

Useful Numbers

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Welcome

Welcome to our termly newsletter that aims to keep you up to date on the services that we offer internationally to students and other organisations.

The International Department plays an important role within the college by attracting full cost students to study at the college from abroad. These courses range from simple two week English courses to two year HND programmes. It also delivers training programmes in-country through projects funded by organisations such as the British Council, TVET, and UKTI

Briefly, the International Department promotes Dudley College worldwide, attracting students to study courses at level 3 and above. Once the students arrive in Dudley we are responsible for their welfare, support and accommodation, as well as acting as mediators between their tutors, parents, agents and the UK Border Agency.

Delegate visits

TopMost Project

We are participating in a 2 year project called **Topmost** (Tool to Promote Mobility of Students) from December 2012 to December 2014 with six other European partners. The partners from Spain, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Netherland and France spent two days at Dudley College for the project's kick-off meeting. The project is funded under the Leonardo Life Long Learning. The aim of this project is to create a handbook for the maintenance sector that can be used by the students and organisations to assess the skills and experience the students. This would mean that the student would gain recognition of the time they spent away from their studies in another host organisation.

Libya

As part of the British Council project we have hosted a delegation visit for the Libyan Enterprise Winners. The second part of the project consists of in-country work in delivering Enterprise training. They spent three days here visiting SMEs and having Enterprise training.

Turkey

In February there was a delegation from Turkey from Istanbul from the Director of Education. The



establish partnership links in the Fashion and Textile sector.

Saudi Arabia

This term the Principal and Directorate have delivered Phase two three of the Leadership and Management programme in Jeddah – Saudia Arabia.

In addition to this work we are currently in the process of putting in a tender with a consortium of 7 other colleges to set up a Technical Vocational College in Saudi Arabia to deliver vocational training.

Tunisia

Ben Gamble undertook a visit to Tunisia with Harrow College as part of the British Council's project for Employer Engagement in the Fashion and Design sector. Developing robust processes for Career Orientation/Advice and Guidance, Employer Engagement and Quality Assurance

Leonardo Student Mobility

Two students from Spain took part in the Leonardo Mobility as part of the Electrical Engineering course.

We have also had 5 students from Germany who have undertaken English Language programmes combined with work experience this year.

New Groups

We are expecting the following groups for our Summer School programme:-

18 students from France
50 students from Turkey
10 students from Oman

Existing Projects

The following 'Skills for Employability' projects, developed under a British Council initiative to share good practice between the UK and colleges in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, are now continuing into their second year:

- Bahrain (Construction)
- Yemen (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)
- India (Construction, Trainer the Trainer, Employer Engagement and Curriculum Development)

Follow-up Projects

In addition to these, we have recently been involved in a 'Skills for Employability' visit to Tunisia.

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We are expecting two delegate visits from India as part of the UKIERI project. The first visit will take place in January for the Media and Teacher Training area. The second visit will take place in February, this visit will focus on the construction area.

TO ALL TUTORS – Migrant Reporting

Can you please urgently call Emma Hockley on 3407 if there are problems with the attendance of your international students or if they have any other issues regarding welfare and accommodation. As part of their visa requirements they must have attendance of at least 90%. If they fail to attend, or if they are likely to fail their course, we have to report this to the UK Border Agency.

This year we have had a number of issues regarding the students attendance, please be vigilant of this. Remember that international students are regarded as vulnerable students, so we need to ensure that we protect them whilst they are in our care.

Current Bids / Expressions of Interest

Want To Generate a Small Income?

We are currently looking for homestay families. If you have a spare room that you could use to accommodate an international student please come and see us and we will explain the process to you. We pay our homestays £450 per month for full board.

How You Can Help Us To Help You!

Can curriculum staff short courses of 6 months or less duration or let me have details of courses which are practical based. This would mean that we can promote English Language courses combined with a skill. The students are not expected to gain accreditation for this but just the experience of learning a new skill.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Your views would be appreciated.