

## **Extension Activity 1**

Explore what La Bella Figura means in Italian culture.

Italians give a lot of importance to portraying a good image. Culture, fashion and style are very important to them and often appearances can be misleading (as they are with Luca and Michele in the film).

Pupils could research this on the internet to gain a fuller understanding of its meaning.

They could also compare and contrast this part of Italian culture with our own culture.

- Are we also like this?
- In what ways? or
- Why are we not like the Italians in this respect?

## **Extension Activity 2**

How has the economic crisis affected Italians?

Pupils could research how the Italian economy has been affected by the recent economic crisis.

They could also look into the problems young Italians face when trying to secure permanent employment in present day Italy (particularly young graduates).

## **Extension Activity 3**

La musica nel film

Pupils could discuss the three songs we hear in the film:

'Waiting for the call'

'Awake yourself'

'Living Mask'

They are all very relevant to the storyline. They could be looked at in greater detail and pupils could discuss why they have been chosen.