OISE
LANGUAGE COACHING

Octorial programme

OISE courses are designed without compromise. They are structured with innovation and rigour. All aspects of performance in the language are evaluated with the aim of immersing the participants in different types of learning activities. These yield strong results by building the learners' confidence in expressing themselves fluently in English with elegance and accuracy. The overriding objective is to give the learner sufficient confidence never to be at a disadvantage among other English speakers.

The Octorial programme

The Octorial programme develops a fluent use of the language in a learning environment conducive to high achievement. The day is divided into a number of sessions, each one with a clear language improvement focus and each one delivered in the learning environment most likely to achieve the learning goals. The programme is based around Octorial lessons (maximum 8 participants per class) which are designed to concentrate on stimulating accurate reactions so that the use of the language rapidly becomes instinctive.

The structured programme enables students to make fast progress. The day starts with a plenary session in which students practise presenting information concisely. The combination of Octorial lessons and workshops enables students to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence. Individual needs are identified and clarified, and each day students work on these in the Masterclass session. The closing plenary revisits and reviews learning, so aiding memorisation.

Sample timetable
Opening Plenary – News Review
Octorial lesson: Grammar & Vocabulary
Spoken Performance Workshop
Octorial lesson: Listening and Speaking Skills
Weekly Project – Practical Communication Skills
Octorial lesson: Reading and Writing skills
Octorial project: Practical communication Skills
Masterclass: teacher guided studies
or
Tutorial
Closing Plenary – Consolidation

School day starts at 08:45 and finishes at 17:45

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Course content

Octorial lessons:

- purpose-designed grammar exercises to develop the ability to write accurately in a range of styles and registers

- interactive and dynamic oral practice sessions to encourage the expression of ideas and opinions, incorporating new vocabulary and idioms as well as manipulating sophisticated and more complex language structures

- comprehension skills are developed using a wide variety of carefully selected written texts including newspaper articles and literary texts

- listening exercises using authentic materials to sharpen comprehension skills, improve pronunciation and increase the ability to think in the language

- writing exercises for a wide range of situations from letters and emails to dissertations

Octorial project: practical communication skills focused on problem solving, creativity, or socio-political issues gives students vital soft skills such as collaboration skills, information and research skills, and organisation and planning skills.

Spoken Performance Workshops: designed to promote active expression in the language with a focus on pronunciation, presentations, lectures and debates.

Individual attention: The Octorial programme includes one hour of Masterclass in which the participant sets the goals with the teacher and puts in place the strategies to achieve them. Participants can choose to replace this with Tutorial lessons with a private tutor.

Course prices (including host family accommodation)

Prices per week	Price per week based on the number of weeks				
	1 week	2-3 weeks	4-7 weeks	8-11 weeks	12-52 weeks
Octorial programme					
Bristol £	785	700	675	650	625
Octorial programme + 7.5 Tutorials					
Bristol £	1,283	1,198	1,173	1,148	1,123

Included in all course prices:

- homestay accommodation in single room with half-board
- audio, video, CD library
- support of academic counsellor
- internet / email facilities
- initial testing service
- loan of all course materials
- 3 social events per week
- course certificate

Octorial programme: A total of 27.5 hours per week, comprising 17.5 hours of Octorial lessons and 10 hours of Workshops, Masterclasses, projects and plenary sessions

Minimum age: 17 years

Course dates: All courses begin on any Monday of the year. Students arrive on the Sunday before the start of the course and depart on the Saturday following the last day of the course.