## **Education Department of the Italian Consulate General in London**

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Strategic action 2: Increase the opportunities for learners to experience languages alongside examination courses.

Our project is completely funded by the Italian Ministry, since promoting the Italian language abroad is one of Italy's principal initiatives and a key priority in its foreign policy.

- -A map showing the schools in all the UK, including Wales, participating in our programme has been published on the Italian Consulate's website
- http://conslondra.esteri.it/consolato londra/it/i servizi/per i cittadini/studi/corsi di lingua
- The educational resources on our website are continuously updated <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/italian-education/home?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/view/italian-education/home?authuser=0</a>

We understand that these online resources are becoming quite popular and it would be most helpful for us to receive feedback on how else we could help ie. what other material would be useful.

- Additional resources can be found on "Italiana", a recent Italian Foreign Affairs Ministry's on-line website
- The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has created the app "ItaliAmo", a free A1 level Italian language and culture course for iOS and Android devices.
- The aim of the course is to offer a new interactive tool for teaching the Italian language and promoting Italian cultural and production excellence abroad.
- The course, available free on Google Play and the App Store, is divided into ten stages set in different Italian cities and regions and is designed like a trip around Italy along with Leo and Lisa, two characters that are modern versions of Leonardo da Vinci and Mona Lisa. Each stage is in turn divided into four sections: dialogue, expressions, exercises, culture.
- -Recently we published the Skills progression from EYFS to Y8 <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/italian-education/curriculum/skills-progression?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/view/italian-education/curriculum/skills-progression?authuser=0</a>

Our department has been inspired by OFSTED's recent report published in May 2021. For example, in the skills progression we have included grammar elements. The guidance given in the document is based on students spending a minimum of one hour a week to progress their Italian FL knowledge and skills and it is available across all year groups. Through interactive learning opportunities, children will be able to make connections and reflect on prior knowledge enabling them to develop confidence in the Italian language.

## Strategic action 5: Deliver a national campaign that addresses the negative perceptions of language learning.

- A promotional video has been published on our website <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/italian-education/home">https://sites.google.com/view/italian-education/home</a>

We will contact all the Regional Consortia Leads for modern foreign languages (MFL) to offer Italian language lessons. These are going to be taught by mother tongue professional teachers in the upcoming school year 2022/23.

-Our teacher in Wales is providing LPQ topics and entry activities in Italian, in order to obtain the QW approval within March 2022.