

## **Online English Level B2 Course Description and Syllabus**

### **General description**

Forget the image of the lonely online learner who never meets their teacher or any of their classmates. This course using our online platforms is designed to be social and engaging and aims to maximise communication. Along with your classmates, you will participate in live online classes using Zoom and your teacher will guide you through every step of your learning. These online classes give you the flexibility to log in wherever you are and will be extremely helpful in achieving your goals.

### **General objectives / Competences**

By the end of this B2 level course you will:

- interact with others fluently and confidently
- be able to explain a point of view on a topic, giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options
- have a good knowledge of B2 vocabulary and grammar
- have improved listening and reading comprehension
- write detailed and well-structured texts in different levels of formality on a wide range of subjects
- be familiar with the Cambridge First Exam and other B2 level exams
- have confidence in exam techniques and strategies

### **Methodology**

This course will encourage communication as much as possible and guide students through using language in a functional way. The emphasis will be on adapting language to different social contexts in everyday situations, which will help you to form your own personal identity in another language. The classes are all student-centred and you won't be sitting listening to long grammar explanations. Tasks and activities in class will mean using all of your competency in English, and this, with help and feedback from the teacher, will make the classes more engaging.

In addition to your online class time, you should allow some time, around 1-1.5 hours every week, for completing assignments and personal study.

### **Content**

The course will include a variety of different topics which students would be expected to cover at B2 level. This will include a wide range of vocabulary and grammar appropriate for B2 and will be integrated through listening and reading texts.

There will be emphasis on the four key skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing, though speaking will be the main focus in online class.

## Material



- *Coursebook:* You will be using B2 Formula in class. Your coursebook includes the Student Interactive eBook, digital resources and the Practice English App.
- *Microsoft Teams:* you will be given a licence for Office 365 for Education. Your teacher will invite you to join their class on Microsoft Teams. The Teams site is where teachers will post extra resources and assignments and where you upload your assignments for correction.

## Evaluation and assessment

There will be a final exam at the end of each semester to check your progress in the course, which will include Writing, Use of English, Reading and Listening. You will also be assessed throughout the course by your teacher and any individual work you have done will contribute to your final mark.

The overall assessment will be based on:

- Participation = 5%
- Written assignments = 10%
- Progress test = 10%
- End of semester exam = 75%

At the end of each semester you will have the opportunity of a personal interview with a coordinator to discuss your progress and marks. We will also advise on the best moment for you to take an official B2 level exam, should you wish to do so.

## Assignments and personal study time

As learning does not only happen in the classroom, to encourage learner autonomy it is important to allow time for practice and study at home.

### *Writing Assignments*

- Students complete a weekly written task and upload it to Microsoft Teams
- The teacher corrects and returns the work online
- Students use teacher's corrections and feedback to improve their work and return for a second appraisal by the teacher

### *Additional tasks*

Students will also be asked to complete online tasks to help reinforce areas covered in the lessons:

- Grammar/Vocabulary exercises
- Listening and Reading tasks
- Speaking tasks (audio/video recordings)

## **Technological Requirements and Information**

You will need the following to participate in our online courses:

- Desktop or laptop computer
- Webcam or HD webcam (integrated or USB plug-in)
- Speakers / headphones and microphone (integrated, USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth)
- Office 365 for Education account (provided by CIC Idiomes)
- Zoom basic app installed on your computer

## **Installing Zoom**

Zoom is a high-quality, secure videoconferencing platform used in educational contexts around the world.

We recommend registering with Zoom. It is free and simple to do. Go to <http://zoom.us>

You can install the Zoom app on your computer by going to <http://zoom.us/download> On this page, you'll find instructions and links for downloading the app.

It is important to keep your Zoom app updated to be able to benefit from periodic improvements to the platform. When an update is available, you are usually prompted to install the update when you click on the app to start a session.