Provisional basic programme for Ph D groups

1. Reading/understanding technical texts (from Internet or various professional sources) - summarizing/precis - choice of shorter forms of expression, selecting/prioritizing info etc.
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 2. Ditto for political/social topics - use of formal language in general, particular sector-oriented vocabulary, idioms etc

3. Extracting / Writing (and verbally presenting) short speeches, radio/TV items etc

 3. Writing longer texts - general essays, specific technical reports. Basic planning & development of various documents – reporting experimental methodology & results, dissertations/theses, papers for publication, etc.

5. i) discuss history of computing, Information Technology and development of terminology
    ii) outline terminology of mathematics & physics; talking about formulae etc

6. Focus on eliminating basic errors – to provide foundation for more advanced structures, choice of words/prases etc.

7. Introduce US v GB English - spelling, use of words, idioms, pronunciation: differences everywhere! Regularly refer to differing forms, develop awareness of their significance.

8. Encourage awareness of use of language in general - "Look at what you are reading!". (Notice spelling, punctuation, basic structures, idioms etc etc. If u don't think, u won't learn).

9. Develop sound appropriate techniques for conversation.