

SCHOOLS IN THE UK AND IN THE USA

BEFORE YOU WATCH

1. Answer the questions.

1. What age do children start school in Italy?
2. At what age do students take exams?
3. What time do you start and finish lessons?
4. Would you like to wear a uniform at school? Why? / Why not?
5. Do you usually have a lot of homework to do?



WHILE YOU WATCH

Section 1 (15.15 – 17.45)

2. Tick if the statements refer to the UK or to the USA.

1. Students start school in the morning at about 7.30.
2. Students start school in the morning at about 9.00.
3. Children start school at four years old.
4. The first class is called Reception Class.
5. Children start Grade 1 of Elementary School at 5 or 6 years of age.
6. Children take Standard Assessment Tests at seven, eleven and thirteen.
7. Most schools do project-based assessments and general tests during the year.
8. Elementary, Junior and High School are in different locations.
9. There are new schools called academies and specialist schools.
10. Students wear a uniform.

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Section 2 (17.45 – 19.20)

3. Decide if these students are for (✓) or against (✗) wearing uniforms at school.

USA	UK
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<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca	<input type="checkbox"/> Raj
<input type="checkbox"/> Quintin	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan
<input type="checkbox"/> April	<input type="checkbox"/> Eleanor
<input type="checkbox"/> Anders	<input type="checkbox"/> Ahmed
<input type="checkbox"/> Milenka	<input type="checkbox"/> Imogen

Section 3 (19.20 – 20.40)

4. Answer the questions.

1. What time do American kids finish school?
2. What do American kids do when they finish lessons?
3. What types of clubs are there?
Give two examples.
4. What time do kids finish lessons in Britain?
5. Do American students do a lot of homework?

AFTER YOU WATCH

5. Write a brief text describing the school system and school life in Italy. Follow the points given below:
 - age children start school
 - types of school
 - exams
 - typical school day
 - what young people do after school

