

WINTER 2014

# NEWSLETTER



## BRIT GETS TOP MARK FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

We are delighted to have successfully passed the recent Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) review for the second time! Following an extensive review in May, the college received the highest level of recognition by the QAA. The college is assessed on three key areas;

- Academic standards: how well does the college set and maintain academic standards for the qualifications it delivers?
- Academic quality: how well does the college manage teaching and learning opportunities to enable students to achieve their academic goals?
- Information about higher education provision: how well does the college manage it's public information to ensure that it is reliable, accessible and accurate?

We received the best possible outcomes in all three areas; Confidence in our management of academic standards, Confidence in our management of academic quality and Reliance in our provision of public information.

We would like to thank all staff and students for their co-operation and commitment to the College - it would not be possible without you all!

## Brit Representation at House of Commons

Carlos Gomez (Academic Director) and David Orford (Principal) were certainly in esteemed company recently, when they were invited to join representatives from industry and commerce at a prestigious meeting at the House of Commons. They obviously had a stressful day as shown in this picture of them sipping Champagne on the House of Commons Terrace.

They did actually do some work and made some high profile contacts. Brit College is certainly getting known in the business community!

'We have a significant role to play in the business community' said Carlos, recognising the major developments Brit College has made in recent months after being awarded a further 300 students by the Student Loan Company.

David remarked on this, noting that 'On top of a very successful QAA Review, this certainly shows the College as developing a local and national reputation for educational excellence'.



## January 2015 Admissions

Admissions are now open for new students wishing to study HND Business in January 2015. We are looking for genuine, motivated students who are eager to learn and improve their future! The entry criteria is as follows:

- Level 2 qualification + work experience
- Level 3 qualification

\*Students with non-UK qualifications will require an English Language certificate such as ESOL Entry Level 3

If you have any friends that fit this description and are interested in studying Business, please advise them to apply online: [www.britcollege.org.uk/admissions](http://www.britcollege.org.uk/admissions). The deadline for applications is November 30th 2014!

## Introducing LLF

We are excited to introduce the recent establishment of the London Language Foundation (LLF) who are based at Brit College. LLF's mission is to provide a quality 'Student Centred' Learning environment with an experienced administration and academic team.

LLF offers a variety of English language classes for both local and international students. There are short courses available in Business English, Academic Writing, Citizenship English, IELTS Preparation, General English and much more.

The Academic Writing workshops are aimed to help students improve their writing skills. As a main requirement to complete the Higher National Diploma, students will have to generate a number of essays

during their academic life. Those assignments must follow professional standards which will lead them to obtain their final qualifications. LLF

will help the students through the process to acquire this essential tool to open professional doors in their careers.

As a registered examination centre for Trinity College London, you can take an approved external English assessment and get an official certificate. Alternatively, you can also be assessed by the team of fully qualified teachers to informally prove your level of English. With a team of friendly and professional staff, courses can be tailored to suit your needs, so pop in and say hello!



## Brit visits Alton Towers by Tariq Ahmed Chowdhury and Jose Mbila

In consultation with Student Representative Shelina Akhtar, students organised a day out to Alton Towers on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2014. We were thrilled about the trip and knew that we could make the experience, including the long journey, very entertaining.

On the day of the trip, we had to meet at the college at 7am! This meant that some of us had to wake up at 5am in order to get here on time and catch the coach. The funny thing was that many students stayed awake all night in case they couldn't wake up in the morning and missed the coach!



We left the college at 8am and stopped at services to pick up some students from Northampton. Our Representative made the journey very joyful through DVD and music.

When we got to Alton Towers, we all went off in our separate groups and rushed off to queue up for the rides. It was really busy and sometimes we had to queue up for 45 minutes to 1 hour for a ride! Despite this, we all managed to have a go on lots of rides. Most of us enjoyed the water ride best, even though it rained a little bit.

Overall, the trip was very enjoyable for us and on the way home you could tell it had been an exciting day as everyone was tired!

## Meet your Student Representatives

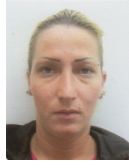
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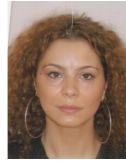
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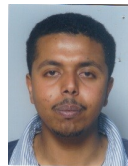
Abdul Mannan



Tazmina Ahasan



Aleksandra Beata Osiecka



Nabil Ali



Shelina Akhtar

They are invited to Academic Management Team (AMT) and Academic Board (AB) Meetings to represent your views and voice any issues and opinions you may have. This Academic Year, we have had one AB two AMT meetings which were attended by the Representatives. They have played a pivotal role in providing feedback regarding college procedures and suggestions about how to improve the service we provide to students. We hope they will continue with their input as we value their contribution to the College and to their fellow colleagues.

You asked for...	We listened...
Better computers in the lab and library	<p>30 new computers are being installed on campus. The computers in the classrooms, computer lab and library will all be replaced with the latest models which are faster and easier to use.</p> <p>The update is hoped to be completed before the end of this month.</p>
Improved internet and WiFi connection	<p>We are in the process of installing superfast broadband to provide better connectivity. WiFi signal strength will also be improved so that it can be accessed in all rooms on campus. This will be up and running in January 2015.</p>
Provision of E-books	<p>We have updated our provision of resources to include a wide range of E-books which you will be able to access through E-Learning. These books will be available in your module folders and supplement the books we have in the library.</p> <p>We have also added new books to the library which are available to take out on loan.</p>

## An Environmentally Friendly Campus



We should all make the effort to make the campus environmentally friendly. Computers, overhead projectors, lights and all other appliances should be turned off when leaving the room.

To reduce wasting paper, we are trying to go as paperless as possible. Assignment briefs, lecture slides and other resources are all available online through your student area. Assignments are also submitted online through Moodle to reduce printing. Photocopies should only be made if essential and should be printed on both sides of paper.



## Staff Updates

We would like to welcome the newest members of the Brit team:



**Sadek Hussain:** Facilities and Customer Service Officer



**Hameema Khanom:** Attendance Officer

Muhammad Ali has taken on his new position as IT Manager. Rifat Akhtar is the Registrar whilst Renjana Sarat is on Maternity Leave.

We also have three trainee teachers who will be joining us from the University of Greenwich. They will be teaching some classes under supervision and will be able to use their skills and knowledge to assist you further!

## Ambitious Attendance Award by Hameema Khanom (Attendance Officer)

A new attendance noticeboard has been created with updated information that will be useful to you. It consists of the Weekly Attendance Report, Attendance Policy and Procedures and appraisal for students who have excellent attendance.

Good attendance has a strong connection to good achievement. Attending your classes gives a strong indication that you are dedicated to learning and that you have an ambition to accomplish. Attendance is not a punishment, it is your time to learn and make a good difference in the world.

Please remember that if your attendance is below 60% you will not be able to request documents.



I am delighted to announce that there will be an **Ambitious Attendance Award** by the end of term (Christmas). Students who hit the 100% attendance percentage by December 12th 2014 will be rewarded with a **certificate and a brilliant prize!** I am looking forward to seeing all students aim for that 100%

**You can do it!**

## Assignment Submission

The deadline for assignment submissions is **Friday 19th December 2014**. All assignment submission will take place online via E-Learning to make the process easier and more efficient for both students and staff. Please check that you are able to log into your account before the deadline to avoid any problems during submission. If you experience any issues, you can contact Muhammad Ali (IT manager) who will be able to assist you.



## Christmas Holiday Dates



COURSE	HOLIDAY START	INDUCTION DAY
HND Business: Group 1	22/12/14	26/01/15
HND Business: Groups 2 & 3	22/12/14	27/01/15
HND Business: Weekend group	22/12/14	24/01/15

## 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 Akhtar: [rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk](mailto:rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk)

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