

# *Online Training and Testing*



*at the Naval Academy in Bulgaria  
during the pandemic*



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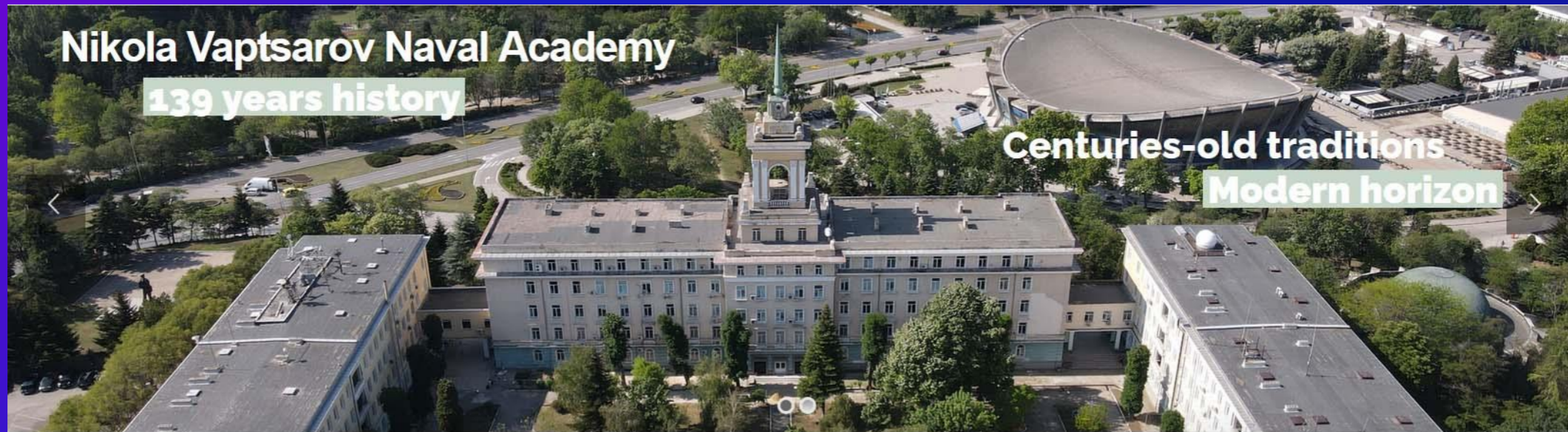


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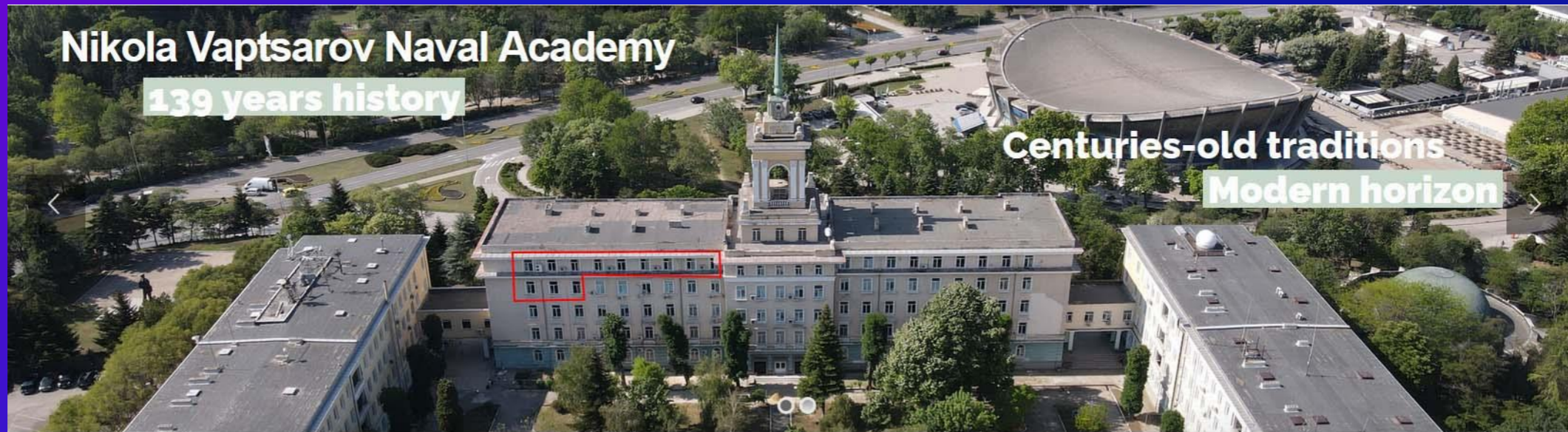


Categories of students in our English programmes:

1. Military cadets (future BGN officers)
2. Civilian students (Bulgarians and foreigners)
3. Career development (qualification) courses
4. NCO School



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Two distinct ELT departments:

1. Language Training Department  
(for the military cadets and the civilian students)
2. Postgraduate Studies Department  
(for the qualification courses): my Department
3. NCO School

## Courses at my Department (5 teachers of English)

- Intensive 16-week courses (Level (0) 1, 2, 3) = linked to SLP  
Participants must take SLPT for BAF (STANAG)
- Intensive 4-week refresher courses (between levels)
- English for military medicine students (extensive)
- Others (specialised, Bulgarian for foreigners, etc.)

## Courses at my Department for the first half of 2020 (as planned)

- Intensive 16-week courses (Level 0 and 1)
- Intensive 4-week refresher course (between Levels 1-2)
- English for military medicine students (extensive)
- NCO School (2 groups = 2 refresher courses)



## Courses at my Department for the first half of 2020 (as they happened)

- ~~• Intensive 16-week courses (Level 0 and 1)~~

started Jan – suspended March

- ~~• Intensive 4-week refresher course (between Levels 1-2)~~

- English for military medicine students (extensive)

- ~~• NCO School (2 groups = 2 refresher courses)~~

- Enlisted to Commissioned Officer programme

# Enlisted to Commissioned Officer programme

18 May – 12 June 2020

- Intensive course, delivered 100 % online
- 4 students
- Final test: written + oral examination
- Outcome: 3 passed / 1 failed\*

\* could not attend the final exam

# Google Classroom + Meet



## Предстоящи

Няма работи с  
наближаващ краен срок

[Преглед на всички](#)



Споделете нещо с курса си...



Кирил Хаджиев публикува ново задание: Final Test  
12.06



Даниела Златева публикува ново задание: Progress Test U8  
10.06



Капка Ангелова публикува нов материал: passive voice  
10.06



Капка Ангелова публикува нов материал: Past simple / Past continuous  
9.06



# DEEP 2020: English for Ukrainian Military Personnel

26 August – 18 September 2020

- Intensive course, delivered 100 % online
- 13 students
- Preparation for the Standard Language Proficiency Test for the Bulgarian Armed Forces
- Test administered in the final 3 days by the Bulgarian test team

# DEEP 2020: English for Ukrainian Military Personnel

26 August – 18 September 2020

- Participants from all over Ukraine  
(Kyiv, Odessa, Zhytomyr, Luhansk)
- Google Classroom + Meet
- Emphasis on speaking and writing

2	1+	2	2
2	2+	2+	2+
2	2	2	2
1+	2	2	2
2+	2	3	2+
hospital	-	0	-
2	1+	2	1+
2	2	2	2
2+	1+	3	2
1+ (1)	1+(1)	2 (2)	2 (1)
2 (1)	2 (2)	2+ (1)	2 (1)
2 (2)	2 (1+)	2 (1+)	2 (1)
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*Red: repeat customers  
(previous score in green)*

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- Some considerations:
  1. It is really hard for the teachers to prepare.
  2. What to teach? What to teach *with*?
  3. Technical issues are inevitable.
  4. Students ARE motivated to learn, but...

# DEEP 2020: English for Ukrainian Military Personnel

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... no online cultural programme!





## Courses at my Department (current state of affairs)

- Courses started in resident form as scheduled (L2 & L3).
- The suspended Level 0 course restarted from square 1.
- The cancelled refresher course started as well.
- We were given an additional cadet group  
(along with the medical students)...

... we still prefer that to a switch to distance learning!

# Testing

Regulations at the Naval Academy were amended with strict rules for online examinations specified in annexes. Examples:

Examiners must use either Moodle (with Safe Exam Browser) or Google Forms...

Exam takers must always have their camera and mic on during the exam...



Thank you for your attention!