**Syllabus and requirements – Practical Language 4A**

**Seminar group 1:** 1.00 – 3.15 p.m., room 58

**Seminar group 2:** 8.25 – 10.40, room 12

**Teacher:** Mgr. Kateřina Švejdíková

**Consultation hours:** Poříčí 31, 1st floor (next to the Teaching practice dept.), e-mail me first for the exact time (katerina.svejdikova@gmail.com)

**Compulsory material:** New Cutting Edge, Student’s Book – Upper Intermediate (2005). Cunningham, S. & Moor, P. Pearson Education Limited: Harlow.

**Requirements:**

In order to pass the course you need to pass at least 70 % out of 200 points, which consist of:

Placement test 1 – 10 points

Placement test 2 – 20 points

Progress test – 10 points

Attendance and active participation – 10 points

Written assignment – 10 points

Homework and self study – 10 pints

Final written test – 80 points (minimal pass mark is 70 %; you can have a re-sit)

Oral test – 50 points

**Assignment for the whole course:**

* regular attendance: because we are already going to miss a lot of sessions due to bank holidays and your teaching practice, regular attendance is strongly recommended!
* homework and self-study: this is also an essential part – you must come ready for each seminar and devote time to your self-study as well (see the details below)
* 2 written assignments: you will choose 2 topics from the topics we will have discussed and write a specific written essay to those 2 chosen ones (upload them in the IS); the deadline is 14th December for both writings
* learning plan: you will choose at least 3 activities connected with English learning that you find interesting and helpful and that you want to devote your time to in your free time. You will send me a list of these activities and details about realizing those activities at the latest on the 4th October.
	+ examples of these activities:
		- reading an English book
		- analyzing song lyrics
		- watching series in English
		- having a skype conversation with an English speaking friend
		- visiting an Eng. speaking country
		- visiting an Eng. speaking event
		- participating in an international student club
		- chatting with friends in English
		- writing a learning diary
		- extra grammar exercises on the Internet or in a textbook
		- e-learning courses, etc.
	+ you can choose anything that fits you and your interests but remember that you must plan all the details of your activity:
		- e.g. don’t write: I’m going to listen to some songs.
		- instead write e.g. : I’m going to listen to the songs of XXX at least XXX a week and I’m going to read their lyrics and choose interesting vocabulary from these songs.

**Sessions:**

**21st September:** introduction, requirements, placement test 1, analyzing your strengths/weaknesses in English, setting goals; Unit 1

**5th October:** Unit 1

**12th October:** Unit 2

**19th October:** Unit 2, Unit 3

**26th October:** Unit 3, progress test

**23th November:** Unit 4

**30th November:** Unit 4

**7th December:** Unit 5

**14th December:** placement test 2, Unit 5