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From the 20th to the 24th of January 2016 a group of thirty students went to Malta to attend a five-days course of business English. Some of us stayed in a hotel and the rest were allocated in different host families. Staying in a host family was an amazing experience, that let us know the culture of the island, live fully this adventure and be more independent. In fact, we had to go to school on our own, using a map to move around and improving our English talking with our host family. After the initial embarrassment, we soon got comfortable with them, chatting about our lives and what life is like in Malta. Our typical day started at eight o'clock with our breakfast with the host family to be at school at nine. During these five days we attended the Link School of English, where we learnt a lot of specific vocabulary to start and run a business; all the teachers were mother tongue, so they could teach us correct pronunciation and also many turns of phrase. In the classes we had to create and develop a business project. In the evening, after a school day, we went around in the city centre with our teachers to relax and have fun together. This experience gave us beautiful memories and let us be more independent, so we recommend it to every student who wants to learn something new about English and likes travelling.

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## OUR EXPERIENCE IN NEW YORK

Last March a group of students from Liceo Classico “Niccolini-Guerrazzi” took part in an experience in New York, joining the Italian Diplomatic Academy in the National High School Model of the United Nations project. Each year, this association prepares Italian students to attend a Model of the United Nations’ sessions, which is a project involving students coming from all over the world. Students are taught how to attend United Nations sessions in simulations.

Before we went to New York, we attended a preparation course in Pisa, which let us learn the basic knowledge about international diplomacy and United Nations procedures, in order to maintain peaceful dialogue and relationships among the countries in the world. They taught us how to speak in public, in front of hundreds of students coming from different countries and it helped us to face our shyness and to improve our knowledge of English. Then, once we got to New York, we took part in United Nations simulations at the Hilton Hotel, during which we dealt with issues of international diplomacy and we tried to solve them using negotiation and dialogue skills. The last simulation took place at the Headquarters of the United Nations and it was an exciting and priceless experience to take our seats in the room where all the greatest delegates from all over the world participate in the United Nations sessions.

I believe that this experience improved our communication skills with foreign students and made us more conscious citizens, understanding the importance of maintaining peaceful dialogue among countries in a period of terrible conflicts.

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