

Constant improvement: an accumulation of gains

leads to a deep understanding of the language

so that language becomes instinctive

The Octorial programme illuminated

The wide range of authentic materials and content allows each session of the day to serve the needs of every learner including those studying for specific academic or professional purposes.

		Confidence and fluency for life skills
15 mins	Morning Plenary A powerful start to the day	Builds confidence, resilience and removes the fear of public speaking.
60 mins	Spoken Performance Workshop Verbal and non-verbal communication skills	Develops the ability to adjust the style and register of your language to the situation. Communicate your message effectively and connect with your audience.
60 mins	Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric Core skills	A rich vocabulary and accurate grammar give you the confidence to be bold with your use of the language.
60 mins	Comprehension, Vocabulary and Précis Core skills	Develops your fluency and includes real-life communication tasks, such as use of Skype and digital link-ups.
30 mins	Team Project In mixed-level teams for authentic interaction	Team building and collaboration skills. You gain experience of working in English in cross-cultural situations.
60 mins	Composition and Text Analysis Core skills	Creative writing, essay writing, reading of authentic texts. Develops imaginative use of vocabulary and style in your writing.
60 mins	Mentored Dissertation Individual focus on specific needs or interests	Research projects for your personal portfolio.
15 mins	Closing Plenary To consolidate and review	A review of the day's achievements helps you to plan your learning strategy for the next day.
60 or 90 mins	One-to-one Lessons Additional focus	On the Enhanced programme, this is an opportunity to dedicate time to an area of particular interest with your tutor.
60 mins	Homework	Preparation assignments are set as homework each evening

Specific success strategies for exam preparation	Language and leadership for professional development
Useful practice for the spoken exam or interview situations.	Familiarisation with public speaking - useful practice for all situations involving speaking to an assembled group audience.
Fluency and performance skills for the spoken exam including compensation strategies to help you adapt quickly to the unexpected.	Techniques to help your fluency and performance. Useful when addressing an audience, giving verbal instruction or expressing opinion.
Essential core skills for exam success.	A strong foundation which gives you increased scope in your spoken and written use of the language.
Practice in comprehension and speaking tasks for the listening and speaking parts of the exam.	Develops your speed of listening, absorbing, assimilating, processing and reacting. Use of phone and Skype. Practice in adapting to different styles and registers.
Team building and collaboration skills. Develops your ability for problem solving and clear communication in cross-cultural situations.	Problem solving in international groups develops leadership, project management skills, team work, collaboration, creative thinking.
Practice tasks for the writing part of the exam such as essay writing practice.	Mastery of writing documents (letters, emails, reports) which are clear and professional. Achieve a personal writing style.
Repeated practice tests and drills under timed conditions to ensure that you are a competent and confident exam candidate.	Refined critical thinking skills in research projects or areas of specialisation.
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