Yr.2 Professional Skills is a short self-contained module, given in tutorials in the 1st term.

The fundamental skill-set developed in this module is the ability to communicate clearly in oral and written form by producing a science 'article'. The length and style of article is to be similar to those which feature in publications such as 'New Scientist', 'Physics World', 'Physics Today'.

The skills developed are
(a) **Concision** - taking a large amount of information and extracting the main points, to produce a short, 'punchy' document
(b) **Planning** - the realisation that, just as with experiments and research, documents need a plan and a timeline aimed at the final outcome
(c) **Presentation skills** - often ideas and concepts need to be presented in a very limited amount of time, sometimes less than a minute. Therefore this exercise will develop such skill

As with most Professional skills - it is a case of 'learn by doing' - here we do this in a friendly, supportive environment.