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THE TEACHERS

The San Giovanni Basco teachers wanted to make sure we had the time of our lives - and trust me, we did! Being with them gave me a sense of peace, confidence and passion - not only to teach music, but to teach children to be well-rounded people who love others. I was inspired to become a teacher who students *want* to learn from and come to when struggling. I am inspired to create a classroom that welcomes the creativity of every individual as a way to learn from each other and to bring confidence to my own students, encouraging them to search for answers confidently.

THE TOWN

Torremaggiore is so quiet and peaceful and charming - it felt frozen in time! Wandering the town during 'siesta' gave me a chance to look at myself and my life and to be grateful for how much beauty there is in the world. The families we met were so loving and accepting - and boisterous - that we really grew into the culture and school. I hope that one day I can make my own students, colleagues and visitors feel as immersed and 'at home'.

THE TRAVELER

Through this experience I definitely became more adaptable. It's key to remember that there will be times you feel overwhelmed. You just need to power through and be willing to ask questions. Remember to enjoy yourself - go for a walk, focus on the scenery. You don't need to make everything perfect; but you need to enjoy the trip because it goes by quickly!



*There is no
such thing as
complete silence,
you will always
hear your own
heart beating.*

These words from one music teacher struck me as so beautiful and true. No matter how focused I get on a project or lesson, I need to listen for my heart because my heart is what keeps me alive, it's what make me who I truly am.

