



Bradford College

International Centre Newsletter



A warm welcome to our new and returning students for the academic year 2011-12

Read on for the College's latest international news, including the launch of the International Food Academy, Erasmus updates and timings for the Festival of Achievement 2011.

Important student information regarding the UK Border Agency's rules updates, the scholarship deadline and upcoming international student orientation meeting are also included.

Congratulations to all of our completing students - we'll see you again in December for graduation.

International Food Academy Launches

Restaurateurs are facing an 'unprecedented Curry Crisis' due to a tightening of immigration laws. Throughout the country, Indian restaurateurs say they are struggling with a staffing crisis, as they are finding it difficult to find skilled chefs. Previously, the laws on immigration allowed many restaurants to bring in trained chefs from the sub-continent to fill vacancies.

Bradford College is coming to the rescue with a range of innovative new courses available through their new International Food Academy. The specialist qualification in Asian and International cuisine is available in a range of courses, up to degree-level. The curry chefs of the future will be trained by local chefs that have built up an international reputation for excellence.

Demand for courses is extremely high, with students across the globe vying for a place at the Academy. Over 100 students are also jetting



Festival of Achievement 2011

Date	Time	Subject Areas
Tuesday 6th December	10.30am - 12.30pm	Arts & Media • Care, Community & Health • Early Years
Tuesday 6th December	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Teacher Education (undergraduate) • Education Studies & PCET
Tuesday 6th December	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Teacher Education (PGCE) • Education CPD PG/Masters
Wednesday 7th December	10.30am - 12.30pm	Business & Law
Wednesday 7th December	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Beauty Therapy & Hairdressing • Computing • Construction; Engineering • Public Services • Sport



in from abroad to be trained at the Academy, following its world renowned association with food excellence.

A special launch event took place in May where live theatre was created when acclaimed chefs from Bradford-based restaurants Omar Khan's, Akbars, Nawaab, Mumtaz, Aagrah and Prashad joined the team at the International Food Academy to prepare and cook signature dishes featured in their award winning restaurants.

Speaking at the launch, Principal and Chief Executive, Michele Sutton, OBE said: "The Academy has been established to work very closely with catering employers, restaurateurs and food production companies to train young people and adults to work in this growing industry."

Head of the International Food Academy, Graham Fleming concluded: "I think it's an absolute superb opportunity for Bradford to shine – it puts Bradford on the map, because we're going to service the needs of the industry. We want to create award winning chefs of the future!"

Discover Bradford

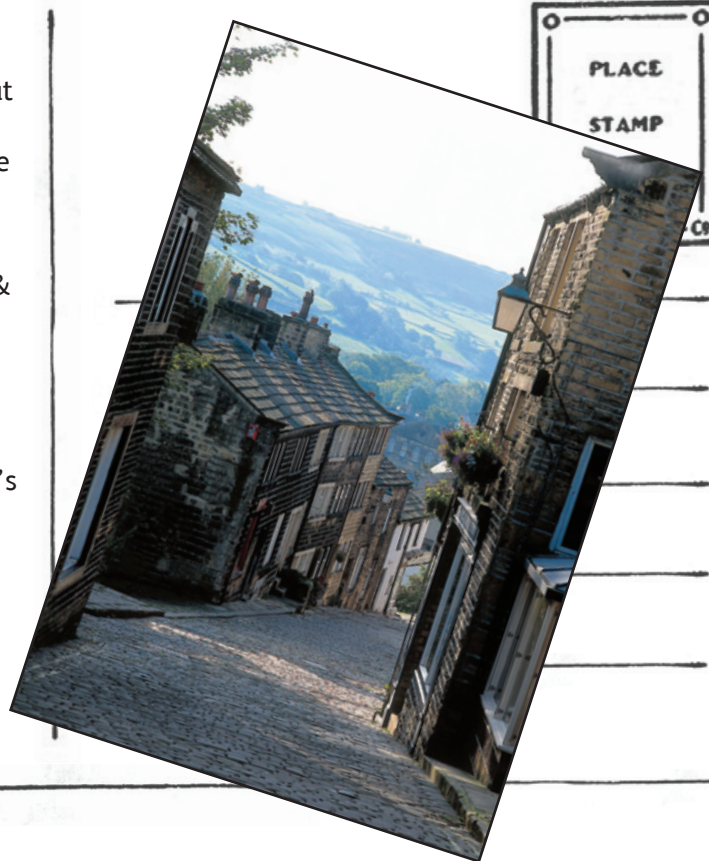
There are many beautiful places around Bradford that you can visit. Have you considered spending a day in Haworth? This small village (pictured right), set in the countryside to the west of Bradford, attracts many visitors, both domestic and international.

You can travel there by steam train, via the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, which allows you to take in the sights as you pass through the countryside.

Haworth was home to the famous Brontë sisters for many years and the parsonage in which they lived is now a museum. Walk around the picturesque village's cobbled streets and call into the many shops, such as the Apothecary, specialist food shops and vintage clothing stores.

There are often weekend events held in the village. For further information about Haworth, including event news and how to get there, please visit:

www.haworth-village.org.uk.



VCAM view vocational areas

Vietnamese delegates from the Vocational College of Agricultural Mechanics (VCAM) jetted to the UK this May to visit Bradford College to discuss a potential partnership.

VCAM is based in Binh Xuyen, near Hanoi, in the centre of Vietnam. The Vietnamese government has placed demands on its education centres to deliver a higher level of teaching. It is initially investing in a five-year project, in which it is hoped international partnerships will help the centres to improve quickly and achieve their targets.

Mr. Nguyen, Rector, Mr. Pham, Vice-rector, and Ms. Bach, International Cooperation Officer, were welcomed by Michele Sutton OBE before heading to the teaching areas of the College. The delegates' visits included the Automotive Centre to observe classes and meet the teaching team and Trinity Green to tour the College's Electrical and Engineering facilities. The partnership would involve both teacher training and student exchange, focusing on the vocational areas of automotive, electrical engineering, mechanic engineering and welding.



Each year, several staff members and students have the opportunity to take part in the Erasmus programme. This allows them to receive a grant to visit a European country and experience a different culture. Two staff members taking part in last year's Erasmus programme are keen to share their experiences.

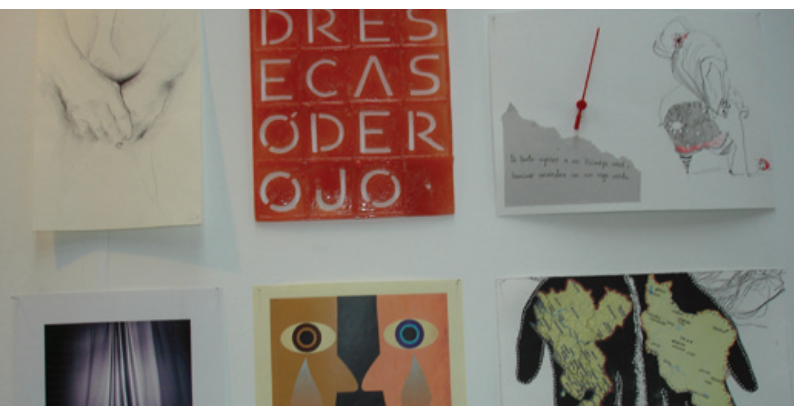
For Manya Doñaque, a Lecturer in Fine Art, it allowed her to help organise a series of exhibitions and seminar between Bradford and Bilbao in Spain. The Wedding / Ezkontza / La Boda was an exciting fusion of disciplines and cultures exploring the theme of marriage and its meanings with twin exhibitions held at the Yorkshire Craft Centre and Bilbao-Arte in May. This international collaboration is the latest outcome of our longstanding and valuable relationship with Universidad del Pais Vasco in Bilbao.



Manya (pictured) explained, "Inmaculada Jiménez came over to Bradford from Bilbao and we did a seminar outlining the concept. Everyone discussed their ideas and said what their idea of marriage was. Inmaculada then gave the same brief to her students. My students are from print and Inmaculada's are from drawing so this was a marriage of two artistic worlds and also a marriage of cultures and languages."

Also in May, Dr Mark Larrad visited the University of Granada. Mark made several visits to a primary school to observe the teaching of English and to talk to teachers about their role. Dr Larrad is hoping to persuade some of Bradford College's teaching students to think about placements in Granada and believes that learning about education in other countries is a worthwhile experience. He hopes to be able to facilitate some Qualified Teacher Status special placements for the Year 3 students next year.

If you're interested in taking part in the Erasmus programme, please visit erasmus.bradfordcollege.ac.uk.



International student orientation meeting

Our next orientation welcome meeting for international students will be taking place on **Wednesday 5 October 2011, 12.00 - 2.00pm**, in The Lounge in the Old Building.

You will be introduced to the International Centre and its services, register with the Health Centre and have the opportunity to open a bank account. Staff from the Students' Union, Careers and our sporting facilities will also be present to talk about their services.

This event is essential for new students, and, as always, current students are also very welcome.

Do you have a SELT?

The new Tier 4 visa requirements mean that only a Secure English Language Test (SELT) can be accepted as proof of your English level. New students, as well as those who need to extend their visa or wish to progress to the next level will need a SELT certificate. The list includes:

- Cambridge Main Suite exams
- UK undergraduate degree (if applying for postgraduate courses)
- ILEC
- ESOL
- BULATS Online
- IELTS
- TOEIC
- TOEFL iBT
- PTE Academic

Bradford College offers Cambridge Main Suite exams and can help you to arrange others. Please email elc@bradfordcollege.ac.uk for more information from our English Language Centre.

If you wish to extend your visa, please contact Ashley Slater: a.slater2@bradfordcollege.ac.uk.

Here to help

Hi - I'm Ashley, the International Student Advisor at Bradford College.

There have been a lot of changes recently to the immigration rules for international students. In the International Centre we are here to provide you with any questions you may have regarding these rules and will do all we can to help you.

Bradford College are required by the UK Border Agency to monitor and report on your attendance throughout the year. You should aim for 90% attendance or above. If you have any issues affecting your attendance, please let the International Centre staff know.

Another important change is the amendment to working hours. Those students with visas after 4 July 2011 may work for 10 hours per week during term-time, and any visa renewals after this date will have the same restriction.

As mentioned in the green box above, students who need a visa extension must have a SELT. If your visa needs to be extended in the next six months, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please come in to see me or send me an email with any queries. Please remember to check your college email account (as well as your personal one), as the important UK Border Agency updates to the visa and immigration rules will be sent there.

Thank you.

Ashley

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Council tax

Pick up some information about council tax from the International Centre - in certain circumstances, students don't have to pay but please check first. **Don't ignore letters from the council!**

International student scholarships

Bradford College offers fifteen scholarships per year for overseas students. The scholarships grant a 30% reduction in the tuition fees for one year of study. The deadline for January starters is **Friday 28th October 2011**.

To be eligible, students must be in their second year of study at the College in January 2012. Application forms are available from the International Centre or can be downloaded from the student intranet (look for International Centre under Services). Two academic references are required to support applications, so please request references early!

The form should be returned to the International Centre or sent via email to Ashley Slater at a.slater2@bradfordcollege.ac.uk.

A member of Bradford College's International Centre staff will notify successful and unsuccessful applicants within four weeks of the deadline.

Progression opportunities

As Bradford College offers such a wide range of qualifications, it means that international students can stay with us from NQF Level 3 right through to Level 7 (postgraduate degree level).

Have you thought about continuing your study with us? Many of our Higher Education courses start in January, not only September.

Business

- HNC/HND Business
- BA (Hons) Business Administration
- BA (Hons) Business Administration (with Foundation Year)
- BA (Hons) Business Studies
- BA (Hons) Human Resource Management
- BA (Hons) Retail Management
- FdA Business
- MA International Business and Marketing
- MA International Business Management
- MA International Financial Management
- MA Management

Computing

- HND in Computing (General)
- BSc (Hons) Business Computing Solutions
- BSc (Hons) Business Computing Solutions (Foundation Year)
- BSc (Hons) Business Computing Solutions (Stage 3 Top-Up)
- BSc (Hons) Games Development
- BSc (Hons) Software Applications Development
- FdSc Multimedia and Design
- FdSc Networking and Infrastructure Technology
- FdSc Project Management
- MSc Computing

Education

- MEd Early Years Practice
- MEd Inclusive Education
- MEd Leadership & Management
- MEd Teaching
- MEd Practitioner Research

Law

- LLB (Hons) Bachelor of Laws
- LLM International and Comparative Law
- FdA Law and Legal Practice

You could even be eligible for a discount if you're a continuing student. Contact the International Centre for more information: international@bradfordcollege.ac.uk.

Where was the bear?

The International Centre bear has been travelling all over the world with staff, taking Bradford College's name far and wide. The mascot's visits have included sightseeing in Jamaica, skiing in The Alps, attending education exhibitions in Oman and taking part in Erasmus in Spain.

Do you know where the bear is in this photograph? If you're a Bradford College international student, email international@bradfordcollege.ac.uk with the city before Friday 18 November 2011. Correct entries will go into a prize draw to win an International Centre bear of their own.

One entry per person; only unique entries will enter the prize draw. Winner will be notified within two weeks of the closing date.

BRADFORD COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION

Amongst the new representatives for Bradford College's Students' Union, who started on 1 July, international student Rashid Ali (pictured) has been elected as International Students Officer. He will be working with the rest of the Students' Union as a Volunteer Officer, representing and campaigning for the international students.



Speaking about his post Rashid said, "I will try my very best to promote my role and make sure international students are aware that they have a representative."

Currently studying HND Business Management, Rashid has been an international student at the College for three years.

There's lots of ways to get in touch with Rashid. You can call into the Students' Union on A Floor in Westbrook, phone 01274 433007, or email s.international@bradfordcollege.ac.uk.

As a student at Bradford College, you are automatically a member of Bradford College Students' Union. The Students' Union is an independent organisation run by students for students at the college.



There are lots of ways you can become involved in the Students' Union...

•• International Students Group

This year the Students' Union has both staff support and a budget to help international students to get together to discuss issues important to them and to do activities together.

•• Student Activities

We've also got a wide range of other activities for you to get involved in. These range from creative sessions doing things like graffiti wall art or learning new crafts to film showings and environmental projects.

•• Student Safety – volunteering opportunities

The union does a lot of work with the College to help you keep safe during your time in Bradford. Why not get involved?

•• Get your NUS Extra Student Discount Card

For £11 you can buy an NUS Extra Card to use at places such as amazon.co.uk, Topshop, Superdrug, Matalan, Alton Towers and loads more. To get your discount card, bring a passport sized photo into the Students' Union or buy one online at www.nus.org.uk

You can join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bradfordcollsu or follow us at www.twitter.com/bradfordcollsu.

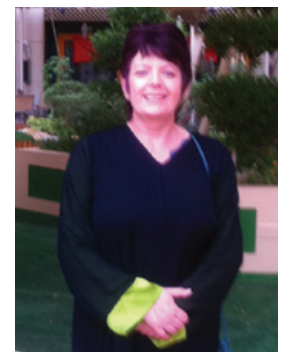
Beauty partnership

Two members of College staff visited Saudi Arabia in May to set up a new partnership with the King Abdullah Scholarship programme.

Christine Reilly-Smythe (pictured right), Programme Manager for Hair and Beauty, visited Riyadh Women's College to explore the existing curriculum, facilities and resources.

Meanwhile, Head of International, Martin Binns, met with the scholarship programme's Director General, Mazyad Almohaileb, and Mahmoud Mouselli from the British Council to discuss the sponsorship of students from the Women's College. The students would come to Bradford to complete a degree in Beauty Therapy Management.

A proposal has now been sent to the Saudi Arabian team, incorporating the UK Border Agency's new English language requirements.



Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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