

Hello, my name is Giovanni,

I'm 16 years old and I am currently attending the third year of Liceo Scientifico in Italy. In this letter I would like to introduce myself and share something about my life, passions, and interests.

One of my greatest passions is off-road biking. I really enjoy it because I love being in nature and challenging myself with increasingly difficult climbs. I live in a region full of mountains and bike routes, which makes this hobby even more exciting. My dad doesn't enjoy cycling as much as I do, but he often helps me by repairing and upgrading my bike, and I learn a lot from him. My bike is a 2023 Cube Attention, and I truly love it.

Last July, I took part in a 100 km ride with 1,500 meters of altitude difference. It lasted 7 hours. What made that day unforgettable was despite it rained heavily (my phone got wet) after months of training and strong determination, I DID IT!

Another passion of mine is electronics and technology. I think this comes from my dad, who is an electronic engineer. Recently, I started buying unassembled electronic gadget kits and soldering them by myself

I learned how to manage electronics and began to fix my stuff like my xbox controller and computer keyboard.

I also love food, and my mom is teaching me. My favorite meal is, of course, pizza, but I also really like "piadina", which is thin soft flatbread, rolled or folded, filled with ham, cheese, and vegetables. I would love to learn how to prepare at least one dish by myself.

I attend Liceo Scientifico, a high school focused mainly on scientific subjects, but also including italian literature, and english. It lasts five years, after which I could go to university, although I am still unsure about what to study.

At home, we live with two dogs. Their names are Kira and Spritz. Kira joined the family three years ago, while Spritz is older, already 11 years old. Kira has a very lively and sunny personality, while Spritz is more reserved and takes time to trust people. Over the years he has built a strong bond with me, and I love them both very much.

I am also passionate about cars and motors. Often me and my dad go to custom car gatherings. I like to see real cars that I drove in videogames (Forza Horizon and WRC) and the hard work that owners put into their customs. I also enjoy watching tv shows like "Wheeler's Dealer" and Mat Armstrong YouTube's Channel.

Reading is another hobby I've had since I was 5 years old. My mum got a subscription for me to Topolino (which in Denmark is called Anders And & Co.) for many years. Growing up, I started to read many different kinds of books. I like mystery and detective stories enjoying following the clues and trying to solve the case before the detective does (even though I usually fail). My favorite writer is Agatha Christie, because I love how detailed and precise her stories are.

Nearby my place there are a lot of hiking routes. This summer we hiked (with my parents, Pasquale and Chiara) up to an altitude of 2500 meters. It was a very rewarding experience, with an amazing view at the top.

I have already visited Portugal and France, but I hope to travel much more in the future. I usually feel comfortable abroad, walking, watching and living in new places.

Denmark has always intrigued me, as well as other Northern European countries, because it is a very different culture from the one I know in Southern Europe. I am curious to discover this new way of living, especially the idea of *hygge*. I believe Denmark is a country full of possibilities, and by living with a host family and exploring this culture, I will not only learn new habits and traditions, but also gain valuable experiences that will help me grow personally.

To be prepared, I started learning Danish (from scratch). I watch children's videos like Gurli Gris and Børste. Even though they are a bit boring, I believe they will help me make progress.

I am really looking forward to this exchange experience in Denmark. I hope to share my passions with you, discover your culture, and create unforgettable memories together.

Giovanni