

The fourth week of the syllabus assumes a more scientific and philosophical note, something that can be discerned from its overall theme and the topics you will discuss on a daily basis –

Tuesday: **Are we alone in the universe?**

Wednesday: **Citizen science**

Thursday: **Wonders of life**

Friday: **The future of medicine**

- In this week, you will be confronted by a range of everyday, topical ideas through which you can develop and personalise your own views. These topics and specific themes within them are, as always, made available to you, the student, in a variety of formats: YouTube science videos, bbc.co.uk, wikihow.com, The Guardian website and many many more.
- Whilst you apply yourself to these daily themes, and through the various authentic materials, you will be learning the necessary vocabulary, the phrases you require and the skills you need to discuss and present ideas contained within the programme
- You may well ask, however, how you will improve your ‘grammar’, or to be more specific your overall accuracy in terms of grammar, pronunciation, phraseology, correct use

of vocabulary or any other aspect of your use of the English language. As a student you have no need to worry. Whilst you are achieving your aims of improving your life and language skills through engagement with the materials selected as part of the blended learning approach your teachers will always be available to monitor your use of the English language. They are on hand to help advise on errors or mode of expression.

- The teachers do not only act as facilitators enabling you to develop your life skills. They also fulfil the role of mentors guiding you to a higher degree of accuracy.
- Working through the themes with your fellow students and coming to grips with the materials at the direction of your teacher, you will become more autonomous and less dependent. These are abilities that you can take back home with you to apply to your learning both in the English language but also in other subject areas.

