

# THE MACMILLAN EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING DAY 2016

Welcome to our first Macmillan Education teacher training event in Belgium. Join our guest speaker **Dave Spencer** (*Gateway, Gateway 2nd Edition*) and local trainer **Kris Gillijns** for an afternoon of inspiring workshops on exam preparation and practice.

This free training day for secondary school teachers includes practical workshops, covering topics such as exam practice, grammar games & activities, and language tasks. Refreshments will be provided and all attendants will receive a certificate of participation. We hope you will enjoy the day and find it useful.

## Programme overview

- 13:30 – 14:00 **Registration, coffee & tea**
- 14:00 – 14:55 **Workshop 1:** *Dave Spencer* – Exams: The X Factor
- 14:55 – 15:50 **Workshop 2:** *Kris Gillijns* – Language Tasks in the classroom
- 15:50 – 16:05 **Coffee & tea**
- 16:05 – 17:00 **Workshop 3:** *Dave Spencer* – Grammar Games and Activities: Hi Tech, Low Tech, No Tech!

## The venue

This event will be held at The British Council, Leopold Plaza, Troonstraat 108 Rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels.

The venue is located within 5 minutes walking distance from the Brussels-Luxembourg railway station.

## About Macmillan Education

Macmillan Education is a global education company, supporting teachers, researchers, students and educators around the world. Our Language Learning business supports the teaching of English by publishing print, digital and online materials to suit the needs of classrooms around the world, as well as the training and resources that help teachers get the most out of every lesson. For further information please visit [www.macmillaneducation.com](http://www.macmillaneducation.com).



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**14:00 – 14:55 Workshop 1: *Dave Spencer* –  
Exams: The X Factor**

Teenage students usually spend more time doing internal and external tests and exams than any other group of learners. How can we prepare teenage students for exams but at the same time keep their motivation high? This session will suggest how and why we should find a balance between exam work and all the other useful, enjoyable activities that help to create well-rounded and keen learners of English. After looking at a few key theoretical issues, the session will focus on practical classroom activities and games, including attention to the development of oral skills to prepare for speaking exams.

**14.55 – 15:50 Workshop 2: *Kris Gillijns* – Language Tasks in the classroom**

The language task is one of the hot topics in teaching at the moment and is a core component of assessment in any foreign language class. In this workshop, we will look at the components of any good language task and discuss an approach to planning them.

**16:05 – 17:00 Workshop 3: *Dave Spencer* –  
Grammar Games and Activities: Hi Tech, Low Tech, No Tech!**

How important is grammar for our students? And how can we motivate our students to want to practise it and help them to learn it more efficiently? This session will aim to answer these questions and to suggest a number of practical games and activities that can help make grammar more enjoyable for you and your students. The activities will range from the exciting new idea of the Flipped Classroom, which can offer our teenage students a whole new dimension to learning grammar in the 21st Century, to classic games that need nothing but a blackboard and chalk!

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