



## Overview of Quatorial + 5 Programme at OISE Oxford

(15 hours of Quatorial classes, plus 5 hours of Tutorials, plus Spoken Performance Workshop)

### *News Review*

This 15-minute session at the beginning of the day is open to all students. It is a good opportunity to build confidence and fluency in English by listening to and discussing the day's news. Students also give short presentations to the group on issues and news stories which are of interest to them.

### *Quatorial Lessons*

Lessons are given in mini-groups of a maximum of four students, in which the teacher can give maximum individual attention to each student. The group setting also facilitates interaction between the students, allowing simulated meetings, role-plays, discussions, etc to take place.

- *Preparation:*  
The teacher explains what will be covered in the class, and sets the students individual work to do before the lesson itself begins. This may be reading a text, completing exercises on a grammar point, etc. In this way, silent individual study is done outside class time, and when the teacher returns, the lesson itself can be used in interactive activities which maximise students' learning.
- *Accuracy:*  
The focus is on building the students' knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. Grammar points are introduced and practised in a dynamic and interactive way, and vocabulary relevant to the students' needs and interests is introduced and practised.
- *Comprehension and Expression:*  
The focus is on developing the students' understanding of English, both written and spoken; and also on building their ability to express themselves in various contexts. Students read and listen to a wide variety of texts, and learn to react to these in appropriate ways (discussing the content, summarising, etc)
- *Quatorial Project Workshop:*  
The focus is on developing the students' communicative skills, and ability to work in a team in English. Students work on a group project in small multi-national, multi-level groups (marketing a new product, launching a new business, etc), and prepare a presentation which they deliver on Friday.

### *Tutorials*

Tuition is given on a one-to-one basis. This allows students to work with a teacher who is a specialist in a particular area (e.g. Financial English, Legal English, English for Human Resources, etc), or to prepare for a particular test (IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL etc). The teacher tailors the classes to each individual student's specific requirements, ensuring that maximum progress is made.

### *Spoken Performance Workshop*

The workshop is open to all students, regardless of level, with a maximum of 12 in any group. It is made up of activities designed to develop students' public speaking and performance skills, such as in discussions, debates, role-plays, etc. The multi-level make-up of the group requires students to develop the real-world skills of understanding and ensuring they are understood, asking for and giving clarification of meaning. The focus is very firmly on building students' confidence when speaking in English in front of others, by providing an opportunity for lots of practice in a wide variety of situations and contexts.