

School philosophy

First and foremost, our courses are focussed on communicative competency. Our students learn to communicate both orally and in writing, in daily life and in particular contexts (i.e. business, specialist research areas etc.).

Our most important principle is to respect the motivations and requirements of our clients. Our lesson plans are put together in a flexible way, sympathetic to the level of language competency already achieved by course participants and such that they acknowledge the goals and interests of each individual. Flexibility is paramount as we deal with students from beginner to advanced level; with hobby linguists as well as with those who need the language for their work, or even use Russian professionally (e.g. translators, teachers).

Providing a total language experience throughout your stay is the key to the success of our courses. You will be surrounded by sympathetic native speakers and can enjoy informal conversation outside your actual language lessons. So whether you are in class, relaxing with a coffee or participating in one of our excursions, you will have the chance (if you want to!) to listen to, absorb and communicate in the language you are learning. So, unlike programmes in other language schools, our students experience an intensive course, both in and out of the classroom, yet the price is only that of usual individual or group lessons.

All our teachers are trained in methodologies for teaching foreign languages and regularly undertake CPD (Continuing Professional Development) courses. In addition, every teacher has an individual portfolio regarding their strengths in compiling schemes of work, resources and lesson plans. Creative thinking is the most important attribute we look for in our staff.

We utilise all the very latest materials in our lessons.