



Italian Teachers Day
Saturday 2nd March 2024,
Francis Holland School.
"Being an Italian Champion

— how to introduce (or grow) Italian"



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Harris Federation is a Multi-Academy Trust with 54 academies (Primary, Secondary, Sixth Form).

Even though we may often receive the support of the Federation (e.g. through consultants for most subjects), every academy is run differently from each other and a level of autonomy.

The main Languages in the Fed are: Spanish, French & Mandarin. (Some schools teach German and two schools currently offer Italian).







However, out of our current two, HAF is the only school in the Federation where Italian has a growing cohort of students.

At the moment, we have two classes of year 7 (50 students in total)

And 2 classes of year 8 (50 students in total).

But... how did we get here?!

HAF joined Harris Federation in **2008**. The Academy had historically offered only one language (**Spanish**) since **2012**.

In the academic year **2021/2022** SLT was seeking ways to diversify the language offer, in order to give students the opportunity to have more genuine choice.

As a Languages team at HAF, as one of our primary purposes, we want to develop passionate **LINGUISTS!** 



### Meetings with Principal/SLT (+ consultant) in 2021-2022:



### What were/ are the challenges?

- 1. SLT asking WHY Italian?
- 2. Competing withGrammar andReligious Schools
- 3. Lack of range in resources

- No Fear of Flying the Flag First For Italian □.
- utilise the existing expertise (and will AND passion!) of the MFL team (3 teachers out of 6 could teach Italian).
- Italian is a language with a letter-sound correspondence. This makes it easier with the reading and the spelling. Very good for students with dyslexia.
- There is always competition!!
- We need to start somewhere, why can't we be the **FIRST** ones? Also, as language teachers, we want to teach TRANSFERABLE SKILLS through languages.
- Real Challenge (I know!).
- Suggestions: Know the curriculum (Aqa or Edexcel specifications and how the exam is structured) + mirror the SOW + lessons with the languages that you have already in your school (ex: French and Spanish)

### After 2 years: some feedback from SLTs and students

**Uno:** We take MFL through to A level at the academy and have only offered one language (Spanish) since 2012. We pursue the EBACC academic route for our students here and all students take a language for a GCSE option.

Tre: This choice made sense for us here at the academy, as we had staff in the MFL team able to deliver an Italian curriculum, so it did not have an initial staffing impact. The Italian curriculum also mirrors the current Spanish and French curriculums used within our academy trust, which has aided the planning process.

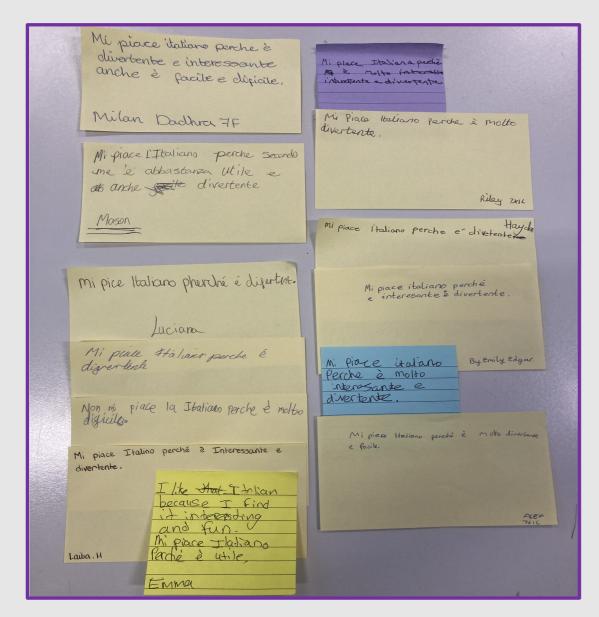
**Due**: We have had a fall in attainment at GCSE for a number of academic years and were looking for ways to reverse this trend. We decided that we wanted to diversify the language offer in order to give the students more choice and ownership over their language studies, so we opted to add in a second European languages – Italian.

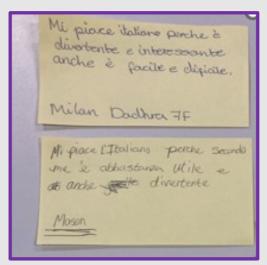
**Quattro**: We have opted to give the students a choice upon joining the academy in Year 7 as to which language they take from Year 7 through to Year 11 (and, in the future, to Year 13). This is done via face-to-face interview during the Year 6 – 7 induction week here.

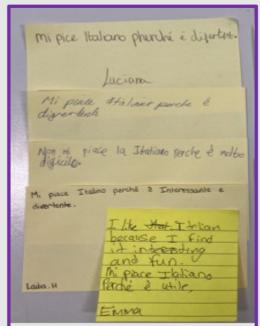
**Cinque:** We currently have 2 classes of Italian and 6 of Spanish in Year 7 and 8, in the hope that uptake will grow to a 50/50 split in the future.

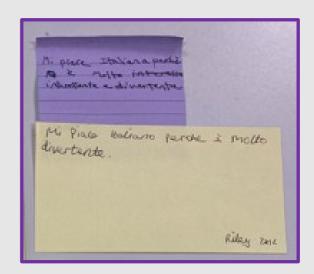
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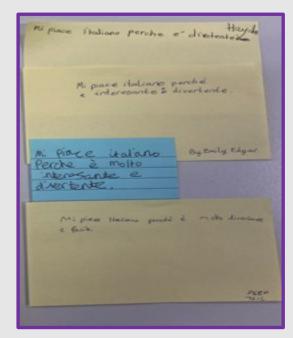
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#### **Resources:**

#### **SOW**

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			Cosa fai nella tua città	un centro commercialez	andare*	
	Che cosa fai nella tua città		quando fa bel tempo?	un supermercato2	G: present (io, tu):	
	quando fa bel tempo?		Normalmente quando fa bel	un museoz	a. present (10, ca):	
			tempo	un ristorante	essere	
	Use quando + weather		pero' quando fa brutto	un tempioz		
	expression to talk about where		tempo	una mosquea	G: present (lui/lei): #taught as chunk	
			guando c'è sole	una chiesa		
	you go in your town and city  Endpoint: Normalmente,		the second secon			
			quando fa/c'è freddo un film vado al centro commerciale il padre*		G: negative (non + verb)2	
			con i miei amici	il fratello*	G: structure + infinitive	
WEEK 2	quando fa bel tempo, i miei		e vado alla moschea con mio	il centro2	G. Structure + minimuve	
06/11/23	amici ed io andiamo al centro	hard [ge/gi] vs soft [ghe/ghi]	padre	il tempo		
00, 22, 22	commerciale, dopo la scuola.		a volte vado ai negozi del	il cinema		
			centro	il parcoz		
1	Poi andiamo al supermercato					
	del quartiere per comprare		Il fine settimana vado al	La scuola		
	bibite e cioccolato. Il fine		parco	la piscina		
	settimana normalmente vado		pero' non vado in piscina	la spiaggia		
	al negozio dei videogiochi per		perché è un po interessante	la città		
	cambiare il mio videogioco.		poiché è molto emozionante	gli amici*		
	campiare ir mio videogroco.		credo che sia abbastanza	i negozi		
			tranquillo			
	HF Idiom Calendar Competition		tranquillo			
				G: definite articles (il, la, l',		
				Dove vai solitamente nella	La città, il quartiere:	
				tua città il fine settimana?	il museos, il parcos	
				Il sabato vado in piscina	il restaurants	
				guando fa bel tempo o	il cinemas	
				quando fa caldo	il centro commerciales	
				perché si puo' nuotare	il centro ricreativo	
				perche si puo' nuotare	ii centro ricreativo	
<mark>1</mark>	Dove vai solitamente nella tua		1	Andiamo alla pista di	Dei vestiti	
	città il fine settimana?			pattinaggio di mattina	Degli auricolari.	
	Describing where you go at the			perché secondo me è	il telefono/ il cellulare	
	weekend in town			1	'	
				piacevole	Il mercato, il castello	
WEEK 3 13/11/23	Using the verb ANDARE			Che bello!	la pista di pattinaggio, la	
				Compro degli auricolari per	cattedrale	
	Endpoint: Solitamente durante			il mio telefono/ cellulare	la panetteria	
	il fine settimana quando fa bel			Ci divertiamo quando	La pasticceria	
	tempo vado al parco perché si			andiamo al castello la sera	il macellaio	
	puo' giocare e si puo'			Tuttavia non è sporco.	la farmacia, la posta	
				ructavia riori e sporco.	′ '	
	mangiare un gelato. Quando				la zona pedonale, di mattina	
	fa caldo, vado in piscina con				Di pomeriggio, di sera	
	la mia migliore amica Eva					
	perché adoriamo fare nuoto.					
	Quando vado al centro					
	commerciale, compro dei					
	vestiti o degli auricolari per il					
	mio telefono/ cellulare.					
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#### **Booklets**

# Spring Terms 'Next summer' and 'Holiday memories' Year 8 Italian Knowledge Organiser

(Learning journey and sentence builders)



Spring	Spring 1 'Next Summer' - Week 2 'Che cosa fai normalmente durante le vacanze?' (What do you normally do on holiday?)									
	Essential									
	Italian	English		Italian	English					
Chunks	Che cosa fai durante le vacanze? gloco a calcio / a tennis / a pallacanestro Mangio un gelato/ delle caramelle Delle frittelle Al mare in campagan Perché no? Buona idea! Anche io / io no	What do you do during the holiday? I play football / tennis / basketball   seat ice creams / sweets pancakes to/by the seaside to/in the countryside Why not? Good ideal Me too / Not me	Opinion phrases	Penso che sia, credo che sia A mio avviso adoro, mi piace Non mi piace, detesto	I think that is, I believe that it is in my opinion I love, I like I do not like, I hate					
			Conjunctions	perché, poiché e, o, in più ma, tuttavia	because and, or, in addition but, however					
			Intensifiers	molto, abbastanza, un po' troppo, veramente	very, <u>quite</u> , a bit too (much/many), really					
Nouns	Il cinema Il centro ricreativo Il centro commerciale Il parco Il a piscina Ia cissa Ia città Il mito amico/ la mia amica/ i migi amici	the cinema the leisure centre the shopping centre the park the swimming pool the house/home the city/town my friend, my friends	Time phrase	Durante le vacanze	during the holiday					
			Adverb	normalmente	normally					
			Verbs	andare, yado, yai Giocare, gioco, giochi nuotare, nuoto, nuoti guardare, guardo, guardi ascoltare, ascolto, ascolti	to go, I go, you go to play, I play, you play to swim, I swim, you swim to watch, I watch, you watch to listen, I listen, you listen					
Adjectives	divertents, interessante rilassante grandioso super/ ottimo noieso, monotono brutto faticoso	funny, interesting relaxing great super boring rubbish tiring		incontrarsi, incontro, incontri mangiare, mangio, mangi restare, resto, resti	to meet, I meet, you meet to eat, I eat, you eat to stay, I stay, you stay					
			Question word	Che cosa/ Che?	What?					
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#### **Resources Created:**

#### **Lessons**

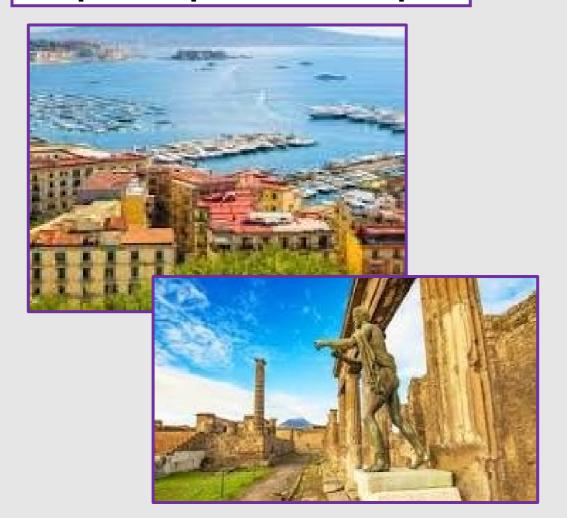
#### <u>Assessments</u>

Traduci le frasi:  1. Next summer I will go on holidays to Rome. 2. Next year we will go to Turin. 3. L'anno prossimo andrò in Francia con i miei genitori. 4. L'estate prossima andrò in Inghilterra con I miei amici. Sarà grandioso.  P. Nella foto c'è/ ci sono (tre persone/una famiglia/dei bambini/ molte persone) A. parlano/ giocano/ camminano L. Si trova in/ Si trovano in [un parco/in un giardino/una casa/ in una piazza, in strada (on the street!) M. Sono felici / contenti / tristi W. Fa caldo/freddo/fa bel tempo / Indossa(no) una

First name: Teacher: Class:								
Autumn 2023	Harris (**) Federation Languages	ration						
Assessment Questions	Score	Score		Bromcom				
Q1. The present tense of -ARE verbs	Q1	/5	Section A					
Q2. Choose the correct verb	Q2	/5						
Q3. Different ways to say 'in'	Q3	/5		/15				
Q4. The future tense	Q4	/5	Section B					
Q5. Definite and indefinite articles	Q5	/5		/10				
Next steps – Tick List:		Total		/25				
Target:	Target:							
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Q2. Correct your answers, tra	Q2. Correct your answers, translate the example and the 5 sentences.							
	Q3. Write an explanation of the rule to say: 'in' followed by a country and 'in'							
	followed by a city. Give examples in Italian.							
Q5. Correct your answers and	Q5. Correct your answers and translate the paragraph.							

#### **Upcoming TRIPS:**

### October 2024 Trip to Naples and Pompei



## 19th March 2024 Trip to the Estorick Collection

#### Welcome to the Estorick Collection

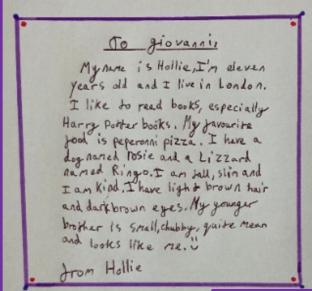
The Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art opened in London in 1998. A Grade II listed Georgian town house, it was originally restored with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Further recent renovations have opened up the space of the ground-floor entranceway, bookshop and cafe, while its six galleries and art library have also been fully upgraded. The Collection is known internationally for its core of Futurist works, as well as figurative art and sculpture dating from 1890 to the 1950s. The exhibition programme continues to address artists, movements, and questions in ways that change our understanding of Italian art and culture.

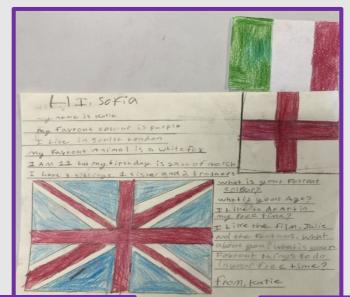


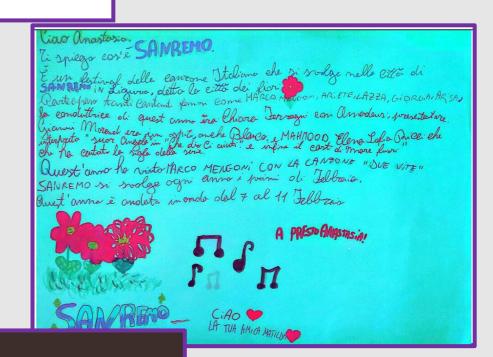
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#### **Pen Pal Friends:**









### Presence and Participation in Federation/Cross-Academy Events:

Harris Languages
Idiom Calendar
Competition
Winners!



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Happy Bee Day

2023 Spelling Bee Competition

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Spelling Bee
Summer 2023 including the
first ever
ItaliBee!





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