

ACTIVATE YOUR ENGLISH - JULY 2015

COURSE REPORT

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Following every AYE course I always publish a short course report which includes evaluations derived from our students.

Our 2015 course was a mixed aged course including students from 14 - 18yrs. Some English Language Basics lessons, which provide an excellent induction and revision for all students, were taught at two different levels while many other activities such as games evenings, descriptive and story writing, singing, seminars, sports, excursions and self evaluation etc were taught in mixed age groups.

The group was composed of equal numbers of boys and girls and proved to be balanced, friendly and well motivated. All students made good progress especially in our priority skills of communication - that is pronunciation , articulation and fluency, all requiring and generating a growth in confidence which was very evident.

Student course evaluations were as follows -

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Whole course	72%	28%		
Teacher support	100%	-		
Facilities	80%	20%		
Language basics	64%	36%		
Creative writing	-	100%		
Self evaluation	50%	50%		
Seminars	64%	36%		
Project	100%	-		
Excursions	100%	-		

Students found sessions on pronunciation, articulation and creative writing most useful and concluded -

	Yes	Possibly	No
Would recommend AYE to others ?	100%	-	-
Are you likely to return?	64%	28%	8%

The principal creative project of the course was to create, write and perform a family TV magazine programme called 'Jigsaw' for AYE TV which was professionally filmed and all students received a copy DVD to take home. The programme consists of presenters and various items on cookery, the weather, issues of the day, story time, book review, poems and songs etc and lasts about 45 minutes. (we hope to include a short excerpt here, so watch this space) This was a very challenging task for the students and tested their ability to communicate clearly in expressive and accurate English. In general it's fair to say they succeeded. I hope they will show the DVD to friends and family, teachers and parents.

AYE 2015 was a very successful course, a pleasure to teach and I hope provided to very special learning experience to our students - an experience which will remain with them and be demonstrated in their improved English and growing confidence.

My special thanks to teachers who recommend our courses and to our course team Glenn Sweet and Morena Santandrea.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING AND PREPARING COURSES FOR SUMMER 2016 AND SOME WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AND MEETINGS FOR PARENTS IN NOVEMBER 2015 IN ITALY. WATCH THIS SPACE.

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