

EC recognises the needs of students and of providing the support required to enhance their experience. The eLearning programme helps students maximise the efficiency of their learning experience and assists them before, during and after the completion of their course through an online platform support system.

## Important Facts:

The eLearning Programme offers students the opportunity to:

- Practice English before they arrive with a preparation course
- Maintain their English with an online personal Study Plan, which continues for up to 3 months after they leave
- Access weekly news-based lessons (plus archived material)
- Get full library access for extra study, assignments or exam practice
- Access information or forms online at any time
- Sign up for social events
- Look up their schoolmates and get in touch

**Available to:** Students in UK & Malta from 1st January 2011. Students registering in Cape Town from 1st March 2011. **This programme is only available to our adult students.**

**Length of Availability:** Students are entitled to use the e-Learning platform from the moment they book, throughout the length of their stay and 3 months after their departure.

## Guided eLearning Aims and Benefits:

Guided eLearning is about providing an online, managed learning environment to help students get the most from their time at school. It is an ideal programme that is highly beneficial for the following reasons:

### 1. It enhances the learning experience:

Students may use the online learning as a support tool. They understand that there will be times when they need extra help, access to supplementary learning sessions or want to study on their own. What they don't need, however, is an endless library of reference material. They want an expert to direct them to the right materials, which is what the eLearning Programme provides; access to the right lessons whenever they want and wherever they happen to be. It therefore:

- Exposes students to authentic and relevant source material with access to weekly lessons
- It tailors lessons to students' needs to help them maintain what they've learned in the course
- Just as in a classroom, where a teacher highlights a learning point, similarly the eLearning programme directs students to the right content, whenever they want and wherever they happen to be.

### 2. It offers an integrated learning approach:

Most online learning systems are categorical: the student looks up a topic and gets a list of activities. On the other hand the Guided e-Learning system is integrated. The result is a more autonomous learning environment.

### 3. It enables students to make the most out of their stay:

Through the calendar system the eLearning Platform enables students to keep track of the activities taking place and to manage their learning time more effectively.

### 4. It encourages social networking

The online system also allows for integration and networking between class mates. Students can find out who is attending events, contact their class mates, and keep in touch after their stay.

### 5. It assists in providing key information:

Through the e-Reception system students will have information and access to online course administration forms and school information.

