



BELS ABITUR PROGRAMME

Course syllabus

CEFR: B1+ to C1

Methodology: Communicative language teaching

Type of programme: Abitur Exam preparation for Juniors

Enrolment: roll-on-roll-off basis

Evaluation:

- pre-arrival: diagnostic online test/pre-sessional diagnostic test upon arrival
- formative assessment during the course: daily mock tests, ongoing consolidation and revision practice

Duration: min 1 week, total 3 weeks

Course objectives

- To expand vocabulary related to familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure situations
- To develop language systems and skills in order to deal with a range of topics, which are familiar, or of personal interest
- To scaffold and systematise knowledge of grammar and syntax in order to improve accuracy
- To routinise the use of basic and complex language structures relevant to general and exam-related scenarios in order to improve fluency
- To develop receptive skills, including listening and reading for gist and detailed information relevant to the exam
- To develop writing skills in order to produce detailed texts on topics which are familiar, or of personal interests

Course outcomes *By the end of the course learners will be able to:*

- Prepare for the Abitur exam performance and apply effective Abitur exam techniques along with developing independent study skills
- Recall, select, and apply relevant language structures in order to engage in spoken and written discourse
- Develop time-management skills and ability to work accurately under pressure
- Demonstrate knowledge of the format of the test and how to best answer questions
- Express themselves within different themes and contexts
- Summarise, compare, and discuss various topics related to the economy, politics, the world and human values
- Apply various spelling rules to identify and select relevant spelling patterns related to common vocabulary
- Review and analyse different kinds of texts (literary, newspaper articles, letters, etc...)



Day	Topic	Skills	Exam Focus
WEEK 1			
Monday	Travel	Overview of past tenses Different types of travel Describing a past holiday	Direct translation of text
Tuesday	Globalisation and immigration	Expressions used to talk about globalisation	For and against essay
Wednesday	Literature	Focus on important names in literature; Shakespeare, Jane Austen, George Orwell, Margaret Atwood Analyse poems and texts	Analyse texts and different writing styles
Thursday	Education	Listening activity; Compare different kinds of education and learning around the world	Write a summary Listening activity
Friday	Media and Social Networking	Focus on vocabulary related to media Presenting skills	Presentation about a social networking app
Resources: Abitur past papers, TED videos, Literary texts			
Revision, Assessment, and Consolidation			

WEEK 2

Monday	Technology	Future forms: present continuous, <i>going to, will/ won't</i> Read about the best technological advances Discuss how technology has changed our lives	Reading Comprehension
Tuesday	The Environment	List vocabulary for the environment Writing skills	Write a letter of complaint
Wednesday	Literature	Focus on important names in literature; Shakespeare, Wilfred Owen, Oscar Wilde, William Blake Analyse poems and texts	Analyse poems and familiarise with figures of speech Listening activity
Thursday	Laws and human rights	Modal verbs: must, should, have to Discuss which laws need to be change and why Create their own laws in groups	Write an argumentative essay: Gender roles
Friday	Work	Question formation Giving appropriate answers + fillers	Role play; Interviews
Resources: Abitur past papers, Literary texts, National Geographic videos			
Revision, Assessment, and Consolidation			



WEEK 3			
Monday	Films and books	Present simple and continuous, action and non-action verbs	Write a review
Tuesday	Crime and politics	Reported speech Holding a debate	Reading comprehension (newspaper articles)
Wednesday	Money	Real and unreal conditionals Idioms	Listening activity
Thursday	Health	Lifestyle and health vocabulary Gerunds and infinitives	Role play; At the doctor's Direct translation of text
Friday	Appearance and Personality	Describe people Discuss the importance of appearance vs personality	Describing pictures
Resources: Abitur past papers, Film trailers, Novels, Pictures			
Revision, Assessment and Consolidation			