

WHAT DIFFERENCE IS THERE BETWEEN THE SCHOOL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN ITALY?

Deciding to study abroad in a country like the United Kingdom involves the insertion in a school system different from the Italian one either for types of subjects offered by that kind of school, life, or school models and rules.

Let's see the main differences that the students who decide to spend a school year abroad, in particular in England, have to face.

The English school starts at the age of five and ends at the age of eighteen. To be precise, there is a **primary school** (from 5 to 11), **secondary education** covers the age which goes from 11 to 14. High school is attended by students from 14 to 18.

Italian students attend the secondary school from the age of 13 to 18. There are five classes at the end of which they take an exam, the so called "Esame di Stato"

If an Italian student aged 17 wants to join an English class, he will be admitted to the English class attended by students aged 16. This is because you can't enter "halfway road", but at least a year back. This is because English high school classes are divided in blocks of two years, after which examinations are taken and a certificate is awarded. Between 14 and 16 the GCSE is achieved, while at the end of the second block of years (16-18) students obtain an English diploma level (or Ib).

English high school is made up of 4 years while in Italy it is made up of five years. This is because the programs are more intensive and the courses more advanced especially as far as Science, Maths, Art, Economics.

Compulsory schooling ends at the age of 16.

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