

"Domenico is mature for his age and very polite to everyone. He is curious about many topics."

Lär känna Domenico

Domenico är född 2008 och kommer från Italien. Han kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a musik, scoutkåren, kyrkoaktiviteter, promenader, sällskapsspel, pussel, korsord och matlagning. Hans favoritämnen i skolan är filosofi, matematik, engelska, biologi och italienska.

Dear host family,

My name is Domenico, I am sixteen years old, and I come from the south of Italy. I live in a family of four: my mother Assunta, my father Francesco, and my younger sister Lidia, who is twelve. My mother is a teacher, and my father is an architect, although he currently works as a technical drawing professor far from home. I have always had a great relationship with my family. They have always supported me, taught me the value of respect, education, and dialogue, and helped shape the person I am today. They trust me, and I feel lucky to have such a strong bond with them. I attend a scientific high school, and every morning I take the bus to get to school. My class consists of twenty-six students, including eight who take the bus with me. My school is quite challenging, so I spend most of my week studying. Since my school is large, it offers many extracurricular activities, and I have chosen to participate in several projects. For example, I am involved in a school podcast project, a writing improvement course, a computer certification program, a first aid course held by the Red Cross, and an Erasmus+ project that will take me to Brussels for a week in April. Additionally, during school hours, I have taken part in various academic competitions, such as the informatics olympiad, where I placed third in my school, the neuroscience olympiad, and the biology olympiad. However, my interests go beyond academics. I enjoy walking and admiring nature, and for many years, I was part of the scouts. I have a passion for photography, technology innovations, cycling, and music. I like playing the ukulele, solving crossword puzzles, and keeping up with current events in my country and around the world. I am also an avid follower of the Sanremo Music Festival and the Eurovision Song Contest. Whenever I have time, I enjoy cooking. For example, in my region, a traditional Christmas treat is "cartellate", which I absolutely love. Every year, I prepare them in large quantities with my father and sister. I am also very active in my parish community. I regularly attend youth group meetings, and choir's rehearsals and am a diocesan team member of the MSAC (Movimento Studenti di Azione Cattolica), a student movement that focuses on improving the Italian education system. Recently, I participated in an interregional student camp, where we discussed important topics related to education. At school, I achieve good grades, but I often struggle with the high workload. I don't have a single favorite subject, but lately, I have been enjoying philosophy. Our teacher has introduced group projects and debates, which I find engaging and enriching. I also appreciate biology, mathematics, Italian, and English. I decided to apply for an exchange year after hearing the experience of a former student of my mother, who moved to Sweden with her family. She told me how different things were there, which sparked my curiosity. Over time, I researched more about Sweden and realized that I would love to experience its culture, education system, and lifestyle firsthand. She also believes that an experience like this would be incredibly beneficial for me. I think I would be a great exchange student because I always approach new and different experiences with an open mind, curiosity, and enthusiasm. I love learning about new cultures and allowing them to enrich me. Although I am an overthinker and a sensitive person, I am confident that I will adapt well to living away from home. It has happened before, and in those cases, my family wished I would call them more often! As for my future academic and career plans, I am still undecided because I do not have a strong preference for a specific field. However, I have a slight inclination towards management and finance, which interest me. I do not rule out the possibility of returning to Sweden for university, especially since I will already be familiar with the language, which I am eager to learn. More generally, I believe that the Swedish education system is superior because it is more student-centered. In contrast, the Italian system, while academically advanced and comprehensive, tends to demand total sacrifice from students, making it extremely challenging. I am excited to share my culture, my traditions, and myself with you and to learn everything I can from this experience. I look forward to meeting you and starting this new journey together!

Thank you,

Domenico

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