

# Cambridge Experience Day Vienna

Join us on 15 March 2024

Meet Olha Madylus  
who will provide  
valuable teaching and  
learning tips.



## Programme

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| 13:30       | Welcome  |
| 14:00-14:30 | <b>Presentation: What does it mean to prepare your students for a Cambridge English Qualification?</b> by Gabriele Bajalan |
| 14:30-15:00 | <b>Overview of Cambridge English exams and how to implement exam preparation in school</b> by the exam centre              |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee break   |
| 15:30-16:30 | <b>Workshop: “What’s in it for me when I study English?”</b> by Olha Madylus   |
| 16:30       | Close  |



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## Programme details:

### What does it mean to prepare your students for a Cambridge English Qualification? by Gabriele Bajalan

Explore the dual benefits of Cambridge exams in this session presented by Gabriele Bajalan. With over 20 years of preparing students for international exams in Austria, Gabriele will share her insights and delve into how preparing for a Cambridge exam not only elevates individual learners but also enriches the entire classroom environment. Discover how the structured exam preparation process enhances students' skills while bringing a sense of organization to the classroom. Uncover the global dimension that these exams can add to your school's profile, opening doors to international opportunities. Join us to understand how investing in Cambridge exams positively impacts both the learner and the overall educational ecosystem, fostering a culture of achievement and global awareness.



**Gabriele Bajalan** has been a dedicated language educator since 1983. Her roles include teaching English and French at Handelsakademie St Pölten, instructing Business English at Mary Ward Private Grammar School, and serving as a Lecturer at FH St. Pölten. Gabriele's commitment to professional growth is evident through her completion of courses in Plurilingualism, CLIL, and a Trainer Development Course. Gabriele's unwavering passion and commitment mark her as a distinguished figure in language teaching and assessment.

### "What's in it for me when I study English?" by Olha Madylus

This presentation investigates the WIFM question for teenagers and young adults. 'What's in it for me?' they may well ask. What are the possible benefits for them in the process in learning English?

Three main areas will be examined and practical learning/teaching strategies presented for all levels. We will consider the psychological and emotional need for direction and challenges in our lives as well as considering the role of success in motivation. We will look at the importance of goals and signposting success for example through exams. There has been a recent focus on developing life skills in the English language classroom. We will examine how developing skills such as critical thinking and creativity not only give students added value to their learning, but also help them to learn more English and recognize their progress. We shall also explore the advantages of collaborative learning and how different teacher roles can enhance the learning experience for all.



**Olha Madylus** has taught in the UK, Greece, Hong Kong and Venezuela. She is a freelance author, materials' designer, consultant and teacher trainer. She is based in London and does consultation, teacher training and teacher trainer training for organisations such as The British Council and Ministries of Education worldwide. Her main focus is on understanding and motivating learners. She is the author of Film, TV and Music, a photocopiable activities book for teenagers, Cambridge University Press.

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