

Example of Good Practice

New approach to English language

In the field of computing, we agreed on using some of free hours in school curriculum, for new approach to English language and profession in the same time. For that reason, we created two new subjects, the first one is English based one and is called STE (Professional terminology in English) and the second one is profession based one and is called SMV (profession of modern contents). The idea of the combination is to enable students gaining self-confidence in the area of English language and computing.

The first semester

Students have both subjects in English language only and the subjects are in the schedule throughout the whole school year, at the end they get two final grades, one for STE and one for SMV. The first semester students listen to teachers and put down notes, do some tasks (at STE: writing the report, creating glossary, abstract, key words, learn how to give a presentation, prepare slides etc.; at SMV: design and create some things/tasks connected to profession).

The second semester

In the second semester, students need to write the seminar paper on the topic and have a lecture in front of the classmates and teachers about the topic they choose. They need to use English language as the main language in combination with the profession. Firstly they resent the topic, which needs to be presented in practical way as well. The other students pay attention to the lecture and take notes or solve the tasks that the student – lecturer prepared in advance as a handout for schoolmates.

The result of the lecture

The result of the lecture in the STE/SMV are the grades (one for each subject) and the confidence that students gain as they prove themselves that they are capable of using English in combination with the profession and they are capable of doing the 45 minute lecture in front of the whole class.

