



Italian Consulate General London
Education Department

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London, 3rd March 2017

**Re: Academic Year 2017/18 - Registration for extracurricular Italian language courses.
On-line registration from 6th March to 30th April 2017.**

Dear Parents ,

It is now enrolment time for the extracurricular courses of Italian language and culture 2017/2018 promoted and organised by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Our courses are run both by a contingent of experienced and qualified full time teachers from Italian state schools, specially selected to teach abroad, and by local teachers recruited in Great Britain by *COASIT*, a nonprofit organization which, thanks to the financial support of our Ministry and to the voluntary contributions paid by the families, recruits additional teachers locally, manages the courses and covers the costs of hiring premises, insurance cover and other expenses relating to all our Italian lessons.

May I take this opportunity to inform you this year Mr. Silvestro De Besi is the new Chairman of the Coasit Board. We all wish him all the best for his new commitment.

Our courses, covering a wide geographical area, try to respond to the families' needs whilst at the same time meeting the requirements of the minimum number of students set by the Italian Ministry. This means that it is not possible to authorize and start classes with fewer than eight students of differing ability levels or twelve for students of a similar level. We try to meet the students' needs, by grouping them according to ability levels so as to achieve more productive learning, increase parents' satisfaction and facilitate the work of teachers.

In an effort to improve the quality of the service provided, please consider that in the largest and most central locations such as Cardinal Vaughan – Holland Park, St Mary Magdalene Islington, Our Lady of Lourdes - Arnos Grove, Wimbledon College, Finchley Catholic High School-Finchley, where there are more enrolments, teachers will have the opportunity to set an entry test or assess the pupils' ability level in order to choose/select the best class for them. This may entail a change in the class time from that of last year; whilst efforts will be made to keep the same class times, this cannot be guaranteed.

Please check the list of the courses –and choose the course most suitable for you. Should it not be possible to enrol students in any of the available courses for the A-level exam listed in Attachment, please refer to other **online class option**. Teachers will be connected remotely to students at home at the time agreed-for the lesson.

We have extended the time window from **6th March until 30th April 2017**. Please ensure time frames are adhered to, so as to allow the Education Department and Coasit sufficient time for planning and to request the necessary financing to meet the needs arising from the implementation of the courses.

I am sure I can rely on your cooperation so that the on-line enrolment can be completed by no later than 30rd April 2017.

My warmest thanks go to all the Parents' Representatives, Families and Teachers for their effort in contributing to the success of all our activities. I am aware that the parent community is always very active. Thank you for raising any initiatives to be posted on our site <http://www.ufficioscolasticolondra.altervista.org/>

I am counting on your support also in order to increase the number of schools we cooperate with. The Education Department is interested in promoting Italian as a language by starting a range of courses addressed to students also during normal school hours. It is not always simple to organise this type of courses, as they compete with other curricular languages such as Spanish and French. I hope I may rely on your input to promote this idea with the appropriate school authorities so as guarantee a place also for Italian amongst the school subjects offered.

As for the **enrolment procedure**, you are required to fill in the appropriate form available at the following link: <http://www.coasit.org/courses-registration>.

At the end of the enrolment procedure, there is a printable version of the enrolment form; please print and sign it and hand it to the class teacher at the beginning of the school year, starting from the third week of September 2017.

If you need help or require more information you can contact:

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Yours faithfully

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