Intermediate Italian

Required starting level

This class is designed for students who have completed our Beginners' class or have completed approximately 1 to 2 years of Italian classes elsewhere. The student should already be able to:

•   use Italian numbers
•   form sentences on the following topics: booking into hotels, shopping for food, clothes, etc, ordering a meal, holidays, family, etc
•   know how to use the present tense well
•   build basic sentences using the past tense, 'passato prossimo'

Aims

To have fun learning a new language, which might prove useful for trips to Italy; to know about culture, food tradition and art or simply for work. To achieve this, the course expands further on communication, conversational topics, simulations and role play, grammar and vocabulary, gradually increasing the student's confidence with more complicated structures.

Working methods/types of activities

Speaking (role play, Q&A, group discussion), listening, reading, games, gastronomy, Italian songs, Italian radio and movies, articles, etc.

Textbook

Living Italian (ISBN: 9780340990728). Students can purchase this book or bring their own books; if students wish to, they will be given some advice regarding selection.

A variety of learning methods will be used to keep students interested and alert.
Handouts will be provided as necessary.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set (optional).

Topic areas

Term 1 – conversation with more complex structures, review of vocabulary and grammar, booking into hotels, shopping for food, clothes, etc, ordering a meal, talking about holidays and family. Review of the past tenses 'passato prossimo' and use of 'imperfetto' –imperfect tense, perfect the use of prepositions and articles.

Term 2 – The imperative and polite imperative. The conditional tense (saying what you would do, if…). Using the subjunctive (past and present). Plan and predict, understand the use of the future tense with a focus on everyday language