

LANGUAGES – DAYTIME CLASSES

French

Monday 9.30am – 11.30am or 2pm – 4pm, £100 per 10 week term (summer £80 for 8 weeks)

Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am, £100 per 10 week term (summer £80 for 8 weeks)

Italian

Tuesday 10am – 12 noon, £100 per 10 week term

These courses are ideal for students who have already a good level in the target language, preferably upper intermediate: the participants are assumed to have knowledge of the building blocks of grammar (the present, past and future tenses, sentence construction) and a good range of vocabulary. They are able to absorb newspaper articles in the target language without too much difficulty. Perhaps the students are a bit rusty, but this course will help re-activate their language skills.

The conversation classes will help the students to put their linguistic knowledge into practice, improve their pronunciation and widen their linguistic as well as general knowledge thanks to a variety of speaking exercises: group discussions, pair work, individual short presentations followed by questions & answers.

The conversation topics are often inspired by current events in the cultural, social and political sphere. More general cultural topics, like the country's traditions, are on the cards too. Some of the chosen conversation topics, -especially those arising from the latest news- are bound to be controversial and challenging. This approach will facilitate the students' involvement in meaningful discussions with the aim of creating an ideal setting in which the students can practise exchanging opinions, explaining pros and cons, defending their point of view and polish their skills of persuasion in the target language.