Malpighi International Middle School

Scuole Malpighi
Bologna

During the middle school years, studying different subjects helps students develop a love of learning, a passion for exploring the world around them and an effective approach to studying.

Cultural Education, Study Skills and an International Outlook

Malpighi Middle School has been part of Bologna's educational community since 1999. Every day, 550 students at our **Audinot** and **Villa Revedin Middle Schools** embark on the daily adventure of learning alongside their teachers.

The Middle School years are fundamental to our children's development.

It is, at this age, that their attitude towards the world and towards learning begins to take shape. This is why choosing the right school matters.

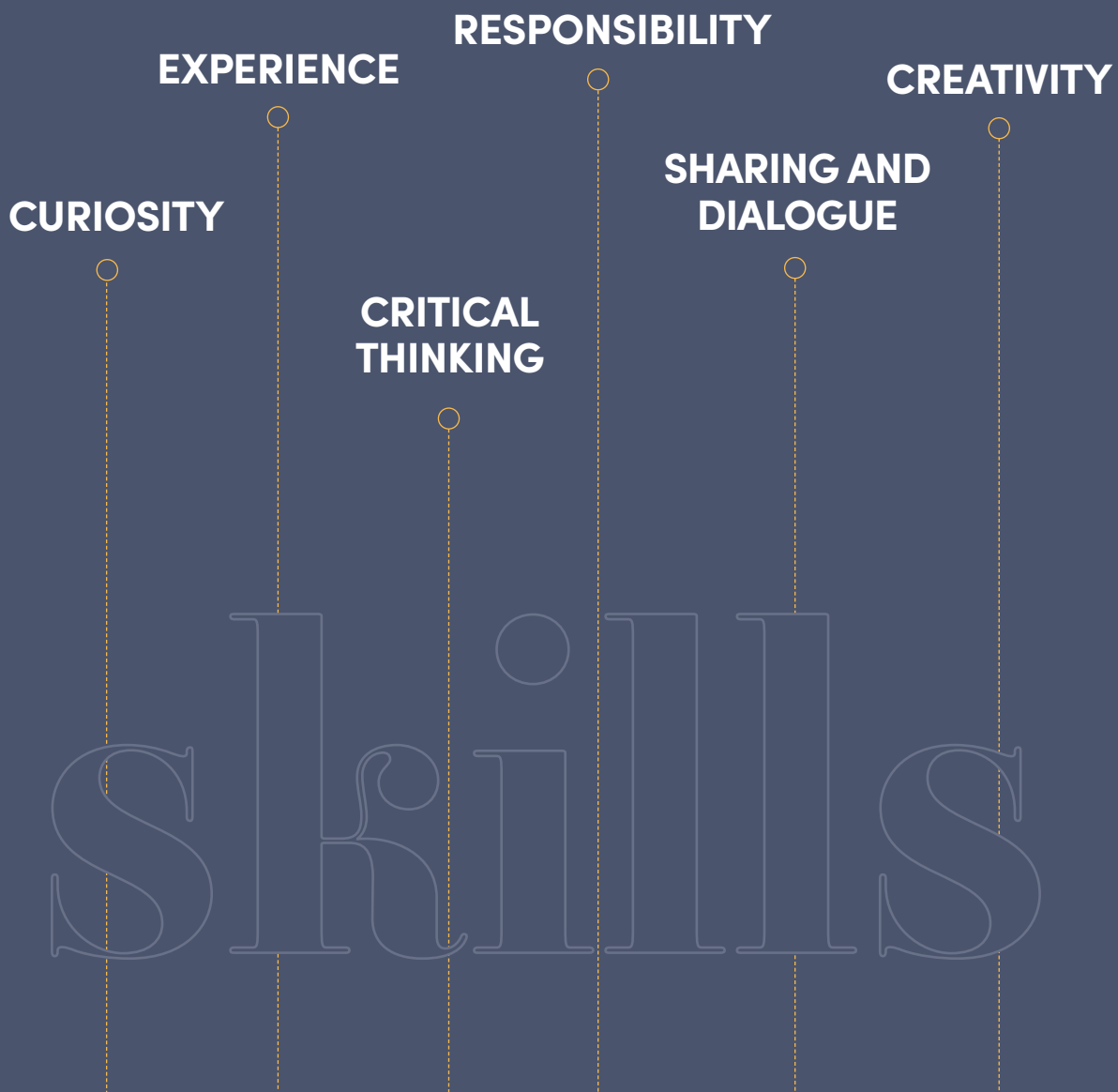
For young people to grow and find their own way in the world, they need knowledgeable, motivated teachers that inspire a love of learning, a passion for exploring the world, a constructive outlook and consolidated study habits.

Our educational offering includes a Middle School programme at both Audinot and Villa Revedin, as well as a **dual Italian/ international curriculum at Villa Revedin.**





At Malpighi, we strive to guide students in experiencing school as a place to grow, discover themselves and learn to engage constructively with the world around them.



At Malpighi, teachers share a common educational vision. They plan their lessons around students' natural curiosity, nurturing it as the driving force behind learning.

The Approach

The new international section combines this experience with a specific approach: Inquiry-Based Learning, an approach used within the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework.

Over the three years, teachers help each student develop confidence and effective study skills. Their teaching encourages students to ask questions, conduct research, exchange ideas and build knowledge through hands-on experience and independent study.

The international section's teaching approach is built around three core principles:

Questioning and discovery: **lessons begin with students' questions.** Teachers guide them in researching, experimenting and building knowledge through first-hand experience and independent study.

Critical thinking: ongoing engagement with global issues and the contemporary world helps students **develop independent, open-minded critical thinking**.

Hands-on and collaborative learning: through group work, workshops and interdisciplinary activities, **students learn to exchange ideas and work together** in an international environment.

Key partners in curriculum planning will be the **International School of San Francisco** and **CIRC (California International Reggio Center).**



Subject Content and Educational Aims

Italian Language and Literature

Studying key texts from our cultural heritage and systematically learning **Grammar** help students use written and spoken language with awareness and develop an interest in reading.
The study of **History** also builds effective study skills and offers valuable insights into current events.

English Language & Advisory

All students benefit from enhanced E**nglish language** teaching, also organised by proficiency level.
The **Advisory** role supports students' personal growth, independence and orientation within school life.

Mathematics

Studying **Mathematics** develops rational thinking, logical skills and the ability to use precise, symbolic language, providing a firm foundation for solving complex, real-world problems.



Sciences

Guided by an inquiry-based approach, students **explore Science as a process of investigation**.
Learning takes place both in laboratories and through fieldwork, primarily through students' curiosity and hands-on experimentation.

Individuals & Societies and History

Integrating **Italian History** with the international subject **Individuals & Societies** enables students to understand their cultural roots while exploring the social, geographical and human dynamics of a globalised world.

STEAM and Design

Closely integrated with Mathematics and Science, this subject brings together **Technology**, **Science**, **Art** and **Design**, enabling students to apply theoretical knowledge through design thinking and practical workshops.

Visual Arts and Music

Hands-on teaching helps students **develop their expressive and creative talents**.
Taught in English, these subjects also allow students to use the language in practical and artistic settings.

Physical Education

Through active learning in the school's **Indoor and Outdoor Sports** facilities and the surrounding woodland, students experience sport as an opportunity for personal growth, physical activity and connection with nature.



Villa Revedin

International Section

Teaching is equally balanced between the **two languages**: **50% of learning activities take place in English and 50% in Italian.** Across all subjects, the programme combines the rigour and cultural richness of the Italian educational tradition with an international approach.

School week

Classes run from Monday to Friday

Monday–Thursday
8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m.–1:20 p.m.
in every year group.

Students only take their study materials home on Fridays to complete homework over the weekend.

Weekly timetable

Subjects taught in English		Subjects taught in Italian	
English Language	6	Italian Language (language, writing and literature)	9
Individuals & Societies	3	History	3
Sciences	4	Mathematics	6
STEAM and Design	3	Religious Education	1
Visual Arts	2	Physical Education	2
Music	2		
Advisory	1		

Language Support Programmes

To help all students approach the curriculum with confidence, **language support classes are available in both Italian and English**. These are designed for international students entering the Italian education system and for Italian students wishing to join the international programme.





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Learning Spaces and the Extensive Park

The school offers spacious rooms, laboratories, areas for independent study and an extensive park to support its educational programme. It is easily accessible by private and public transport.

Afternoon Activities

The school experience is enriched by extra-curricular activities.

These activities offer students opportunities to nurture talents and expressive abilities. Students can choose from taking part in the **school choir**, in **sports activities** and **learning to play a musical instrument**. **Theatre**, **Art and Set Design** workshops are held on Friday afternoons.

Lunch at School

The school canteen provides freshly-prepared hot, balanced meals.

Students may have lunch at school even on days when they have no afternoon lessons or activities.



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