# THE GARDA SCHOOL



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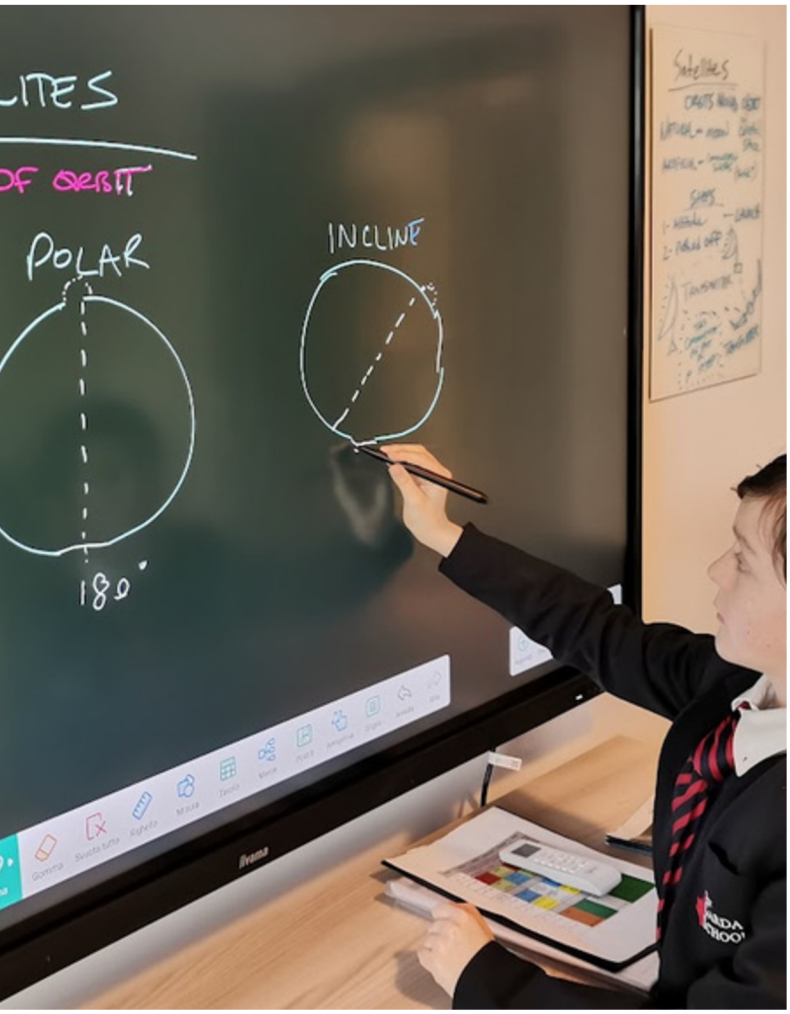
# School Profile

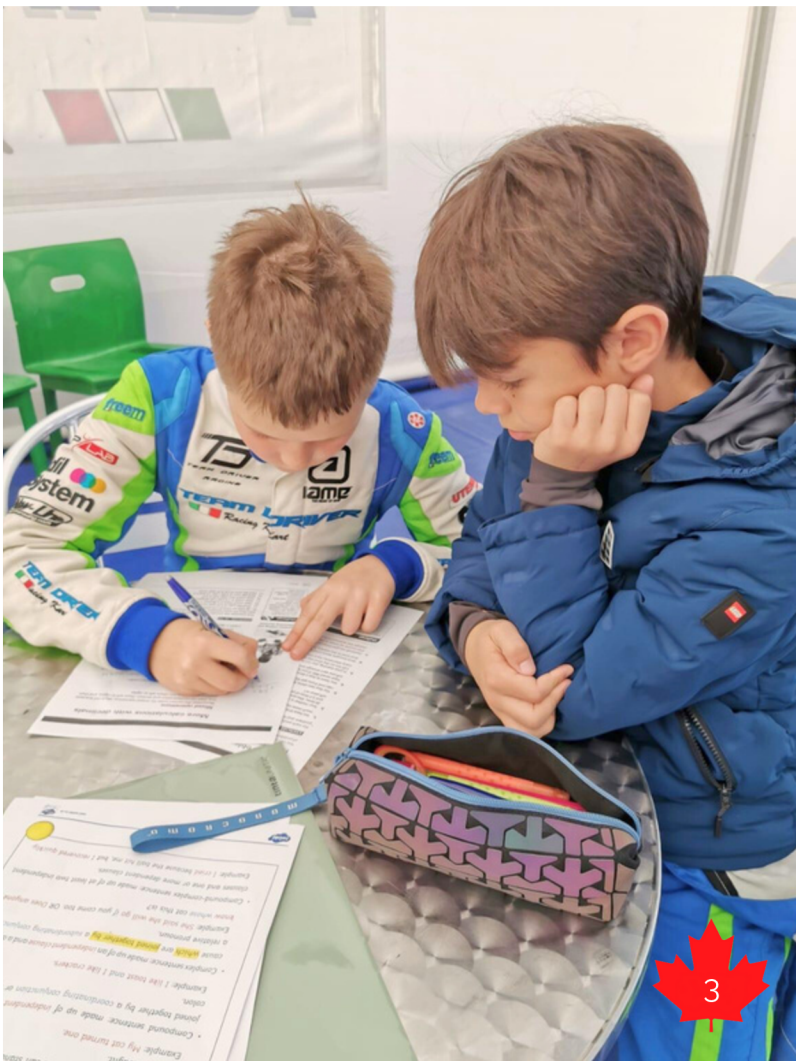

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# About Us

The Garda School is a small, English-language private school for girls and boys in Grades 4 to 10.





We specialize in highly personalized Canadian education for international families seeking a more flexible and globally oriented alternative to the traditional Italian school system.

# Our Advantage

Our small class sizes allow for **truly personalized instruction**, ensuring each child excels academically.

Classes are individually tailored to meet each child's needs, providing customized support in each subject, **plus ESL** if required.






Our elementary program naturally leads into our upper school program, offering internationally minded families a seamless and guaranteed pathway into high school.

In Grade 9, students seamlessly transfer into our high school program, which is fully accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

They can take advantage of our senior school's facilities, and trips and social activities.

# Our History

We are proud to be a family-run school with a long history of nurturing **independence, maturity**, and **success** in young people.





The Garda School is the sister school of Canadian College Italy, our English-language high school operating in Abruzzo since 1995.

Thousands of students have benefited from CCI's **caring** and **transformative** education.

# We are here

# Desenzano

Del Garda, Italy









The school is located in the historic centre of Desenzano del Garda, overlooking beautiful Lake Garda.

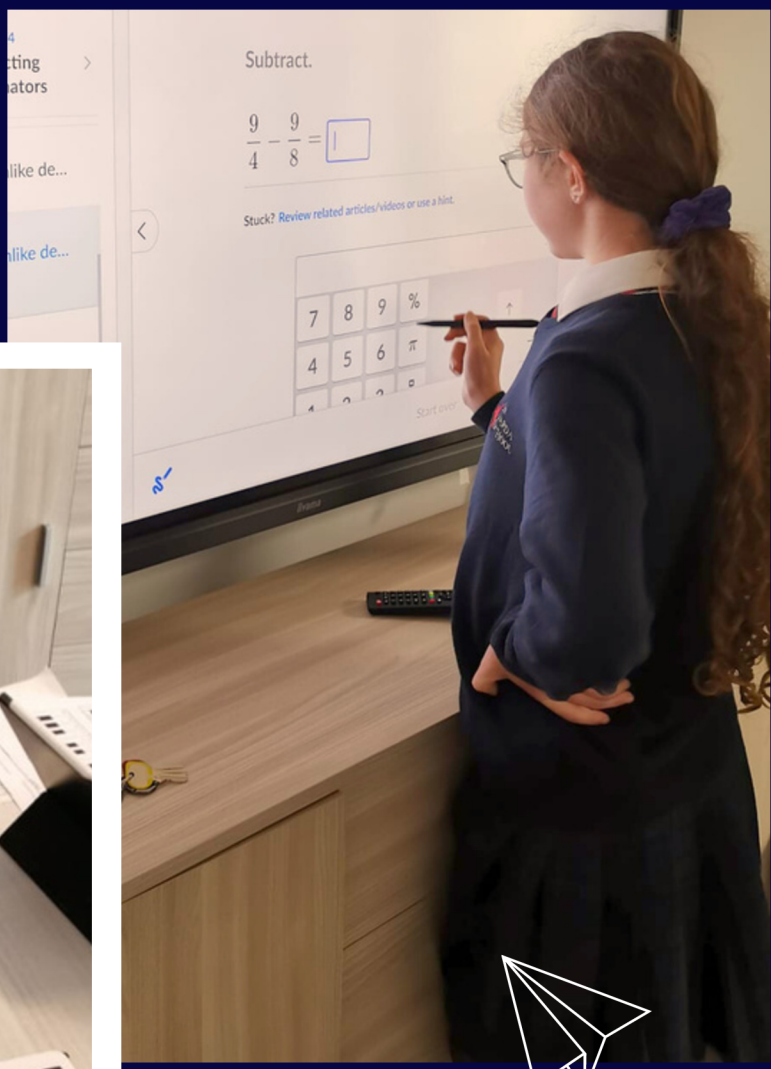
Our location offers convenient access for families commuting from Brescia, Verona, and the surrounding region, with excellent road and rail connections.

We are a short walk from the train station. Bus service is available upon request.

# Students First

The Garda School's educational philosophy embraces the importance of accommodating **diverse needs,** ensuring that our students have the freedom to pursue their passions while maintaining a strong academic foundation.

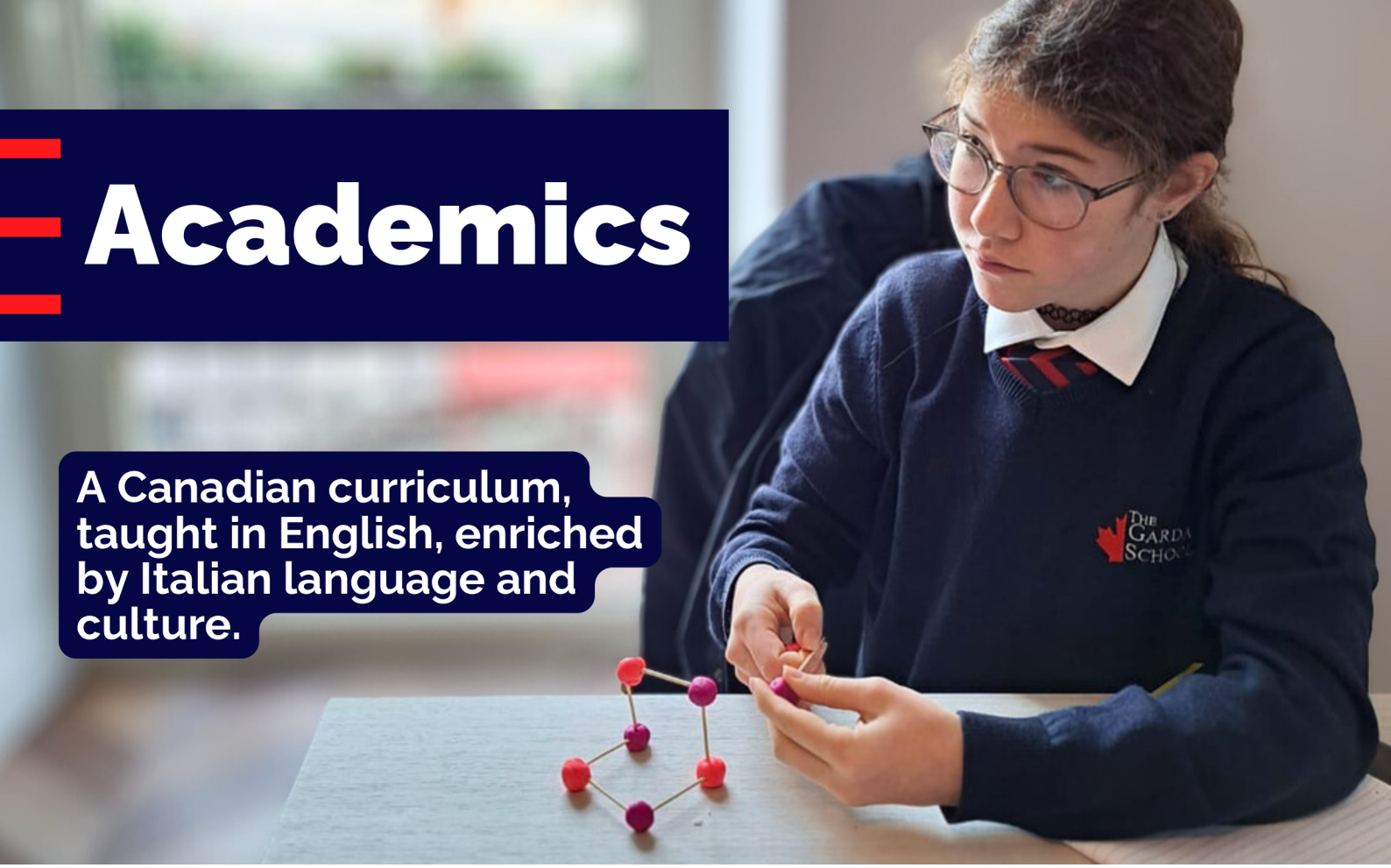
**Our curriculum** is based on the respected Ontario model, which is known for its successful student-centred approach.






**All instruction is in English** (except for Italian language) and led by **experienced** teachers who are specialists in their subject areas.

# Academics



**A Canadian curriculum, taught in English, enriched by Italian language and culture.**

We follow an Ontario-style curriculum, known for its academic rigour, balance, and flexibility. While we are not an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, our program offers comparable academic challenge with greater flexibility and personalization.

Students are held to high academic standards and study a broad, well-rounded program including:

- Core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies
- Arts, music, drama, technology & design
- Physical education and outdoor learning
- Life skills such as Financial Literacy and Digital Media

Classes are intentionally small and interactive, allowing teachers to support and challenge each student as an individual.



# Flexibility Without Compromise



**We believe that learning should fit the student—not the other way around.**

We understand the demands of internationally mobile families and young athletes with professional training schedules. With **clear planning and open communication**, we ensure learning remains consistent, structured, and supportive — even during periods of travel.

Through thoughtful use of technology and close collaboration between teachers, parents, and students, academic expectations stay clear and manageable.

Teachers provide **structured coursework**, **flexible deadlines**, and **one-on-one academic follow-up**, allowing students to feel confident, stay on track, and ready to move forward.

# Personalized Student Support



**We help students grow with confidence and care.**

**With small class sizes and close teacher involvement, learning is personal, responsive, and caring.**

Teachers adapt lessons in real time and provide **one-to-one support** when needed to strengthen skills and build confidence.

Students developing English fluency receive targeted ESL support, allowing them to succeed in an English-language classroom while feeling fully included in school life.

**Our team includes educators trained in differentiated instruction and special education support.** Whether a student needs extra structure, enrichment, or alternative strategies, we tailor the program to ensure progress and engagement.

# School life

While academics are the cornerstone of our program, we firmly believe in the development of the whole child. Our school life is designed to foster not only intellectual growth but also **essential social skills and life skills.**







Through educational field trips, group projects, and discussion-based learning, students learn to **communicate effectively**, collaborate with peers, and develop a sense of empathy and respect for others.

# No Hidden Fees

**Clear, transparent tuition with most essentials included.**

Tuition covers academic instruction, learning materials, daily lunch and snacks, and most local trips and activities.

Aside from personal items such as uniforms, laptops, or iPads, families can feel confident knowing that the essentials are already taken care of.






We also understand that families have different needs. Flexible payment plans are available, and we're happy to work with you to find an arrangement that makes sense for your family.



# How to Apply

**Exploring the world starts with one step. We'll help with the rest.**

**Apply online.**
Complete our free, simple application form and share your child's details and school history.

**Send supporting documents.**
We'll request a passport or ID and at least two recent report cards.

**Meet us.**
Families are invited to an admissions interview, online or on campus — a chance to get to know each other and ask questions.

**Confirm your place.**
Decisions follow quickly. If accepted, you'll secure enrollment and we'll guide you through the next steps.





# FAQ

## When is the deadline to apply?

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, but we encourage families to apply early to secure a place, as spaces are limited.

It is highly recommended that you apply by January for a September start.

## Where are your students from?

Our school is home to a diverse community. Our students come from Canada, the United States, and across Europe, alongside local Italian families who value an English-language, Canadian-style education.

## Is The Garda School a scuola paritaria?

No. *The Garda School è una scuola privata estera non paritaria*. We support Italian students in preparing for and sitting their state exams, enabling them to meet national requirements while benefiting from an international education.

At the high school level, through Canadian College Italy—accredited and annually inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education—students earn the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), an internationally recognized qualification respected by leading universities in Canada, the UK, the US, and across Europe.



# Un abbraccio forte!

Thank you for considering the Garda School.

We take great pride in being a small, family-run school, and we extend warmth and commitment to every family who joins our community.

We look forward to hearing from you and getting to know you better.

## Connect with us!



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