

AND NOW...

... THESE ARE OUR NEWSLETTERS!!!

Cosenza, 15.11.2008

Dear Director,

We want to talk about a terrible problem. It is terrible for us and for all students. It is the Gelmini's Reform. We don't agree with it because this reform says that:

- There will be only one teacher at Primary School. In this way a lot of teachers will lose their work. It is horrible.
- There will be "bridge-classes": foreign children will be separated from Italian children. For us it is a discrimination. In fact foreign children should learn Italian with the children who speak this language.
- At university the situation is the worst of all: in fact the rich students will be able to study while poor students are not able to do it because they haven't any economic possibilities.



These three points represent only a little part of this disastrous reform.

We want a future. We believe in it and for this reason we want to fight with our friends. It is difficult because the domineering people's law always win. But we hope that the wind will change a day. And the culture will be free for all people.

Yours faithfully,  
two worried students.

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Dear Director,

We are living a historical moment: Obama has won the election for the USA Presidentship. It is a turning point for the young, for the old, for the rich and the poor... we'll remember this event for the eternity. In particular we like a sentences by this new President: "I'm asking you to believe not just in my ability but in yours". This way we have just become the voice, the opportunity, the hope. At last CHANGE has come to America. What do you think about it? We'll wait for your answer.

Yours faithfully,  
two dreamers.

Dear dreamers,

We must only wait. The wind has already changed. This is our time. This is our moment.

...and now? Let's go to these meeting points!

- **Renzelli café** in the historical part of Cosenza
- **Pellegrini coffee house** in the modern part of Cosenza
- **Hungarian Pastry Shop** in New York... yes, it is a bit far from us... but it will be amazing!!!!



Coffee Houses  
A world full of voices

In the Augustian Age one of the most significant traits of London's social life were the coffee houses. Thanks to them culture became the heritage of common people. And not only of Church.

## Functions and people

The coffee houses were associated with news and gossip and provided entertainment. In fact in this



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period there weren't computers, televisions and advanced machine-ries... the people had a lot of free time! So their function was very similar to that of the theatre

in the Elizabeth age. With the beginning of a postal system they took on a new role as circulation centres. They served as a box number for advertisers in the newspapers and as meeting places for the most important companies . Fashionable and artistic people began to attend the houses, which became gathering points where people exchanged opinions. The houses represented the voices of the middle class. The echoes of people's sensibility.

All in all, the coffee houses were almost exclusively attended by men, though women were slowly showing signs of emancipation. The proof that something was changing fortunately!

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### A STEP TO THE BIRTH OF JOURNALISM

In this period the vision of the world changed. The people were interested in real life, in the recognisable facts of their own existence rather than in substitutes for reality. Social behaviour was also recorded with greater emphasis laid upon sociability, politeness and the art of conversation. The middle class people wanted to be informed in literature, art, social and political problems. Therefore they gave much impetus to a new literary form: journalism. In particular Joseph Addison and Richard Steele contributed to its rise



with their periodicals: THE SPECTATOR and THE TATLER. The articles of these periodicals were written in a clear and simple style. They talked about the vices and virtues of the society and they reflected on the opinions and the beliefs of the century. So in these newspapers all the people could write what they wanted, they could said their own opinion.

In this way the newsletters were born . In these letters most people attacked the polical situation of the time. For



example Jonathan Swift attacked the Whig ministers in the pages of The Examiner while Daniel Defoe wrote The Review, a famous newspaper containing articles about home and foreign policy.

We must say our opinions through...



In this way we can become VIVEURS