

IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



MEET OUR **TEACHERS**

Although you see us every day during classes, you may not have time to get to know us. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the people who teach at Centre of Languages and Communication.



Edyta Olejarczuk

Although I started my adventure with teaching technical and Business English several years ago, what I actually love teaching are soft skills and presentation skills. In 2015 I received a scholarship from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in Poland and completed an entrepreneurship and soft skills programme for PhDs and young scientists at the University of Alberta School of Business, Canada. Currently, I act as the head of the teachers of English, French and Spanish section in the CLC PUT. My interests include individual learner

differences as well as new technologies in FL learning and teaching. I have authored several articles in edited volumes and journals. I am also an assistant to the editor of the Studies in Second Language Learning and Teaching journal. In my spare time I love travelling, practising wakeboarding and spending time with people who can be an inspiration for me. My favourite quote from Gone with the Wind is: "I can't think about that right now. If I do, I'll go crazy. I'll think about that tomorrow".



James Shanahan

I've been working at PUT for about three years now. In that time I've had the pleasure of teaching some interesting subjects to some very talented students. My colleagues were really helpful when I first started which was encouraging and the atmosphere aro-

und campus is laid back and friendly. In my spare time, I like watching movies and listening to music. In fact, you can hear me on Radio Afera, the university station, three times a week for a bit of chit chat and a few songs.



Karol Matysiak

Teaching the unteachable

My name is Karol Matysiak and I happen to be an English teacher. I much prefer styling myself “a facilitator”, “an assistant”, “a supporter”. And here is why.

My ears are still buzzing with some powerful words uttered by an American teacher visiting the secondary school I went to who said “I cannot teach you the language – I can only try to lead you in a good direction, to inspire and to show that knowing English can be life-changing. The language cannot be taught, it must be learnt.”

Working at PUT has been fun, has

been professionally and emotionally rewarding and... demanding, has been worth it. It makes you feel a winner when your work gets spotted by those you try to teach the unteachable. The recognition I got in 2016 having been included in the “Best Academic Teachers” group as a result of positive opinions expressed in students’ questionnaires boosted my confidence and confirmed the validity of doing your best in “facilitating, assisting and supporting” the English language learning process.

English permeates my life thoroughly, but I’m not crazy – I can sleep and I have time for an occasional bike ride, a game of tennis, or an odd fugue or prelude by Bach which I love performing on the church organ.

5 Things you could do in England in 2017



Cheese Rolling at Cooper’s Hill in Gloucestershire

29th May

<http://www.cheese-rolling.co.uk/index1.htm>

It’s crazy, it’s extremely dangerous and it’s cheese related. Watch in horror (or delight) as full grown adults throw themselves down a steep hill in pursuit of a roll of cheese. Whoever catches the cheese, wins!



The FA Cup Final

27th May

<http://www.wembleystadium.com/Events/2017/FA-Cup-Final/Emirates-FA-Cup-Final>

"Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I can assure you that it's much more serious than that". Bill Shankly's words are as true now as when he said them. The FA Cup Final just might be the sum of what this quote actually means.



Reading and Leeds Festival

25th to 27th August

<http://www.readingfestival.com/>

What originally started in the 70s as a jazz music weekend, quickly turned into one of the UK's hottest rock music tickets. Now, with Leeds mirroring the event that's held in Reading, it's easily accessible from the north or south.



Stratford Literary Festival

23rd to 30th April

<http://www.stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk/>

Now in it's 10th year, Stratford Literary festival goes from strength to strength. The festival offers a mixture of debate, ideas, celebrity author events, workshops and humor. There really is something here for everyone and it's all set in the beautiful surroundings of Stratford-upon-Avon.



Dorset Food Fortnight

21st October to 5th November

<http://www.stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk/>

Dorset Food Fortnight is exactly what it says it is. Head to the southwest of England for some great hospitality and hearty portions of the region's finest culinary treats. You'll find plenty of seasonal recipes there and it's all produced locally too.

Did you know that?

1. Did you know that Britain's top spot Tower of London, one of the world's most famous fortresses and home to the priceless Crown Jewels, for long time served as a royal residence but also as:

- a) hospital
 - b) prison
 - c) museum?
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2. Did you know that London's largest World Heritage Site is:

- a) Kew Gardens
 - b) Chester Zoo
 - c) London Zoo ?
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3. Did you know that:

- a) Charles Dickens, Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin
- b) Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher
- c) J.R.R. Tolkien

are among the 3,000 famous figures buried at Westminster Abbey?

4. Did you know a visit to St Paul's Cathedral offers 1,200 years of history as well as the chance to climb the

- a) 367
- b) 555
- c) 237

steps to the top of the spectacular Dome?

5. Why is Theme Park and Zoo in Yorkshire called Flamingo Land?

- a) Because the graceful pink birds were some of the park's first inhabitants.
 - b) Because the water reservoirs are pink.
 - c) Because of its full of flamingo sculptures.
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6. Did you know that Stonehenge huge slabs weigh up to around

- a) 100
 - b) 50
 - c) 15 tons each ?
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7. Did you know that Cambridge University comprises:

- a) 31 colleges
 - b) 3 colleges
 - c) 13 colleges ?
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8. Did you know that some scenes of

- a) Amistad
- b) A few good men
- c) Batman Begins

were shot inside the art deco lobby of Senate House, the University of London's handsome 1930s building in Bloomsbury?

Key: 1b; 2a; 3a; 4c; 5a; 6b; 7a; 8c