

Exchange between GVM students and students from a secondary school in Turin, Italy.

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In March this year 22 students from the Liceo Scientifico Statale Gobetti, a secondary school in Turin, visited our second-year students. This inaugural exchange brought many unforgettable experiences to all involved.

The Italian students and teachers were officially welcomed by the Mayor of Velké Meziříčí, Mr. Josef Komínek, at the town hall and together with their Czech partners visited the museum, church tower and took a stroll through the town centre. A packed programme of events included a sightseeing tour of Prague, a visit to the Punkevní Cave in the Moravian Karst, and a visit to Brno's city centre. The Italian students also visited Poex, the renowned confectionary company in Velké Meziříčí, where they were warmly welcomed. Despite the persistent freezing weather, the Italian students also braved a trip to Fajtov Kopec tower, to take advantage of the wonderful views of our town and surrounding area.

On the last night a farewell party took place at the grammar school. This was also attended by members of the host families, who had done such a brilliant job in looking after our Italian guests all week. An evening full of fun, music and dance was the perfect finale to a fabulous week. Not just the students, but teachers too, have many wonderful memories to cherish and we are all looking forward to visiting our new friends in Turin in September this year.

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Group photo at the GVM assembly hall