

As declared in our vision statement, our school strives to create motivating circumstances where every student can aim to become a life-long learner. One of the key competences toward that aim is speaking English. In order to support language learning, we seek ways to facilitate learning outside the classroom by encouraging international communication. The aim of the present Erasmus+ KA1 mobility project is to prepare the teachers who will play an active part in our future innovation programme aiming at sustainable international communication between our students and students in different European countries. The first part of the preparation period will comprise learning mobilities in the United Kingdom. As a follow-up, the teachers who take part in the staff mobility will share the skills and experiences they will have acquired with the other teachers of the school. Our main fields of interest are English language and culture, methodology in the English classroom, 21st century educational technology, inclusive education and school management.

The two-year mobility programme includes teacher training courses for seven staff members. During the summer of 2018, one of our upper-primary-school English teachers will complete a course in language and methodology for teachers of English in Scarborough. Secondly, the Deputy Director of our school - an English teacher - will take a course in management in language education in Norwich. Finally, one of our lower-primary-school English teachers will learn about practical uses of mobile technology in the English classroom in Canterbury. During the summer of 2019, the tender rapporteur of our school will take a course in 21 century educational technology. Secondly, an English teacher will enroll in a course in video and image in language teaching in Norwich. Also, our school librarian will have the chance to improve her English speaking skills with an intensive general English course in Oxford. Finally, our pedagogical assistant will take a course in special educational needs in York.

We expect that the mobility programme will energize our teaching staff as well as our students. It will turn the whole school's attention towards studying abroad and the importance of learning English as a foreign language. The teachers' willingness to learn will serve as an example of life-long learning for the students. All participants will improve their English language skills as well as the targetted teacher competencies. Not only will the mobilities give way to an international exchange of ideas and experience, they will also provide a great opportunity to make connections for future eTwinning projects. Consequently, the programme will enhance the possibility of a sustainable, generally accessible way of providing students with an informal learning opportunity in the field of English language acquisition.