



Rome International School

The School You ♥.





Welcome

Rome International School is a private school offering an international education for ages 2 to 18. Our student and teaching body represents over **45 different nationalities**.

Our mission is to provide a nurturing environment in which children of all nationalities and faiths can explore and respect their own and each other's cultural and religious heritage. We aspire to equip our students with the skills needed to become life-long learners so that every child is able to realise their unique gifts and talents and achieve their full potential.

Our network of leading partners, **LUISS University**, the **International Baccalaureate Organization** and the **Confucius Institute**, demonstrate our ambition to maintain educational and organisational excellence.

The foundation of learning at RIS is based on:

- **Quality**: in all curriculum areas and every aspect of school life.
- **Merit**: in view of our students' commitment to their studies and as a value for building a better society.
- Individual **talents**: helping our students to recognise and advance their natural talents.
- **Respect**: spreading the culture and every day practice of respect of others and the environment.

Enrolling at Rome International School opens a world of possibilities for your child.





What We Offer

The IBO Mission Statement, in its aims 'to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through inter-cultural understanding and respect' is exactly what we are aiming for with our students, preparing them for the world of tomorrow, starting from their first days at school.

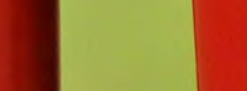
We encourage our students to reflect about what they have achieved and what challenges they still face. This creates a climate where students feel good about themselves and celebrate not only their own but the achievements of others. Rewarding merit is integral to what we offer.

Our status as an IB World School means that we are committed to facilitating access to the world's best universities. RIS has formal links with LUISS University, one of the top private universities in Italy. Our students have the unique possibility of direct access to LUISS University undergraduate courses taught in both English and Italian (upon achieving 33 points out of 45 in the IB Diploma Programme).

Our building and campus, set amongst 3.5 hectares of natural park, have been purpose-built to meet every learning and teaching requirement. This provides an inspiring and stimulating environment for our students to continue to pursue an excellent educational path, one that is both academically challenging, and individually rewarding.



My Family



Rome International School

Secretary General
International School of Europe
Milan - Rome



Rome International School offers a rewarding international education where we teach our students to think for themselves and to understand the significance of what they are learning in global and local contexts. We provide a unique approach that helps prepare your children for the world of tomorrow.





Primary Years Programme



Early Years / Elementary

The Elementary School student at RIS is at the centre of the learning process, constructing knowledge, problem solving, collaborating, reflecting and taking appropriate action.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 follow the **IB Primary Years Programme (PYP)**. The PYP is a transdisciplinary programme of international education designed to foster the development of the whole child. The PYP draws on research and best practice from a range of national systems with a wealth of knowledge and experience from international schools to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational framework for all children.

October 2013 marked 45 years since the official founding of the International Baccalaureate® in 1968. To give younger students access to an IB education, in 1997, the Primary Years Programme (PYP) was adopted for students aged 3 to 11. The IB PYP is recognised worldwide as one of the most advanced international programmes for elementary schools. There are 1,116 schools that offer this programme worldwide and 17 in Italy (as of January 2016).

One of the most significant and distinctive features of the IB PYP are the **six transdisciplinary themes**. Students inquire into, and learn about, these globally significant issues in the context of **units of inquiry**, each of which addresses a central idea relevant to a particular transdisciplinary theme* (www.IBO.org). Each unit of inquiry emphasises different disciplines such as language, mathematics, social studies, science, the arts (visual arts, music and drama), and personal, social and physical education (including P.E.). This approach encourages students to be **active learners** and to make their own connections between what they learn in core subject areas and how it relates to the world around them.





At Rome International School we strive to use the curriculum (and the experience gained from it) to challenge our students to not only be eager for knowledge but also to think about what they learn. Passive learning of facts and figures is the past. Developing an understanding of the significance of these facts is necessary for building the future.





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International Examinations

Cambridge International School



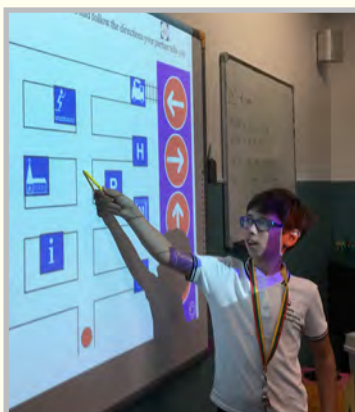
Middle / High

Students in the Middle School follow a rich programme of study and we use the excellent range of learning resources available for **Cambridge Secondary Education**. In addition, the Middle School uses globally recognised benchmarks and assessments including testing developed by the **University of Durham**.

Subjects studied in the Middle School include: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities (History and Geography), Italian (as a native or additional language), French/Spanish/Chinese (from Grade 7 as a third language), Art, Drama, Music, and Physical Education. We appreciate that many of our families require the guarantee of excellent preparation for the Italian State exam at the end of Grade 9 (*licenza media*). For this reason, students are allocated ample curriculum time for Italian lessons in Language, Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics and Science throughout the middle years.

In collaboration with the **Gifted and Talented Education Scientific Association** (University of Padua), we have developed initiatives to recognise and work with students who have high cognitive potential.

RIS is accredited as a centre for the **International General Certificate of Secondary Education** (IGCSE), in Grades 10 and 11, as validated by **Cambridge University**. This prestigious course of study is specifically designed to provide an excellent academic education for the first stage of High School and also prepares students for the subsequent two years of the IB Diploma Programme. It combines an exam-based approach with a focus on research, problem solving and inquiry based learning. This vertical integration with the previous and subsequent school programmes is a special added value. Students study a wide range of subjects over the two-year course. The formal exams take place in May of the second year, assessed by external IGCSE examiners.







We have created a learning platform that is flexible and reactive. Our approach recognises the skills and aptitudes of all learners and responds appropriately. It is one which values high achievement relative to each student's individual progress and celebrates students who embody the principles and values of the school and of the International Baccalaureate Organization.



Investigating the effect of glucose solutions
on plasmolysis in red onion cells

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IB Diploma

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a renowned course, internationally recognised by the best universities in the world and which provides our students with a competitive advantage.

The IB Diploma requires students to study from six subject areas, at least one from the key areas for **Mother Tongue**, **Language Acquisition**, **Humanities**, **Sciences**, **Mathematics**, and the **Arts** or to pick another from Languages, Humanities or Sciences. This range of subjects enables students to pursue any discipline at university level (depending on their Higher Level subjects). Three of the subjects are studied at Higher Level and students obtain greater depth in these choices. Subjects offered at RIS include **Chinese**, **Philosophy**, **Economics** and **Art** alongside the standard Languages, Humanities, Sciences and Mathematics options.

Our students have the option of programme combinations which give automatic equivalence to the **Italian Maturità**. We have a wide choice designed to tailor the best package for each student.

RIS offers systematic guidance and supervision throughout the university application process, with the sole objective of enabling our students to fulfill their potential. Since the first cohort graduated in 2011, each of our IB DP students have received offers from their universities of choice.

RIS students apply to top universities worldwide and are provided with personalised support from highly experienced members of staff who work with students at each stage of the process. Students are supported with the external examinations they may also be required to take by universities, such as the **BMAT** and the **UKCAT** for Medical applications in the **United Kingdom**, the **SATS** for universities in the **United States** and the examinations required by Oxbridge for a range of subjects. So whether or not our students decide to apply to the **United Kingdom**, **Spain**, **Canada** or to remain in **Italy** (many opting to take advantage of the school's formal links with **LUISS University** including automatic admission into undergraduate courses for students who obtain 33 points out of 45 in their IB DP), you can be assured they will receive the excellent support they require.



100% success

At Rome International School we offer experienced support to each of our students for their university applications. The school is very proud of the IB DP results. Our students all study towards the full Diploma and our scores have been consistently above the Global Average, enabling students to pursue their studies at the university of their choice.







A World of Opportunities

The school actively encourages academic excellence and there are a range of **scholarships and awards** available each year. We also offer a broad variety of **after-school activities** such as Model United Nations (Middle School), sports, music, science, coding and entrepreneurship. After looking carefully at the needs of our adult members, specific activities such as Italian Cuisine and Pilates are offered for parents.

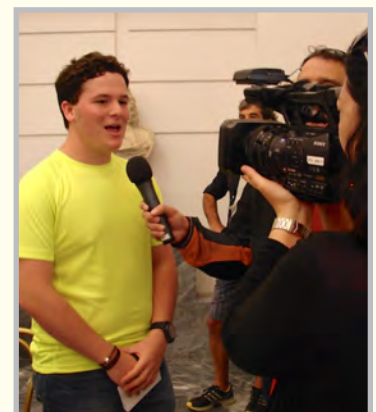
For the first time in September 2017, all students entering Grade 3 will be given the chance to study either **Chinese or Arabic within the curriculum** by mother tongue teachers.

French, Chinese and Spanish language and culture courses are available as extra-curricular options in Elementary allowing students the possibility to continue these courses in Middle and as part of the IGCSE and IB DP programmes in the High School.

We are committed to developing partnerships to enrich the curriculum and provide motivating student learning experiences. High School students have the opportunity to participate in the **Model United Nations** conference, held annually, at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

A thriving **Italian department** is present in the school, and the didactic activities of our Italian subject teachers are carefully coordinated across the school.

Throughout the school, students participate in a variety of **residential and day trips**. We consider trips out of school to be educationally beneficial and we encourage all students to take part. From Grade 3 to Grade 12, carefully chosen residential trips, either in Italy or to international locations, are offered annually.






We continually strive for excellence. We never stop improving and our ambition is infectious. We act as a team. A team of learners and facilitators. Our strong collaborative spirit means that we work with our students to help them achieve their dreams and their passion helps to ensure that we maintain our quality. It is an effective partnership.





Campus & Facilities



Our building and campus is immersed in the natural park of Monte Mario providing the ideal environment for students to pursue their academic and personal development. Our state-of-the-art building is equipped to the highest level.

- Ample recreational and study areas
- Large external sports grounds including a fitness trail
- Three fully equipped Science laboratories
- Two well-stocked multimedia libraries
- Banks of laptops and iPads for each section of the school
- Music, Art, Drama rooms
- Spacious indoor gyms that ensure lessons in all weather
- Cafeteria
- Three lunchrooms serving organic food
- Auditorium
- Wireless technology throughout the campus



Our Vision

To be an integrated and caring community in which teachers, parents and management cooperate to develop in our students attributes of international mindedness, a spirit of enterprise and the joy of life-long learning by offering a first class educational programme.

Joining Rome International School means becoming a member of an extended educational community. We encourage parents to play an active role in supporting the whole school. Parents can become involved by joining our active **Parent/Teacher Association** or by becoming a **Class Representative**. More information is available on the school website.

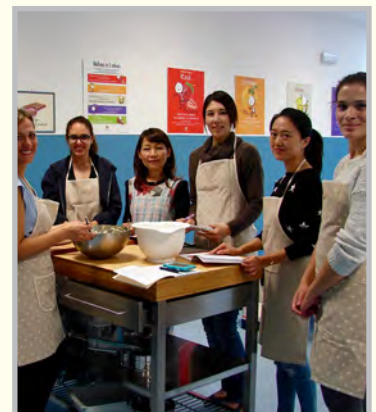
Accreditation

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Rome International School is a member of the Association of IB World Schools in Italy, which exists to support member schools in achieving their common educational goals, and to provide representation on issues of common interest.

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Quality Merit Talent Respect

Life-long Learner

International Ambitious Committed Self-Confident Talented

Balanced Open-Minded Principled Risk-Taker Communicator Thinker Caring Reflective Inquirer Knowledgeable



**“A human being can only become truly human through education.
He is nothing, except what he is made by education.”**
(‘On Pedagogy’ - Immanuel Kant)