

Spring Newsletter

Welcome to all the new students who registered with us in January and welcome back to our continuing students at Lancaster. Please see below our Spring Newsletter with information about what's on this term.



Chinese New Year

Celebrate Chinese New Year Spring Festival with musical, dance, martial art performances from students of Beijing Normal University at the Nuffield Theatre, 28 January, 3.00pm and 7.30pm. Tickets: £4.00 for adults, £1.00 for children under 16 and OAPs from boxoffice@liveatlica.org, 01524 594151.

LUSU language exchange

Are you interested in developing your language skills? LUSU can offer you the chance to learn Mandarin or English with your peers. In groups or one to one you will be able to improve your English skills, learn Mandarin or both. This is both a volunteering opportunity and a support network run by LUSU involve and LUSU Education & Support. The first introductory talk will be on Wednesday 1 February at 6pm in Cavendish Lecture Theatre, so come down and find out more.

Day Trip to Birmingham

(Britain's Second City)

Saturday 4th February, Price £15.00

Birmingham, Britain's second largest city, is the destination for this day trip, with a large variety of things to do from top range shopping to the cultural. Birmingham is an absolute shopper's paradise, a shopping capital of Europe, with shops ranging from Harvey Nichols to Selfridges, from the welcoming mix of new or revitalised malls, from vibrant markets or the world-famous Jewellery Quarter. The city has a vibrant Chinese quarter, and of course is known as the birthplace of the balti curry, with some of the top curry houses in the country. Aside from shopping, the city offers a chance to visit a range of wonderful museums and exhibitions, the city abounding with history. Of course any trip to Birmingham can't be done without visiting Cadburys World Chocolate factory where interactive tours can be taken (i.e. eating lots of chocolate). As this trip will be popular then please book early. For more info and to buy tickets visit: www.lugrad.wordpress.com

Lancaster Rotary Dinner

The Lancaster Rotary Club are hosting an International Students' Evening at Greaves Park restaurant <http://www.greavespark.co.uk/> on Tuesday 28th February 2012 for students of Lancaster University and the University of Cumbria. This will start at 7pm and finish at approximately 9.45pm. This is an opportunity to meet members of the local Rotary Club and learn about the work they do in the local community and the work of Rotary overseas. Learn more about the club here: <http://rotarylancaster.org/> The meal will be buffet style and is free to students but bar drinks and tea and coffee will have to be paid for at the bar. Students will be expected to talk briefly about themselves, their studies and their future plans. Transport for this event will be provided by the University. This event is open to 25 international students and as places are limited they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The sign-up sheet for this event will be available at The Base in University House from 1st February 2012.

Trip to Lancaster Town Hall

Monday 30th January

The Right Worshipful the Mayor & Mayoress of Lancaster, Councillor Paul and Mrs Dee Woodruff invite 35 Lancaster University international students to join them for a tour of Lancaster Town Hall including the Mayor's Parlour, the court room and the cells. This is your opportunity to learn about the history of Lancaster, the role of the Mayor and the work undertaken by the local council. The event will be held on Monday 30th January 2012 from 6pm for approximately 90 minutes. Light refreshments will also be served. Transportation will not be provided so it is your responsibility to travel to the Town Hall in the centre of Lancaster. As this event is limited, places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested then please go to The Base in University House to sign up. Further information can be found in the leaflet attached to this email.

Pictures here:

<http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/civic-ceremonial/lancaster-town-hall/>

NEW INITIATIVE

Get paid to create a "Study abroad" blog.

Are you an international student? Want to start a career in journalism or creative writing? Interested in sharing your experiences as a student: living, studying and socialising in a foreign country?

Universia <http://www.universia.net/> would like to engage the Santander Universities network by offering paid internships to students in these universities to make contributions to the website.

The work can be done in English from home so the only requirement would be a computer and internet connection. Working hours: 4 hours weekly (they can choose whether it is morning or afternoon).

The intern would have to post two blogs for Study Abroad about some hot issues for international students who would be planning to study at the university where the intern is based.

Every two weeks the intern would establish contact with the central office in Madrid via Skype for a catch up and review meeting.

Applications will be competitive with a CV and covering letter sent to t.mclaughlin@lancaster.ac.uk no later than 17:00GMT 30th January 2012

Internship Brief: An Ambassador of their University and of Students Worldwide

Department: UNIVERSIA Content Department

Intern's Main Tasks: The Intern will be responsible for the Universia weblog, writing on both their interests, tastes and the needs of the network. We are looking for people who want to write and who have a lot to tell the wider community. Therefore we offer continuous training in online writing, but you, the Intern decides what to write, which topics are important, where to find the news ...

Number of Vacancies: 1

Internship Period: 3 months, with the possibility of a further 3 months extension

Schedule: 4 hours per week

Economic Support: £36 per week, paid monthly (£144 per month)

Degree Requirements: Communication and Journalism Degree is a plus but not necessary

Additional Information: Interns can work from home and only need an Internet connection. The Intern will have to connect via Skype with the Internship Mentor based in Madrid for training and advice.

What's on in Lancaster

<http://www.virtual-lancaster.net/whatson/index.htm>

The Great British magazine

The GB Mag is the only magazine for international and EU students in the UK and provides interesting insights into British culture and helpful tips on how to settle into your new life as a student in the UK.

The magazine is distributed once a term and you can view our current version by clicking on the cover.

http://www.gbbag.co.uk/gb_calendar

Events in London

This year, Britain celebrates our Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There are events, mainly centred in London, to celebrate this event and you can find information about these here:

<http://www.2012queensdiamondjubilee.com/the-diamond-jubilee/diamond-jubilee-events>

Vacations

Easter

The University will close at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 4th April 2012 and reopen at 9.00 am on Thursday 12th April 2012 for the Easter vacation.

Bank Holidays 2012

7th May
4th June
5th June - Queen's Diamond Jubilee
27th August

Term Dates:

Lent Term: 13 January 2012 to 23 March 2012
Summer Term: 20 April 2012 to 29 June 2012

Academic Year 2012-2013

Michaelmas Term: 5 October 2012 to 14 December 2012
Lent Term: 11 January 2013 to 22 March 2013
Summer Term: 19 April 2013 to 28 June 2013

Here to help:

[The International Student Advisory Service](#)

The International Student Advisory Service is part of Student Based Services, based in University House . We are the designated Lancaster University immigration and advice service provider for all our international students.

We can be contacted either via:



The Base—a one stop enquiry desk for Student Based Services and is located to the left of the main reception desk in University House— call in or telephone 01524 592525.



Speak to us directly via telephone at 01524 592010 for advice or to make an appointment to see one of our Advisors regarding immigration or welfare issues.



Use our quick response email service at international.support@lancaster.ac.uk

You can find further information at our webpages <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/sbs/international/>

International Student Advisory Service, Student Based Services, University House
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“Authorised to provide immigration advice and services by an order made under section 84(4)(d) of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999 (The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Part V Exemption: Educational Institutions and Health Sector Bodies) Order 2001 (Statutory Instrument 2001 No.1403)”