aspects of Italian society are studied in greater depth. You learn how to develop your information seeking skills to undertake research into a controversial issue of your choice for your oral examination. You have the opportunity to use the Internet and the networked software.

#### What are the entry requirements?

Grade C in Italian GCSE but grade B is preferable.

#### How will I learn?

You have the opportunity to discuss and debate topics in class. Listening activities are based on authentic Italian materials using the satellite channels in lessons. Reading, listening to the radio, watching Italian films and documentaries are greatly encouraged in your spare time, as well as using the facilities of the Italian Institute in Belgrave Square. You will be expected throughout the course to use the VLE and the language facilities in the LRC.

#### How will my work be assessed?

Your progress is monitored through a variety of activities, e.g. through pair work, individual listening exercises etc. At the end of each term you are asked to assess yourself in Italian, in writing, with full guidance and support, by answering a number of predetermined questions.

AS: Unit 1- Spoken expression and response in Italian (30%)

Unit 2- Understanding and written response in Italian (70%)

A2: Unit 3- Understanding and spoken response in Italian (35%)

Unit 4- Research, understanding and written response in Italian (65%)

#### What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

Above all you need to be committed, prepared to work hard and be reliable. You will also need excellent attendance and especially to have a love of Italy, its language and culture.

#### What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

Knowledge of foreign languages is a real asset in many jobs and lead to exciting careers both in the UK and abroad.

After A level students can continue to study Italian at university or include it as an option as part of their degree.