Hey everyone,

join us as on our exchange adventure and read about the unforgettable moments we've experienced on our first school exchange to Italy.

During our unforgettable school exchange to Italy, we stayed in the charming city of Magenta, near Milan, from 11th to 18th March 2024.

Our group of 11 adventurous students and two teachers embarked on a 13-hour overnight bus ride to Milan, where we enjoyed our first authentic Italian pizza. On our first day, we immersed ourselves in the school culture of *Liceo Bramante*, discovering school differences like snack machines in hallways and using the iNaturalist app to learn about local biodiversity.

Exploring Italian culture further, we visited Cascina Salazzara farm, enjoyed teamwork games, had fun petting farm animals, were part of Italian school life and worked on different art projects focusing on sustainability.

Moreover, we marvelled at the breath-taking view of *Milan Cathedral* and dove into Italian lessons, discovering the nuances of their educational system that differed from what we were used to back home. Germans really liked to be structured and organised. ①



As we lived with our host families and bonded with them over traditional Italian dinners, we embraced cultural differences and found joy in the little surprise. Aperitivos, noodles as first course, a huge portion of Tiramisu- Italians eat a lot and we were never hungry! All in all, we embraced the warmth of Italian hospitality and enjoyed each day full of learning, exploring, and enjoying the beauty of Italy.

Grateful for the memories made and lessons learned, we can't wait to welcome our Italian friends to Leipzig.



Warm regards, the students from the exchange to Magenta

