



## EXEMPLARY PRACTICE AT BRIT

### Edexcel senior staff visit Brit College

On 18 March 2015, two senior staff visited the College to review student work and discuss the progress we have made over the year. The formal report notes a number of very positive points:

- The internal verification process is thorough and effective;
- All assignments are checked by Pearson before distribution;
- All academic meetings are recorded and minuted;
- The (record keeping) process is secure and effective;
- The resources are adequate for the number of students;
- Students have expressed satisfaction with their experience and praised the support from tutors.

Well done to all staff and students!

### Edexcel Annual Management Review

Melvyn Hopkins from Edexcel visited the College on 22 January 2015 in order to conduct the Annual Management Review of our HND course. The outcome of the visit and subsequent report was a credit to the staff and the students. The conclusions are excellent, well done!

The report stated: *“There is a culture of continuous improvement within this college. Leadership is strong, driven and keen to progress the College forward. The staff are all very well qualified with the Registrars coming in for particular praise.”*

#### Areas of exemplary practice:

- Policies and procedures are excellent and are taken very seriously.
- The learner data base is impressive with all learner details being available at any time.
- The learner and staff recruitment process is of a very high standard.

## Enhancing the Student Experience



The College organised a one-day conference on 25th March 2015 focused on enhancing the student experience. Speakers attended from a number of Universities, as did representatives from local and national Colleges. We were also delighted to have a number of our students join us.

Carlos Gomez delivered a motivational speech about enhancing

the learning experience through inspiration, whilst David Orford took an in-depth look at the UK Quality Code.

Our first keynote speaker - Dr Alison George (Dragon Education Solutions) - shared valuable advice about effective lesson planning and skills enhancement. We also welcomed Lucy Haire (Partnerships Manager, Higher Education Academy), who explained the benefits HEA could offer the College and individual staff. Dr Jennifer Cann (Bedfordshire University) shared ideas for using student feedback and integrating the student voice to ensure enhancement. Finally, Christopher Mabika (QAA Co-ordinator) joined us to speak about how enhancement can be evidenced.

The event was a brilliant opportunity to share good practice with our peers and we look forward to hosting further conferences in the future. It was great success, with positive feedback and will certainly enhance our status in the learning community.



## Welcome Students!

We are pleased to welcome all new students who have joined us this year! A new January group (cohort 3a) and a recently added March group (cohort 3b) have been enrolled onto the HND Business course.

Students have been formally welcomed during induction and have been provided with an induction pack which contains the Student Handbook, timetables, and College policies. We hope your time with us is enjoyable, challenging and rewarding!



Carlos Gomez (Academic Director) during Induction



## Ambitious Attendance Award

We are very pleased to announce that the Ambitious Attendance Award goes to **Ionut Cosmin Vasiliu** who achieved **100%** attendance last term! Well done!

He has been awarded with a Kindle Fire tablet for his commitment to the College and his studies.

We have seen a correlation between attendance and academic achievement; students with high rates of attendance also have the highest levels of academic achievement.



Prize winner Ionut Vasiliu pictured with Musaddiq Ahmed (Chief Executive), David Orford (Principal) and Dr Alison George (Dragon Education Solutions)

This highlights how valuable class time is as it enables you to make the most of lectures and tutorials. Your commitment to your studies will manifest itself in the high grades that you will be able to achieve.

The following students are runners up for the award! **Please collect your gift from Reception:**

Student ID	Name	Attendance
H1001244	Shaheen Rashid	98.96%
H1001706	Jozsef Kiss	98.96%
H1001787	Onorel Bota	98.96%
H1001296	Gupesh Chandra Deb	97.92%
H1001114	Abdul Khayum	97.92%
H1001808	Ionica Midoi	96.88%



Can **you** achieve perfect attendance this term? We will continue to give recognition to those students with great attendance, and there may be more exciting prizes thrown in!

## Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)

The College is visited every year by QAA who act on behalf of the government in assuring the standards and quality of higher education providers.

Our next visit is scheduled for May 14th and 15th 2015. We are working together to ensure that we again have a successful visit and that Brit College continues to be recognised as a first class educational institution.

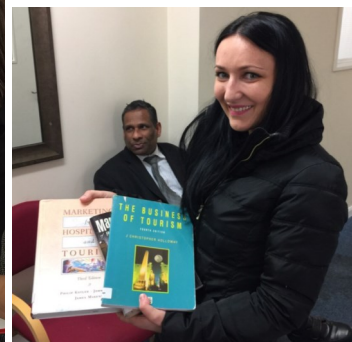
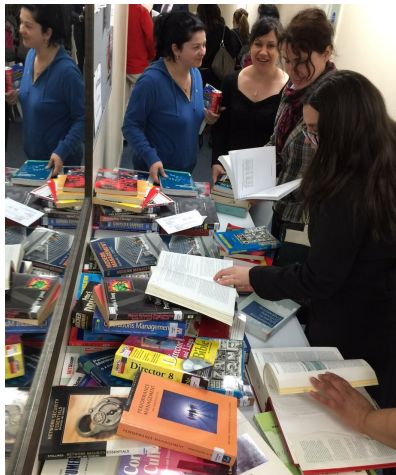
## Library Restructure



As part of our continuous enhancement of the College, the library has been re-organised to better serve the needs of students. Old books have been removed from the library stock and new editions have been added.

For information about borrowing books you can contact Sadek Hussain (Facilities & Customer Service Officer).

The books removed from the library were made available for students and staff to take free of charge and this was definitely appreciated by students!



We have invested in online journal provision through Emerald Insight. This will allow access to a variety of high quality, published articles and journals which will aid research for lectures and assignments. Currently, this provision is only on campus and a link can be found on E-Learning.

## Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)



The College is a member of the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), who are the official source of data about UK universities and higher education Colleges. They collect data for the government on all aspects of students and it is used for funding and regulation. It is also published as official statistics for academic and commercial research. In January 2016 Brit College will be one of a number of important Colleges involved in a major survey of the career destinations of HND students who complete the course in July 2015.

We can see David, Rachel and Ali pictured here in Cheltenham representing Brit College at a high profile HESA event. They look happy - must be lunchtime!

## Student Representatives



Your Student Representatives for this year are:

**Cohort 1:** George-Florin Smaranda, Florin Matei, Giorgiana Cinca, Alina Scortanu, Abdul Mannan, Aleksandra Osiecka, Nabil Ali and Shelina Akhtar

**Cohort 2:** Tazmina Ahsan

**Cohort 3a:** Abdul Wahid (H1002172), Beana Khan, Biniam Tecele, Carmen Cojocaru, David Odunga, Enamul Islam, Iqbal Sharif, Jasmin Rahman Kamali and Shahin Miah

Student Representatives are invited to monthly Academic Management Team (AMT) meetings where they are able to engage in discussions and raise any concerns, suggestions and feedback students may have. If you would like a particular topic to be addressed, please speak to your Representative who will then raise it during AMT.

## Staff Updates

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the newest members of the Brit Admin team:

**Sandra Medina:** Customer Service Administrator

**Teresa Turner:** Attendance and Welfare Administrator

**Michael Bryant:** Front Desk Officer

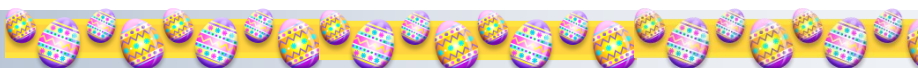
We would also like to welcome our new lecturers who have joined us this term:

Dr Walter Gunetilleke, Kavita Panwar Seth, Meenakshi Handa, Brenda Patil, Syed Tanvir Hussain & Abraham Joseph.



Sandra & Teresa

## Easter Holiday Dates



Course	Holiday starts	Holiday ends	Classes begin
HND Business: Groups 1, 2 & 3	03/04/15	19/04/15	Week commencing 20/04/15

## Assignment Submission Dates



All assignments should be submitted online through E-Learning. Upon submission, your assignments will automatically be checked by Turnitin for plagiarism.

We kindly remind you that the deadline below must be followed and there will be no extension policy. Failure to submit assignments by the deadline will result in an automatic REFER for that unit.

Group	Deadline	Units
<b>Cohort 1</b> (September 2013 starters)	Friday 29th May 2015	Research Project; Business Ethics; Working with and Leading People; Employment Law
<b>Cohort 2</b> (January 2014 starters)	Friday 29th May 2015	Research Project; Business Ethics; Working with and Leading People; Employment Law
<b>Cohort 3a</b> (January 2015 starters)	Friday 22nd May 2015	Organisations & Behaviour; Marketing Principles, Business Environment; Managing Financial Resources & Decisions
<b>Cohort 3b</b> (March 2015 starters)	Friday 3rd July 2015	Organisations & Behaviour; Marketing Principles, Business Environment; Managing Financial Resources & Decisions

## Get Involved!



The Newsletter is published once a semester to keep staff and students up to date with the latest news and information. The Editorial Team consists of Rifat Akhtar, Carlos Gomez and Muhammad Ali. 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: [rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk](mailto:rifat.akhtar@britcollege.org.uk)

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