



## Welcome . . .

Welcome to the latest edition of the International Newsletter, your feedback has been very positive and I thank all agents who have passed on their comments to me. I hope you will find this issue just as useful, and please let me have any suggestions for upcoming issues.

## College Overseas Visits

Representatives from The College will be visiting the following countries in 2016, please contact us by email if you wish to meet when we are in your country.

Country/City	Dates	Representative
<b>Norway</b>	January	Sue Sharkey Director International and Teacher Training
<b>Colombia</b>	February	Annette Farley International Student Manager
<b>Vietnam/ Thailand</b>	March	Annette Farley International Student Manager
<b>Colombia/ Ecuador/ Peru/Chile</b>	March/ April	Sue Sharkey Director of International and Teacher Training
<b>Turkey</b>	April	Annette Farley International Student Manager
<b>Hong Kong/ Korea/Japan</b>	May	Annette Farley International Student Manager
<b>China</b>	June/ July	Sue Sharkey Director of International and Teacher Training

## Winchester

On Thursday 17th December 2015, our EFL teachers accompanied International students on a trip to historic Winchester.



Students were able to see the Great Hall, Winchester Cathedral, Jane Austen's house and the annual Christmas Market and shops.

## Air Cabin Crew Plus English

In August students from Osaka Jogakuin College/University in Japan studied at The College on a three week Air Cabin Crew Plus English programme. They took part in excursions to London, Bath and Oxford and as part of their course visited BA training facilities near London to take part in a day of fire safety and emergency procedures training.



## UK Home Office - Update

**Please see below the UKVI T4 Rules Changes:**

**From 3 August 2015:**

- All rights to work from new students are publically funded colleges will be removed.
- 16 and 17 year old students entering the adult education system from abroad can only apply for a Tier 4 (General) Visa.

**From 12 November 2015:**

- College students will no longer be able to extend their Tier 4 visas or switch to a Tier 2 or Tier 5 visa whilst in the UK.

For any further information on the latest UKVI rules please visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

# Christmas Movie Night

Our annual Christmas Movie Night took place on Monday 7th December with International staff, students and families in attendance.

The aim, as always, was to give our students a flavour of the seasonal festivities on offer in the UK at Christmas time.

Food was provided - turkey, stuffing and cranberry baguettes followed by traditional mince pies. The International Team organised games, music and a Christmas raffle which was followed by a Christmas film.



# International Events

## Inductions

We held two Induction sessions at the beginning of term, one for International Students, and one for our students studying on the University First Foundation



Programme and University of London International Foundation programme. Our Inductions cover: introductions to the local area, the college, the international team, accommodation, student union, English Language support, health matters, safeguarding, safe schools and communities team presentation (the Police). Each student gets an Induction Pack with useful information to support the above.



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**The new build** at the North Road campus of The College in Poole is now complete and open for business!! The new International Office at North Road (Room 1205) is also open and offers support to International students studying on programmes at Poole.



We held our International Students' Day on 17 November 2015. It was a fabulous event and very well attended. International students from 13 countries organised stands to include: Brazil, Brunei/Malaysia, China, Colombia Japan, Nigeria/India/Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Venezuela and Vietnam and students entertained us with musical performances from China and Venezuela. Staff and students attended from many departments across The College and it was a wonderful way to learn a little more about our International students, their culture and countries.

*Jose Francisco Camargo Suarez and Oriana Andara Vallone from Venezuela, Guitar and song; Haoran Xu from China, Piano; Xingming Zhang and Wanyuan Yang from China, Pop song*

# New Staff Members

The International Team welcomes two new members of staff: Patricia Troconis Espinoza, University First Co-ordinator and Sandrine Machin, International Receptionist/Administration Assistant North Road.

Caroline Miller has changed her role and is now International Student Activities Co-ordinator.



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