

Stars learn French in Spa

DialoguE mainly trains diplomats

When it is a question of learning French, many European diplomats, ambassadors and politicians find themselves at the DialoguE School of Languages in Spa. Jean-Luc Godard, himself a former French teacher, is the founder of this school and its unique concept that is the key to its success. It is this concept that allured the English actress, Gemma Arterton, currently at the cinemas in 'Gemma Boverly', a film where she co-stars with Fabrice Luchini in French.

"When we founded DialoguE in 1991, we chose a different approach to that of other language schools. At DialoguE, it is us who adapt to the learners' difficulties, objectives and expectations and not the other way round," explains the founder of the Spa school, Jean-Luc Godard.

A great number of top managers in political and economic arenas have chosen to study French in immersion at DialoguE.

Recently, this was also the choice of the English actress, Gemma Arterton, famous for her roles in Hansel and Gretel, Quantum of Solace, The disappearance of Alice Creed and also Players, a film in which she acts alongside Ben Affleck and Justin Timberlake.

It is for acting in her latest film 'Gemma Boverly', filmed in French with Fabrice Luchini, that the young British actress turned to one of DialoguE's Centres.

"When I received the script, I couldn't speak a word of French. I did a hyper-intensive two-week course, which enabled me to learn some words and phrases. I then moved to Paris before we started shooting so I could mingle with people and speak," she explains 'en français' with an adorable English accent during an in-

terview on AlloCine.

OBAMA'S PROFESSOR

While the actress preferred the DialoguE Centre in Brittany, The Spa Centre is far from being left behind in terms of the number of celebrities that it has welcomed.

Several Latvian Politicians have recently come to us in preparation for the Latvian Presidency of the EU in 2015. Our very first student, who has come back every year since then, is a Harvard professor who had Barack Obama

as a student," explains Jean-Luc Godard. "We have also welcomed many German TV correspondents working in France and Belgium as well as a former German Minister, and also employees of the World Bank, the Director of Coca-Cola Europe etc." Even our Federal Secretary of Employment, Monica De Coninck, has been to DialoguE in Spa to perfect her French.

"I followed a 2-week intensive French course for the filming"

INCOGNITO FRENCH SPEAKERS

DialoguE's teaching method has clearly proven itself in its 23 years of existence. DialoguE does not only teach French as a foreign language.

"From time to time, we welcome French speaking mayors who come to us incognito in order to improve their public speaking skills," adds the school's founder who, this time, does not reveal any names. ■



Leading actress co-starring with Luchini in 'Gemma Boverly'. ■ DR

VICTORIA MARCHE



Jean-Luc Godard and his wife welcome numerous celebrities. ■ CL.D.

DIALOGUE EXPORTS ITSELF ABROAD

DialoguE already has 6 franchised centres in Europe

DialoguE has greatly expanded beyond our borders. The training centre in Spa has six other partners in Europe. "Nevertheless, Spa remains the largest centre and the company's headquarters. In addition, the teachers working in our partner centres are trained here by us," says Jean-Luc Godard.

Therefore, via DialoguE, one can learn English in Rye, near Hastings in the south of England, Spanish in Barcelona, Dutch in Maastricht and in Sint-Pieters-Leeuw and Ger-

man in Meersburg, near Lake Constance. Another French Language Centre has also opened in Brittany.

"The British usually prefer to go to Brittany."

Nevertheless, The DialoguE Centre in Spa has the highest capacity and the Centre has a high intake of new students.

Of course, learning a language has its price. A one-week intensive course, including accommodation and meals, will cost you at least EUR 2,600. ■



A personalised training ■