

ISTITUTO TECNICO C. CATTANEO



OUR SCHOOL AND ITS COURSES

The name of our school is **Istituto Tecnico “Carlo Cattaneo”** and was opened in 1963. It is a technical secondary school. We participate in a project called **Avanguardia Educativa**: a Cultural Movement for the Educational and Organizational Transformation of the Italian School, which promotes innovative teaching and learning methodologies such as Flipped Classroom, Debate and Cooperative Learning...

There are four courses: the **Administration, Finance and Marketing** course, the **International Relations for Marketing** course, the **Tourism** course and the **Chemistry and Materials** course.

The students who attend the **Administration, Finance and Marketing** course study Italian, History, Geography, English, French or German, Mathematics, Economics, Political Economics, Law, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Physical Education and Religious Education. These students can get a job as secretaries or accountants in administrative and financial offices, banks, insurance companies and factories.



The students who attend the **International Relations for Marketing** course study Italian, History, Geography, English, French or German, Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Law, International Relations, Computer Science, Physical Education and Religious Education. Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Physical Education and Religious Education. These students can get a job as marketing assistants, advertising or financial assistants in offices, banks, companies and factories.



The students who attend the **Tourism** course study English, French, German, Italian, History, Science, Computer Science, Maths, Economics for Tourism, Geography for Tourism, Law and Legislation for Tourism, Art, Physical Education and Religious Education. These students can get a job in the tourist sector as hotel receptionists, tour guide, travel agents, tourist entertainers and tour operators.



The students who attend the **Chemistry and Materials** course study Italian, Geography, English, Economics, Law, History, Physics, Science, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, General Chemistry, Leather Technology, Design and Technology, Computer Science, Physical Education and Religious Education. These students can get a job in tanneries, leather factories, analysis laboratories, and chemicals and food industries.



Our school also offers vocational education for students who want to work in tanneries or leather industries and evening classes for adults who want to attend the **Administration, Finance and Marketing** course.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Italian students, who attend the last three years of secondary school, have a compulsory period of training (at least 400 hours for students in technical and vocational schools and 200 hours for students in other schools) during the school year and the summer months.



The type of job they can do depends on the course they attend. Students can have their period of training in local businesses, the taxation office, surveyors' offices, travel agencies, hotels, museums, tourist offices, holiday farms, tanneries and chemical laboratories. During this period they also attend meetings with entrepreneurs and experts and participate in business projects.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Our school offers a large variety of optional activities for all students and is very active in preparing students for external exams. The most popular afternoon courses are for:

- the **PET** exam (B1) (The Certificate is awarded by the Cambridge English Language Assessment)



- the **DEL F** exam (The Certificate is awarded by the French Ministry of Education)



- the **FIT2/ZD** exam (The Certificate is awarded by the Goethe Institute)



- the **DELE** exam (The Certificate are awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport).



- **The European Computer Driving License (ECDL)**. There are seven modules and students learn how to use different computer programmes and applications...



Our school also offers:

- **Chinese Courses**
- **Mentoring on Demand**
- **“Learning To Learn” Courses**
- **Photography Courses**
- **Drama Classes**
- **Sports Competitions**
- **Maths , Chemistry and Science Competitions...**



CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Our school takes part in **Cultural Exchanges** with other schools from France, Germany and the Netherlands. Exchanges usually last from seven to ten days. Students are hosted by families and are fully immersed in the local language. Exchanges are a great way to learn about new cultures and see new places and cities in Europe.



THE COMENIUS PROJECTS

Our school was also involved in the **Comenius Project**, which encourages cultural exchanges between students from different nationalities. We participated in two Multilateral Comenius projects.

a) A Trip across Europe-Entrepreneurship and Tourism (2011-2013), with Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain and Turkey. We were awarded the **Label 2013**, a certificate awarded by the European Commission and the Ministry of Education and the European Commission to the most innovative language teaching and learning projects, for this project.



b) Citizens of Europe: Past, Present and Future (2013-2015) with England, Germany and Spain.



The school also participates in a large variety of projects such as

- **Open Lab Project(Chemistry)**
- **Impresa in Azione(Economics)**
- **Conoscere la Borsa(Economics)**
- **eTwinning Projects...**



ERASMUS PLUS

Our school is involved in the **Erasmus Plus K2(2017-2019)**, whose title is **Young Tourism: Listen and Discover** with Germany, Finland, Poland and Spain .

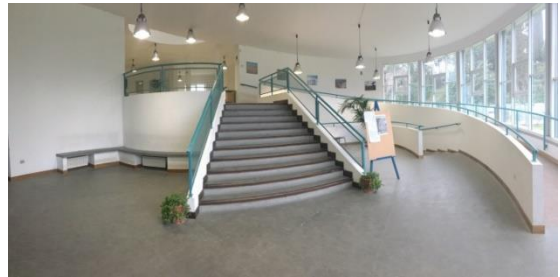
YOUNG TOURISM:
listen and discover.



DESCRIPTION OF OUR SCHOOL

In our school there are about 1,000 students. The school has three floors: the lower-ground, ground and first floor.

As soon as you enter the school you can see the **foyer**.



The School **Library** is on the ground floor. On the same floor there are eleven **classrooms**, the **Administrative Offices**, the **Headmaster's Room** and the **Deputy Headmaster's Room**. The **office** with glass windows is for the janitors, who answer the telephone and give parents information about timetables and teachers.

On the first floor there are seventeen **classrooms**. Students have all their lessons here except for physical education. Each classroom has its own LIM. In our school students move from class to class while teachers stay in the same lab classroom during the whole morning.



For **P.E.** we catch a bus in front of the school, which takes us to a **Gym (Impianto d'Atletica "Fontevivo")** in San Miniato Basso.



On this floor there is also the **Staff Room**.

Near this room you can find vending machines where you can buy hot drinks and fresh sandwiches.

Near these machines there is the **Photocopying Room**, where the janitors prepare photocopies for the teachers.

On the top floor there is a spacious **balcony** with a beautiful view of San Miniato and the surrounding countryside. In spring we sometimes have our lessons here or do other activities, such as school-leaving parties and open-air lesson.



All our laboratories are on the lower-ground floor.

The **Language Laboratory** is used for English, French and German lessons. It is a multimedia lab with thirty laptops, a big screen and a LIM.



On this floor there is also the **Science Laboratory and Physics Laboratory** used by the first and second year - students to carry out experiments.

On the same floor there are the **Computer Labs**. Students from all three courses come here with their teachers to do their research and work on projects .They is usually used for computer science lessons.



On this floor there is our **Lab Assistant's Office**, another **Language Lab**, two **Chemistry Labs** and the **Debate Room**.



The first Chemistry Lab is used by the first and second year- students and the second one is very well-equipped and it is used by the senior students who specialize in Chemistry. This is especially important in the Chemistry and Materials course, where students study leather tanning technology.



Downstairs there is the **School Auditorium**. It is quite new and has a lovely wooden floor. It is used for school assemblies, concerts, teachers' meetings, conferences, events and the famous **Festa dei Diplomi**(Graduation Day)and **Io Merito**.





THE ITALIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

In Italy education is compulsory from the age of 5/6 to the age of 16.

Students attend nursery school from the age of 3 to the age of 5 and they attend primary school from the age of 5/6 to the age of 11. They attend junior high school from the age of 11 to the age of 14. They start attending senior high school at the age of 14. They usually leave it at the age of 18/19. After senior high school they can go to university or look for a job.

The main school examinations are junior high school exam and senior high school exam. Students get a junior high school diploma at the age of 11 and a senior high school diploma at the age of 18/19.

In Italy school starts in September and finishes in June. Students have holidays at Christmas, at Easter and in summer.

School usually starts at 8.00 a.m. and finishes at 1.30 p.m. Saturday is not usually free.



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