



ISTITUTO DI ISTRUZIONE SUPERIORE STATALE
"FLACCO - BATTAGLINI"
VENOSA



XXXVIII Certamen Horatianum

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General Information

The XXXVIII Certamen Horatianum is held under the patronage of the **President of the Italian Republic** and is officially recognised by the **Italian Ministry of Education and Merit (MIM)** as one of the most prestigious school competitions promoting academic excellence.

Thanks to this recognition, the **winner of the Italian Classical Section** receives:

- the prize established by the *MIM Programme for the Enhancement of Excellence*,
- the prize provided by the internal regulations of the competition,
- inclusion in the **National Register of Excellence (INDIRE – "Io Merito")**.

Competition Dates

- **28 April** – Arrival of participants and welcome evening
- **29 April** – Competition, Conference on Latin Didactics, cultural and musical activities, historical town centre events, archaeological itineraries
- **30 April** – Conference on Classical Studies and Award Ceremony

Registration

Deadline: 1 April 2026

Competition Sections

1. Italian Classical Section

Individual competition consisting of:

- translation of a text by Horace from Latin + linguistic and historical-literary questions for *Classical Lyceums*;
- translation of a text by Horace from Latin + historical-literary questions for *Scientific Lyceums* and *Human Sciences Lyceums*.



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2. International Classical Section

For students from classical-oriented schools outside Italy.

The test consists of:

- interpretation and commentary on a text by Horace provided in an authoritative translation, in the participant's language. Accepted languages: French, English, Portuguese, Spanish, German.

3. Italian and International Artistic Section

Individual competition consisting of:

- graphic or pictorial representation of a passage by Horace provided in an authoritative translation.

Admission Requirements

- **Italian Classical Section:** students enrolled in the penultimate or final year of secondary school
- **International Classical Section:** internal selection by the participating school based on academic curricula
- **Artistic Section:** maximum of **4 students per school**

Accommodation and Services

- Participants will be hosted and accommodated in **hotels, B&B or host families**
- **Shuttle service** available (see attached information)

Activities

Academic conferences, round tables, guided tours of **Venosa and Matera**, concerts, performances, evening events, historical town centre animation, and archaeological itineraries.

Certificates and Awards

- **Teachers:** certificate of participation with official exemption from teaching duties recognised by the Ministry of Education and Merit
- **Students:** certificate of participation valid for school credit
- **Winners:** qualification diploma and certificate of participation



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