



Italiano at St Martin's

Il viaggio - The journey

Learning a language is a journey that takes learners to different parts of the world, metaphorically and physically.

However, it all starts from here, the learners' world, where students can access known information to make sense of the new one.

At St Martin's, students are exposed to Italian through English and encouraged to use it inside and outside the Italian class walls.

Content and delivery methods vary depending on the age group of learners.

I benefici – Benefits

Studies have shown that second language learning improves students' cognitive flexibility and divergent thinking, the thought pattern responsible for generating creative ideas, resulting in a stronger and healthier brain!

When language learners learn, they always compare one language system with another. They compare sounds, concepts, communication and culture.

Second language learning is therefore a great resource to reflect on the way we think and “do things” compared to other people and cultures, fostering multicultural understanding and harmony.

**Since the benefits of learning a language are many for learners of ANY AGE,
why not learning Italian with your child at home?
It's never too late and it can be fun for all of you!**

To get started, you could download on your tablet or phone either **Duolingo** or **Memrise**, which are FREE language Apps.

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