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WELCOME TO COLLEGIO GHISLIERI!





A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR COLLEGE





Our College was founded in 1567 by Pope Pius V, born Antonio Ghislieri, for young people of modest economic possibilities but gifted with talent. He subsequently destined a vast land patrimony to the College, as to guarantee its economic independence that still lasts today, and he ordered a palace to be built to lodge the students. Works began in 1571 and the palace, a few steps away from the centre of Pavia and its University, still welcomes students from all around the world with open doors.

The College was immediately equipped with a library of three hundred and fifty volumes which has grown to over 130,000 volumes today, one of the largest and most impressive book collections in all of Europe.

In 1723 its most famous pupil, Carlo Goldoni, entered the College.

From 1771 the patronage of the College was linked to a state authority, passing from that of the Ghislieri family to that of the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria. Today, Collegio Ghislieri is still under the patronage of the President of the Republic.

The arrival of the Napoleonic troops, in 1796, did not stop the activity of the College. Those at the turn of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were years of fervor and change: in fact, close to the passage of Napoleon there is the Rectorate of Giovanni Rasori, professor of pathology and the first layman to hold the office of Rector.

In 1861, once the unification of Italy was completed, a decree was approved to regulate admission to the College: since then, the places of pupils have been conferred through an entrance exam.

For the first time in Italy the principle of merit in studies was sanctioned as we still know it today. It was also established that Ghislerians who are particularly distinguished can be awarded scholarships or specialization grants at home or abroad. Ghislieri still finances specific student projects and allows them to spend periods in prestigious universities and colleges around the world thanks to a dense network of exchange grants and the presence of a specific fund for internationalization.

The activity of the College was interrupted only during the First World War, when it was transformed into a military hospital. In that troubled era, the Rectorate of the Roman law scholar Pietro Ciapessoni began, who will retain the title until 1943. During the years of Fascism, Ciapessoni safeguarded the independence of the College, effectively guaranteeing freedom to the students, and directed the work of Ghislieri to the training of his students as academics and professionals of value, appreciated within and outside the borders of Italy. Ciapessoni was also the first Rector to have been a student of the College, according to a custom that continues today.

The foundations for further development of the College were laid in the brief but significant experience of the Rector Teresio Olivelli, deported in 1943 and assassinated in the Hersbruck concentration camp in 1945. Immediately after the Second World War, the establishment of the Alumni Association was inspired by one of his ideas. The Association



is still the main promoter of the sense of belonging, collaboration and solidarity between pupils belonging to all generations.



After the war, the College was led by Aurelio Bernardi, a scholar of Roman history and Rector until 1979. During his Rectorate, in 1966, a women's section was opened. Ghislieri thus became the first mixed university college in Italy and one of the very first in Europe. The project was realized thanks to the benefactress Sandra Bruni, who gave life to the Foundation named after her, incorporated in 2019 within the Ghislieri Foundation.

Under the Rectorate of Andrea Belvedere, Professor Emeritus of Civil Law at the University of Pavia, the most recent years have seen a constant growth in the cultural activities and initiatives proposed and offered by the College, as well as in its structures and services.

A substantial plan of construction, extension and building enhancement was completed. Starting in the 1980s, the construction of the modern structure of Ca 'della Paglia was promoted and financed, created as a residence for graduate students and today a college of merit open mainly to PhD students, international students and postgraduates.

At the turn of the 90s and early 2000s, Ghislieri took on the burden of transforming the deconsecrated church in the square in front of the College, San Francesco da Paola, into the Aula Magna. The Aula Magna is used for large events, concerts and conferences both by the Ghislieri Foundation and by entities that require its use. In the same way, Ghislieri took charge of the restoration of the sumptuous architectural complex of the Castle of Lardirago, a splendid 14th century building halfway between Pavia and Milan, now equipped for exhibitions, shows and events.

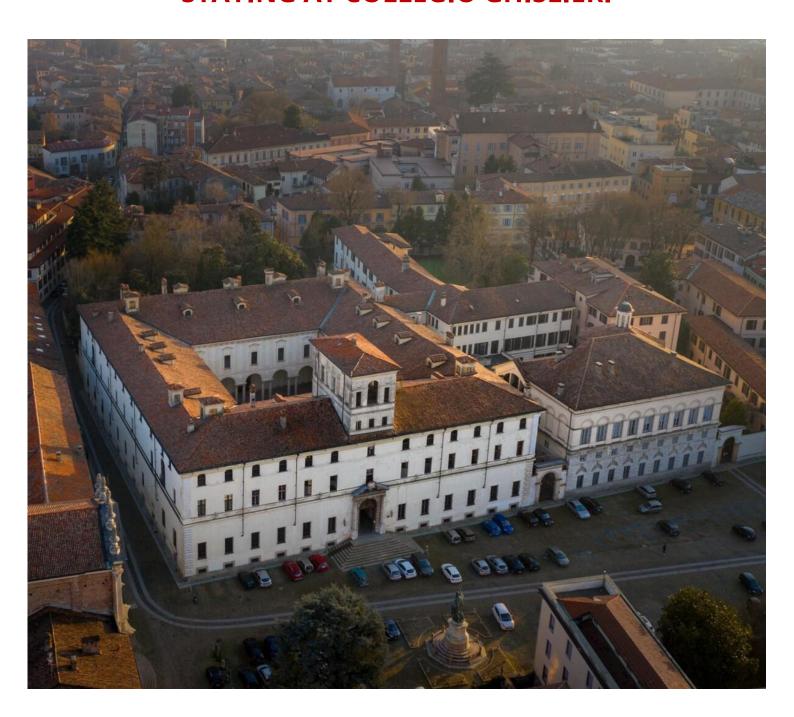
In 2003, the Center for Communication and Research was also founded, which has now become a University Research and Teaching Center, which organizes advanced training courses and seminars and finances research, especially in the biomedical field, through the provision of scholarships and bursaries.

Finally, with a view to boosting the musical activity that already characterized the College's University Choir, in 2006 the birth of the Association *Ghislieri Musica* was supported, from which the Ancient Music Center of the Ghislieri Foundation was born in 2018, for the study, production and dissemination of historically informed music.

The current Rector of the Collegio, appointed in 2021, is Dr Alessandro Maranesi, class of 1985, a Professor of Ancient History at the University of Pavia.



STAYING AT COLLEGIO GHISLIERI





MAIN CONTACTS

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Address: piazza Ghislieri, 5 – 27100 Pavia (Italy)

Reception telephone number: +39 0382 37861

PLANNING YOUR ARRIVAL

- Please fill in the following form online with your personal information: https://forms.gle/m7tc7bTwQ5fgXxYg8
- Notify as soon as possible the exact date of your arrival to international.relations@ghislieri.it
- Please note that your room will be available starting from September 12, 2022, when the Collegio Ghislieri re-opens for its students after the summer break
- Make sure you schedule your arrival at Collegio Ghislieri by 10 pm. The reception is open 7 days a week from 7 am to 11 pm
- You will be required to leave your passport/ID card to the concierge for registration
- You do not need to take bedlinen with you: they are provided and regularly changed by the Collegio
- Other relevant information is available in this Welcome Guide



ACCOMMODATION

At Collegio Ghislieri we are happy to offer:

- SINGLE ROOMS, with en-suite bathroom (depending on availability) and a landline telephone
- One bed linen change is weekly provided by the Collegio
- Cleaning service twice a week
- Wi-Fi in all the building (connection available through "EDUROAM" network; if your home Institution is not a part of it, you can ask for a new username and password at the reception)
- DINING HALL (see MEALS on page 4)
- **KITCHENETTE:** to use one of the available kitchenettes, please register at the reception
- FREE LAUNDRY: washing machines, driers, irons
- STUDENTS LODGE with newspapers and magazines, table tennis, foosball, pool, darts
- VIDEO AND COMPUTER ROOMS
- GYM AND SPORT FIELDS
- MUSIC ROOM
- PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT
- LIBRARY: https://www.ghislieri.it/en/biblioteca/
- RECEPTION: open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 pm
 - → LATE ENTRANCE: After 11 p.m. in order to enter and get out of the Collegio you will need to use the main gate located in piazza Ghislieri 4 (to open the gate, simply swipe your card twice)



MEALS

MEAL SERVICE TIMETABLE:

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Monday	from 7:30 to 9:00	from 12:30 to 13:45	from 19:30 to 20:30
Tuesday	from 7:30 to 9:00	from 12:30 to 13:45	from 19:30 to 20:30
Wednesday	from 7:30 to 9:00	from 12:30 to 13:45	from 19:30 to 20:30
Thursday	from 7:30 to 9:00	from 12:30 to 13:45	from 19:30 to 20:30
Friday	from 7:30 to 9:00	from 12:30 to 13:45	from 19:30 to 20:30
Saturday	from 8:00 to 9:30	from 12:30 to 13:15	from 19:30 to 20:00
Sunday/festivities	from 8:30 to 9:30	from 12:30 to 13:00	from 19:30 to 20:00

- Service starts on **September 12th, at lunchtime**;
- Upon accessing the refectory, pass your badge on the reader placed at the entrance;
 you will receive a ticket, to be handed to staff;
- Saturday/Sunday: you must register on the Collegio TELEGRAM app after lunchtime on Wednesday and before Friday night to reserve meal services on Saturdays and Sundays.



MAIN RULES

Upon your arrival, you will be handed a key and a card to enter your bedroom and access some of the services at the Collegio. The key and the card are strictly personal and cannot be borrowed under any circumstance. In case of loss, you will be asked to pay 50€ for a replacement.

You are required to make your absences known through a notice board and a register placed in the reception area.

Should you fall ill, the Collegio provides doctors.

After 11 p.m. you cannot set up or join activities which would disturb the peace and quiet of others.

A maximum number of 15 guests is allowed per student per day. You are required to register your guests at the reception. Guests can stay all day long but must leave by 11 pm.

You will be required to pay a refundable damage deposit upon your arrival.

Any behavior deemed unacceptable or against the rules may lead to suspension or expulsion.

Rooms have to be emptied before the summer break, otherwise you will be required to pay 50€ for the clearing out.

You must keep your bedroom tidy enough to allow the cleaning staff to clean it.

To access the gym, you will need a certificate of good health by a licensed medical doctor.

Students are not allowed to play any musical instrument in their rooms. You are however warmly encouraged to make use of our music room to practice!

Due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, restrictions and new rules may be expected.

Students are required to follow all the instructions.



Opening and closing timetable Year 2022-2023

Opening September 12, 2022

Opening meal service September 12, 2022 – at lunchtime

Christmas Holidays December 23, 2022 – January 8, 2023

Easter Holidays April 7-10, 2023

Closing before summer break July 28, 2023

ITALIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS (September 2022-June 2023)

The following overview contains National and Public Holidays in Italy and Pavia:

November first (All Saints' Day)	National Holiday	WE ARE OPEN
December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception	National Holiday	WE ARE OPEN
December 9th (Feast of the Patron Saint in Pavia)	Public Holiday in Pavia	WE ARE OPEN
December 25th (Christmas)	National Holiday	WE ARE CLOSED
December 26th (Santo Stefano)	National Holiday	WE ARE CLOSED
January 1st (First day of the year)	National Holiday	WE ARE CLOSED
January 6th (Epifania)	National Holiday	WE ARE CLOSED
April 9th (Easter)	National Holiday	WE ARE CLOSED
April 10th (Easter Monday)	National Holiday	WE ARE CLOSED
April 25th (Liberation Day)	National Holiday	WE ARE OPEN
May 1st (International Workers Day)	National Holiday	WE ARE OPEN
June 2nd (Republic Day)	National Holiday	WE ARE OPEN

^{**}While the Collegio is closed, students are not allowed to remain in or enter their rooms.**



USEFUL GHISLIERI TELEPHONE NUMBERS (LANDLINE)

Reception 9

Offices

Dean office 226
Bursar 210
Library 205
International Office 203

Student Rooms

Main wing 5 + room # you wish to call New wing 3 + room # you wish to call



MAIL AND PACKAGES

To receive ordinary mail or packages, use the following address:

[Your Name(s)] [Your Surname(s)]

c/o Collegio Ghislieri piazza Ghislieri, 5 27100 Pavia Italy





STUDYING AT COLLEGIO GHISLIERI





TRAINING PROGRAMMES

❖ MANDATORY ACADEMIC TRAINING AT GHISLIERI

International students at Collegio Ghislieri are required to take part in our many and diversified courses and training activities.

Like our regular alumni, you will be expected to attend a total of at least **70 training hours per year**, if you are Bachelor's student; **25 hours** if you enrolled in a Master's program. The number of hours is proportionally reduced if your stay at Collegio Ghislieri does not cover an entire academic year.

Our academic tutors will be happy to assist you to choose the most suitable training activities for your curriculum.

NOTA BENE: THESE CLASSES ARE OFFERED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN ITALIAN

❖ TAILORED MADE CLASSES AND LANGUAGE COURSES

We offer our regular and international students the opportunity to take languages classes, at the Collegio, in English, French, Spanish, and German.

Italian language classes can be arranged upon request

BUDDY PROGRAM:

Would you like to be paired with one of our students at Collegio Ghislieri? Then let us know by writing at international.relations@ghislieri.it!

COACHING

 Some of our trainers may prepare coaching activities based on our students' different needs (for this kind of tailored activities, you are asked to join at least one regular course/project)

For additional information, please feel free to contact: formazione@ghislieri.it



WELCOME TO PAVIA!





PRACTICALITIES AND EVERY-DAY LIFE

- If you arrive from the USA or Australia or other non-European countries, do not forget to bring with you a copy of your health-insurance.
- In Italy, the emergency phone number is 112.
- The weather in Pavia is humid and hot in summer, cold and rainy in winter. Be prepared when you stock your clothes in your suitcases! Reliable weather forecasts are available at this web page: https://www.3bmeteo.com/meteo/pavia
- Bring with you one or more adapters for Italian plugs.
- If you arrive from the USA or Australia, be sure that your power transformers can support European voltage. American appliances run on 110 volts, while European appliances are 220 volts. Many power adapters are "dual voltage" but make sure to double check that they include the 220 volts plug.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Make sure you always have some cash money on you in case of expected or unexpected payments and fees.

It is now illegal in Italy to refuse payment by credit or debit card, whatever the amount, but please be aware hat for some payments (e.g. a short taxi ride, a coffee in a bar etc.) vendors might still urge you to pay by cash and ATMS may not be available within reach of cafeterias, restaurants, etc.

If you arrive from UK, Switzerland, Australia, or the USA, make sure to change some money with Euros before your arrival: in Pavia there are no exchange offices for tourists.



How to get to Pavia

To reach Pavia, you have the option to travel either by public transportation or by taxi from the major airports and the train station of Milano Centrale.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

a. FROM MILANO LINATE AIRPORT (LIN)

- 1. take an 'ATM Air bus' line to Milan Central Station (Milano Centrale), the journey takes about 25 minutes; ticket fare: 5 Eur one way; tickets can be purchased before the departure.
 - → Timetable: http://www.almamaterticinensis.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/orariAIRBUSxsito.pdf [from page 2 'da Linate a Stazione Centrale']
- 2. Once in Milan Central Station, take a train to Pavia. The train timetable is available on the Trenitalia website; train fare: 4 8
 Eur one way.
 - → Timetable: http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en [please fill the blanket 'from' with 'Milano Centrale' and the blanket 'to' with 'Pavia']. Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or once in the station at the ticket counter office or at the vending machines located in several places within the station (see photo).



When looking for train platform, please remember that Pavia may not be the final destination. The most recurrent final destinations of the trains from Milano Centrale to Pavia are: Asti, Alessandria, Genova P.P. (Piazza Principe), Genova Brignole, Albenga, Ventimiglia, Savona, La Spezia, Tortona. When in doubt, ask the train conductor to make sure you are boarding the right train!



- 3. Once in Pavia, Collegio Ghislieri is in piazza Ghislieri, 5 - 27100 Pavia (ca. 20 minutes walking distance from the station).

b. FROM MILANO MALPENSA AIRPORT (MXP)

- 1. by train, using the MalpensaExpress shuttle train to Milan Central Station (Milano Centrale).
 - → Don't take trains to 'MILANO CADORNA'. Take only trains to 'MILANO CENTRALE'
- 2. Once in Milan Central Station, take another train to Pavia
 - → Timetable: http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en [please fill the blanket 'from' with 'Malpensa Aeroporto' and the blanket 'to' with 'Pavia']. Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or once in the station at the ticket counter office or at the vending machines, located in several places within the station (see photo).



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c. FROM BERGAMO-ORIO AL SERIO AIRPORT (BGY)

- 1. take the <u>Air bus Shuttle</u> to Milan Central Station (Milano Centrale), the journey takes about 60 minutes; ticket fare: 5 Eur one way; tickets can be purchased before the



departure. → Timetable: http://www.orioshuttle.com/pdf/OS_01_ITA.pdf or http://www.terravision.eu/airport_transfer/bus-bergamo-airport-milan/?noredirect=en_US

- 2. Once in Milan Central Station, take a train to Pavia. The train timetable is available on the Trenitalia website; train fare: 4 8 Eur one way
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Living in Pavia

Pavia is a quiet and peaceful university town full of students. The city centre is generally safe and you can easily go on foot to reach most of the places downtown. The shops and boutiques in the central area are open from Monday to Saturday from 9.00 to 12.30 and from 15.00/15.30 to 19.30. The department stores, the book stores and supermarkets are usually open from Monday to Sunday. Small stores are usually closed on Sunday (but in some periods of the year they are open) and/or on Monday morning.

The major streets of the town, Corso Strada Nuova, Corso Cavour and Corso Garibaldi have many shops, restaurants, bar, and boutiques that meet any kind of taste.



PURCHASING AN ITALIAN SIM CARD

How: Purchasing a SIM in Italy requires to present a valid document of identification, such as a passport or ID and your Italian Tax Code (codice fiscale).

In Italy you can choose among various service providers. You can compare mobile rates on this website: https://www.facile.it/telefonia-tariffe-cellulari.html

GOOD TO KNOW:

→ Top-Up: Pay as you go up top-ups can be purchased in different places than just SIM shops or websites, such as most tobacconists, many supermarkets, some news agents, some bars and coffeeshops.

CINEMAS IN PAVIA

In Pavia's outskirts there are several multiplex cinemas, quite difficult to reach if not by car (or private Taxi). In Pavia's downtown the little, old-fashioned *Cinema Politeama* schedules a selection of Italian and international movies.

→ Address: Corso Camillo Benso Cavour, 20, 27100 Pavia PV https://www.politeamapavia.it/index.php/programmazione

BOOKSTORES IN PAVIA

In Pavia there are many bookstores which sell both Italian and international books. The most popular bookstores are:

1. Libreria CLU San Fermo (copy-print service also available): via S. Fermo, 3/A, 27100 Pavia PV. In this library you can purchase and order academic handbooks and handouts.

→ Where: https://goo.gl/maps/gUdjn4VyYFMHrusW8

→ When: Monday-Friday: 8 - 19.30 pm; Saturday: 9-12.30/15-19.30; Sunday: closed



2. Libreria Feltrinelli: Via XX Settembre, 21, 27100 Pavia PV

3. Nuova Libreria il Delfino: Piazza Cavagneria, 10, 27100 Pavia PV

GOOD TO KNOW

→ Libreria CLU is specialized in academic books and handbooks. This is the right the place to buy everything you need for your academic work material.

GROCERY STORES IN PAVIA

In Pavia there are several places to buy your groceries. In this list you find a short selection of supermarkets where you can find food and beverage for a reasonable price. Vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and organic options are quite easy to find in all these stores, where credit cards are always welcome.

Main options

- A. Esselunga

Where: Esselunga: via Fabio Filzi, 6, 27100 Pavia (about 20 minutes' walk from Palazzo Vistarino). The most popular grocery-store in Pavia. By activating a discount card (called Fidaty Card), you may obtain special discounts and order your grocery shopping online).

When: Opening times: Monday-Saturday: 08 a.m - 09 p.m. Sunday: 09 a.m. - 08 p.m.

Google maps: https://goo.gl/maps/F5hQizoKop12

B. Carrefour

Where: *Carrefour Market - Supermercato*: viale Giacomo Matteotti 53, 27100 Pavia (about 17 minutes' walk from Palazzo Vistarino).

When: Opening times: The only supermarket in Pavia open 24 hrs per day

Google maps: https://goo.gl/maps/6zEAUcrtk712



- C. Carrefour Express

Where: Carrefour Express: piazza della Vittoria, 27100 Pavia (about 9 minutes' walk from Palazzo Vistarino). It is a small, underground store in downtown Pavia. Once in Piazza della Vittoria, you will find it just going downstairs from this kiosk:



When: Opening times: Monday-Saturday: 08 a.m.

- 08 p.m. Closed on Sunday!

Google maps:

https://goo.gl/maps/DwY4ma9zZmm

GOOD TO KNOW:

- → In Italy supermarket are usually closed after 9 or 10 in the evening.
- → In supermarkets, you can easily recharge a mobile-phone.
- When you go to a supermarket, remember to bring coins with you (0.50 €, 1 € or 2€) because you need them to take your shopping trolley (the price depends on the supermarket). You have to insert the coin into the slot next to the handle and then you can get a trolley. At the end, after you've paid, retrieve your coin by returning the trolley to the stands. You don't need to pay any refundable deposit for the shopping baskets. In order to reduce the plastic bag waste, you won't get them for free from the supermarket. You can either bring your own shopping bag or buy the ones sold at the cash counters (they usually cost about € 0,05).



Public transportation in Pavia (bus lines)

In this short guide you will discover how to use public transport in Pavia, its rules and its services.

In Pavia, bus service lines 3 and 4 take you from Strada Nuova to all the main destinations in town. Bus service is frequent until 8 pm; later, buses are less frequent.

- → To get information about hours and the service, go to http://pavia.autoguidovie.it/ or download the application Autoguidovie, where you can also purchase tickets.
- → Tickets cannot usually be purchased on board.
- → Tickets need to be validated at the boxes usually placed next to the doors once you step onto the bus.

GOOD TO KNOW:

- → Pavia is well connected by train to Milan and several other cities. To check the schedules and to buy a train ticket, go to: http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en
- → Do not forget to validate your ticket at one of the blue or green/gray boxes, located at several places within all the stations (you might not find one on the platform, so make sure you validate your ticket before reaching one).



In case of emergencies

EMERGENCY NUMBER



In Italy, in case of emergency you must call 112. They will assist for medical, fire and rescue and police assistance.

HOSPITAL AND FIRST AID FACILITIES

You can go to the First Aid center/E.R. (Pronto Soccorso) at San Matteo Hospital (open 24 hours from Monday to Sunday).

Where: Address: Padiglione 29, Policlinico San Matteo, Vicolo Campeggi, 27100 Pavia PV

Google maps: https://goo.gl/maps/PtANM58TjwN2

GPS coordinate: 45.200634, 9.146776

GOOD TO KNOW

→ First aid services which are not considered urgent ('Codice bianco' or White code) require a payment of a fee of 25 Euros.



Addendum - Tips for going out in Pavia!

Strada Nuova, Corso Carlo Alberto and Corso Cavour are full of places where you can have a slice of pizza, a sandwich or an ice-cream. In this short guide, we have selected some of our favourites.

Ice cream

Gelateria da Cesare, Corso Giuseppe Garibaldi, 15, 27100 Pavia PV Gelateria La Romana, Corso Camillo Benso Cavour, 57, 27100 Pavia PV

Fast food and sandwiches

Puro Slow Burger, Corso Carlo Alberto, 18, 27100 Pavia PV II Jumbo, Via Lanfranco, 14/12, 27100 Pavia PV Pane e Salame, Corso Carlo Alberto, 72, 27100 Pavia PV Alvolo Cibi da Strada, Via Parodi, 3, 27100 Pavia PV

Pizza:

Pizzeria Marechiaro, Piazza della Vittoria, 9, 27100 Pavia PV Pizzeria Verdesalvia, Via S. Michele, 4, 27100 Pavia PV Pizzeria Le Tre Torri, Via Lazzaro Spallanzani, 6, 27100 Pavia PV

Restaurants:

Vita Restaurant & Cafè, Corso Giuseppe Mazzini, 10, 27100 Pavia PV Biblos Caffè, Via Volturno, 35, 27100 Pavia PV Erbaluce, Via Jacopo Bossolaro, 21, 27100 Pavia PV



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