

## EDEXCEL VISITS BRIT

On Wednesday 5th March, Edexcel visited the College. The External Verifier reviewed student work to ensure it had been accurately marked. He was very pleased with the marking and the progress the College and the students had made in a short period of time. He met a group of students who were pleased to report on their very positive experience on the HND programme.



## Brit Hosts Romanian MEP



Dr Lohan (centre) with students and staff

Dr Petru Lohan, a Senior Member of the Romanian group at the European Parliament visited the College in February. He met with Romanian students to find out about their experiences at Brit College and discuss how they were being affected by the uncertainty over Government Policy regarding students who applied for Student Finance. He was concerned that Romanian students were being unfairly treated due to the time SLC

were taking to process their applications for funding. He is arranging a meeting with the UK Minister to discuss this issue and will be accompanied by David Orford, Principal. He was very impressed with our attitudes and awareness and will return in late March to meet other College owners and students. We have invited the owners of 14 Colleges to Brit where we will be discussing Dr Lohan's ideas further.

## OTHM Awards for Brit

David Orford, the Principal, represented the College at the OTHM 10th Anniversary Awards Evening on 24th October 2013. We are delighted to have won 'The Most Preferred Centre' Award for 2012. We would also like to congratulate the following students who won awards: MD Mahim Uddin (December 2012 and June 2013) and Johirul Islam Liton (December 2012). In addition Musaddiq Ahmed, Chief Executive, was given a Life Membership Award in recognition of his many years of loyalty to OTHM.



## Upcoming QAA Review

The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) are due to visit the College on May 14th and 15th 2014 to conduct a full review for educational oversight. They will be looking at all 3 areas: Academic Standards, Quality of Learning Opportunities and Public Information. This is to ensure that institutions

meet the national standards for academic standards, and that students have access to a suitable learning environment.

We hope the visit has a positive outcome and our progress and continual development is recognised.

## Edexcel Registration Fees

A reminder to HND students who have not yet received SLC funding that the we have had to register you as a student before March 5th 2014. As a result, we have had to pay £230.16 for each student we registered. We expect to receive this from SLC, before it becomes due for payment at the end of March. However, **if you have not**

**received SLC support by the end of March 2014 you will need to repay this cost to us.** It will be refunded as soon as the SLC support is received.

If you have any concerns regarding this payment contact the College Registrar, Renjana Serat ([renjana.sarat@britcollege.org.uk](mailto:renjana.sarat@britcollege.org.uk)).

## Virus Alert!



Please can all students and staff be aware of malicious viruses that are circulating the internet and corrupting all data on PCs. The virus 'Cryptolocker' poses as an email from a company such as Royal Mail; when the link provided is clicked, the computer is infected and all files become inaccessible. Please use caution when opening emails. **The golden rule is: if you are not expecting an email from a sender, DO NOT open it!** Report any suspicious emails to IT immediately. Action may be taken against anyone who fails to comply and causes damage to the College's systems.

## Updates

### e-Learning

Access to resources, course material and lecture notes are now available 24 hours a day! Thanks to the College's updated e-Learning facility, students can also participate in interactive discussion forums and course chat rooms to enhance their learning. This is available online, all year round.

### ESF Free NVQ Training

We are now delivering European Social Fund (ESF) job based training programmes. Anyone over the age of 19 and employed can join. For more information, contact Muhammad Zubhair, Project Manager ([Muhammad.zubhair@britcollege.org.uk](mailto:Muhammad.zubhair@britcollege.org.uk))

### Apprenticeships

We will be introducing Apprenticeships for 16-18 and 19-24 year olds to gain job-specific skills and nationally recognised qualifications. Apprenticeships will be in Intermediate and Advanced Levels (Levels 2 & 3) in a range of different fields such as Health & Social Care, Information Technology, Business Administration, Customer Service, Hospitality and many others.

### Mentoring

The College is working in partnership with Greenwich University to offer mentoring programmes for our students.

## Organisational Restructure



Previously, the Edexcel Course Manager was responsible for Edexcel courses and the Director of Studies was responsible for all other courses. We have now amalgamated these positions for better clarity and clearer direction. Carlos Gomez has become the new Academic Director and the Board would like to wish him all the best for this challenging role.



Emmanuel Oduntan has been playing two key roles; Director of Studies and Law Co-ordinator for a long period of time. He will be remembered for the growth and development he introduced to his departments. He will have less pressure as he will only be responsible for the Law department.

## Welcome Students



Student inductions for the January intake took place on January 14th and a re-induction for the September intake took place on January 30th. Participants have been formally welcomed by David Orford, Principal and Musaddiq Ahmed, Chief Executive. The Student handbook has been given out and students have been informed of the College policy and procedures.

### Student Voice



“To be honest, I was a bit scared when I first came to the building. But when I spoke to the staff in reception, I was very impressed with how friendly they were” (*Rizina Bibi, HND Business*).

“My entire application and enrolment happened in a day” (*Andria Perez, HND Business*).

“The teacher delivery of classes is very good and full of energy. I love it” (*Kajol Miah, HND Business*).

“The College is fantastic. The teaching is very good and the college has a friendly environment” (*Hazera Akhtar, HND Business*).

### Student Representatives

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These students have been made Student Representatives (2 representatives per cohort). Anyone with any concerns or issues should contact their respective Student Representative.

Student Representatives Abdul Mannan, Shamun Ali and Aleksandra Osiecka attended the last Academic Management Team Meeting and voiced issues on behalf of the students.

#### You asked for:

- Photocopier to be available in the library.
- More seating in the canteen.

#### We listened:

- The request for a photocopier has been processed and will be provided soon.
- Additional chairs for the canteen have been ordered.

## Exam and Assignment Dates

Exam period	26th March - 4th April 2014
BCS-IT Exam period	26th March - 4th April 2014
OTHM Assignment Submission	30th April 2014

## Easter Holiday



COURSE	HOLIDAY START	HOLIDAY END	CLASSES START
Association of Business Executives (ABE)	14/04/2014	05/05/2014	06/05/2014
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	18/04/2014	01/05/2014	02/05/2014
British Computer Society (BCS-IT)	05/04/2014	01/05/2014	02/05/2014
BTEC Higher National Diploma (EDEXCEL)	07/04/2014	27/04/2014	28/04/2014
BTEC Extended Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership (EDSML EDEXCEL)	11/04/2014	01/05/2014	02/04/2014
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	18/04/2014	23/04/2014	24/04/2014
The Organisation for Tourism and Hospitality Management (OTHM)	14/04/2014	01/05/2014	02/05/2014

### Nominations for Best Award

It is the time of year again to recognise the performance of our students and staff members. As in the previous year, nominations from the following three categories are invited:

- ⇒ Best Student Award
- ⇒ Best Staff Award
- ⇒ Best Lecturer Award



To submit your nominations please complete the survey emailed to you.

**The closing date for all nominations is on Friday 4th April 2014 at 5pm.**

### Student Competition! Win £10 Book Voucher

Can you guess which staff member this baby snap belongs to?

To enter, please complete the survey emailed to you.

**The closing date for the competition is Friday 4th April 2014 at 5pm.**

The winner's name will be drawn from a hat if more than one person guesses correctly.



### 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, the College's Development and Marketing Officer: [rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk](mailto:rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk)

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