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# NEWSLETTER



## HND SUCCESS...NEXT STOP, UNIVERSITY!



We would like to congratulate our students who have successfully completed their studies with us this summer and achieved the Higher National Diploma in Business. They have all worked extremely hard during their two years at Brit and shown great commitment to their studies. They have taken challenges head on, showing their desire to succeed.

Many of them have gone on to further study at various universities such as the University of East London, Sunderland University, Northumbria University and Northampton University to complete a one year top-up course. This means that next summer, they will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in subjects such as Business Management and Business Administration. We would like to wish them all the best for their future careers, and have every faith that they will succeed.

**We will be holding a graduation ceremony in March 2016 to formally congratulate them and celebrate their achievements.**



Attila Toth

Lavinia-Florina Pop

## Student Satisfaction 😊

We have introduced a number of changes this term to the design of the HND Business course and have received very positive feedback from students. Below is a summary of results from 120 students:

- ✓ 89% of students felt that the small tutor groups were satisfactory or excellent
- ✓ 85% of students felt that support received from tutors was satisfactory or excellent
- ✓ 86% of students felt that their ability to complete their work was satisfactory or excellent

Based on feedback, we have also identified key areas to improve upon:

- ⇒ The clarity of assessments will be improved to enable better understanding by all students
- ⇒ Information regarding timetables will be provided earlier on to avoid confusion

## My Success Story



We learn every day. It is never too late to learn and there is great value in lifelong learning. Education is such a good thing and it is not reserved for younger people only. 29 years after leaving my college education in Bangladesh I decided to go back to education at the age of 49 - and I did it well.

In business there is no limit to what we can learn and how much we can earn from it. Believing in this, at the early stage of my life I started my own business without having any knowledge in business management. My experience made me understand the complexity and unpredictability of business, and really reinforced my desire to study it further, so I joined the HND Business programme at Brit College in September 2013.

Throughout my studies, I have been able to research real-life business solutions and how they have been implemented, and the coursework has developed my skills in collecting and analysing data in order to establish trends and draw conclusions. Studying English language has allowed me to develop an ability to express my ideas clearly and concisely.

By undertaking my higher education at Brit College I

have gained the opportunity to develop and diversify my interest in business and its fundamental role in a successful society. Completion of my HND has equipped me for my career in the unpredictable and fast moving world of commerce.

I have very much enjoyed my return to student life at Brit College with highly experienced and friendly teachers and helpful staff. The knowledge and qualification I gained at Brit opened the door for me to study a BA (Hons) degree at the University of Sunderland, London Campus and I hope in the near future, I will be able to lead a successful business where I can provide a great service and create new job opportunities.

Congratulations to those who have stepped on the same stone I have stepped upon. I can say you are on the right track. Business studies is not merely about learning the core elements of business, it is also about delving deeper into the many dimensions the subject has to offer and apply this in real life. This is why it is an exciting and fascinating period in both the commercial and economic world to study business, and Brit College is the place to do it perfectly right.

By Sayed Mostafizur Rahman



## Business Master Classes for Future Entrepreneurs



The College is committed to enhancing learning opportunities so that students can have a rich educational experience during their time with us. We have introduced a series of 'Business Master Classes', the first of which were held on October 15th and 21st 2015. We were excited to host two guest speakers who shared their industry knowledge and experience with students on the HND Business programme.

Vashisht Bhatt, founder of VB Excellence talked about his experience of setting up and running a start up company and provided entrepreneurial advice to students who wish to do the same.

Zakir Khan, Head of Community Affairs at Canary Wharf spoke to students about the active role Canary Wharf plays within the local community and the support it provides to local businesses

We were very pleased to receive extremely positive feedback from students who thoroughly enjoyed the classes. The next Master Class will be delivered by Barclays in the next few weeks.

## February 2016 Admissions

Admissions are now open for new students wishing to study HND Business in February 2016. We are looking for genuine, motivated students who are eager to learn and improve their career options! For full details regarding the entry criteria please ask at the Reception desk.

Applications must be submitted online at: [www.britcollege.org.uk/admissions](http://www.britcollege.org.uk/admissions). The deadline for applications is January 15th 2016, but we may close earlier if spaces are filled.

Open days will be held on the following dates where prospective students can pop in and find out more about the course:

### Open Days

Friday 13th November - 11am

Saturday 21st November - 11am

Friday 4th December - 4pm

Saturday 12th December - 11am

## Meet Your Student Representatives



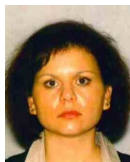
Your Student Representatives for this year are:



Enam Islam  
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Camille  
McIntosh  
(H1002066)



Emilia  
Sandoiu  
(H1002055)



Magdaline  
Mengutha  
(H1002325)



Harun Miah  
(H1002309)



Landu  
Lusaku  
(H1002573)

They are invited to the monthly Academic Management Team meetings where they are able to provide feedback to College management about the student experience. They can raise any concerns you have, make suggestions for improvements and also assist with the decision making process. This ensures that all decisions the College makes work to enhance the educational experience and opportunities for all students.

Student Representatives have also prepared a Student Submission which will be submitted to the Quality

Assurance Agency (QAA). This document provides the QAA with an insight into the experience of students at Bit College and helps them form judgements about the quality of education and services provided by the College. It also ensures that students are involved in the review process and that their views are heard.

Some of the Representatives have already met with the QAA reviewer last months and will also have a meeting with the Review Team during the full review in the new year.

## You Asked...We Listened



We are pleased to see that you have been using the Student Representative system to inform the College management about feedback and changes you would like to see. Below are some recent changes we have implemented as a result of your requests:

You asked for...	We listened...
Heaters and fans in classrooms	During the Half Term holiday, we installed new air conditioning units in each classroom. —→ These will provide controlled heating in the winter and air conditioning in the summer to make your learning environment more comfortable.
Lanyards and badges for your ID cards	We are now issuing a free lanyard and badge with your ID card so that you can have your student ID on display while you are on campus. If you need a replacement badge/ lanyard, you will need to purchase this from Reception.

## The Higher Education Show



Carlos (Academic Director) and Rifat (Registrar) attended the Higher Education Show on 14th October 2015 at Excel London, an annual event for UK Universities and Colleges.

The day consisted of a range of conferences, seminars and exhibitions which provided the opportunity to meet and engage, face-to-face, with key stakeholders, peers and decision makers in the sector.

Sorana Vieru from the National Union of Students held an empowering talk about the integral role of students in shaping the quality of Higher Education. This reinforced the notion of student engagement being a key element in the decision making process within every institution.

## Staff Update



Above: Emmanuel and David during their Farewell Party

This summer has seen us say farewell to two prominent Brit College colleagues; David Orford and Emmanuel Oduntan.

David has retired as Principal of Brit College and Emmanuel as senior lecturer.

We would like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment to Brit College over the years and wish them all the best

for the future. They will be missed by both staff and students.



## Careers Advice



We have developed a relationship with the National Careers Service team at Tower Hamlets College to provide careers advice to our students. Their team of fully qualified advisors can hold individual appointments with you to provide you with tailored advice and guidance regarding your options for work and education.

On 7th May 2015 Imran Ahmed, from the National Careers Service team held a careers talk at Brit for students completing the HND which explained employment and further study options.

If you would like a referral to this service, please speak to a member of the College Registry department who will be able to assist you.

## QAA



The College has an upcoming review by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) in the new year. The QAA is an independent body responsible for monitoring standards of UK Universities and Alternative Providers of Higher Education. This will be a full review of the College under the new Higher Education Review method. The purpose of this is to ensure the College is maintaining academic quality, academic standards and accessible information.

We are working to ensure we achieve the best possible outcome - Commendable - and hope that our progress and continual development is recognised.

## Party on the Thames!



To celebrate the end of the summer term, the College organised an end of year party on June 10th 2015. The evening which took place on the Royal Princess Boat on the River Thames, was filled with food, music, dancing and live entertainment including performances by our talented students!

We would like to thank our Student Representatives for their hard work in planning the event, which was enjoyed by both students and staff!

## Higher Education Academy

As part of the Staff Development Policy and Plan, teaching staff are given the opportunity and encouraged to affiliate to the Higher Education Authority (HEA) as Fellows.



Affiliation to this body enables staff to maintain their Continuous Professional Development (CPD), further develop their quality of teaching and dispense with UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF) requirements. The majority of current teaching staff will be affiliated this academic year.

## Christmas Holiday Dates



Holiday starts	Holiday ends	Classes begin
21st December 2015	2nd January 2016	4th January 2016

## Get Involved!



The Newsletter is published once a semester to keep staff and students up to date with the latest news and information. If you have some news, photographs or views you would like to share, then we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with Rifat: [rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk](mailto:rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk)

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