International Students Forum

Andrea Williams looks after the international students within the School of Business, Economics & Informatics. You are encouraged to contact her if you have any queries.

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Whilst we encourage international students to mix with UK students, we understand that there are some aspects that are particular to international students. Andrea has organised a mix of social activities and information sessions to address this. The events are aimed at Bachelor, Masters and PhD students. Home students are of course welcome to attend any of the sessions if they would like to.

Students will benefit from getting to know fellow students from other academic disciplines and this Forum is a good opportunity to meet them. The School of Business, Economics & Informatics is made up of four academic departments:

- Department of Computer Science and Information Systems
- Department of Economics, Mathematics and Statistics
- Department of Management
- Department of Organizational Psychology

We also encourage you to organise additional events for the Forum (there is some funding available for this). Please note that this group is for your benefit and that you can help shape it to be what you want it to be. If you have any ideas on how to improve this forum, please talk to Andrea who is grateful for any suggestions.
**Autumn term 2015 Events**

**Tuesday 20 October, 13:30-16:00pm, Sightseeing Bus Tour**  
*Location: in front of the main Birkbeck building (Andrea will hold up a sign)*  
Welcome to London! We have hired a sightseeing bus and we will go on a tour to show you London’s most famous and impressive sights. Meet other international Birkbeck students from the School of Business, Economics & Informatics and see the sights of London aboard an iconic double-decker bus. If you would like to come along, please book your ticket here:  
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/london-sightseeing-bus-tour-tickets-19059287843

**Tuesday 27 October, 3:30-5pm, Talk about Library Research Skills**  
*Location: Room B30, 26 Russell Square*  
Our Subject Librarian, Aidan Smith, will give a talk on Library Research Skills. This talk provides invaluable information on how to write coursework essays and your final project/dissertation and research your subject area in depth.

**Tuesday 3 November, 3:30pm-5pm, Talk about Managing your Studies**  
*Location: Room B30, 26 Russell Square*  
Stop procrastinating! Mr Richard Carabine, the School’s Learning Development Tutor, will give a Study Skills Talk on ‘Managing your Time’.

**Tuesday 10 November, 3:30pm-5pm, Open Meeting**  
*Location: Room B30, 26 Russell Square*  
Come along to this meeting if you have questions, comments and ideas on what activities you would like Andrea to organise for international students in the School. This is also an opportunity for you to meet other international students and to develop a network. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.

**Tuesday 17 November, 3:30-5pm, Talk from Birkbeck’s Career’s Service**  
*Location: Room B30, 26 Russell Square*  
Birkbeck has a dedicated Career’s Service and Alexander Jones will give a talk on ‘Navigating the UK employment market – From volunteering to visas’. We hope you find it informative! In addition, a member of ‘Birkbeck Talent’ – Birkbeck’s recruitment team will provide information on the services they offer.

**Tuesday 24 November, 3:30-5pm, Talk and Training on Referencing**  
*Location: Room B30, 26 Russell Square*  
Richard Carabine and Aidan Smith will team up and tell you all you need to know about how to deal with your references, particularly for your coursework. Richard will bring you up to speed on the use of ‘Harvard Referencing’ and Aidan will train you up on the software ‘Endnote’.
**Tuesday 1 December, 3:30-5pm, London Eye**  
*Location: in front of Birkbeck’s main building*  
We meet at 3:30pm in front of Birkbeck’s main building and walk to the London Eye (a 30-minute walk through Bloomsbury and Covent Garden) to go on the iconic London Eye. Enjoy the ride!

**Tuesday 8 December, 3:30-5pm, Talk from Birkbeck’s Career’s Service**  
*Location: Room B30, 26 Russell Square*  
What are you doing when you are not studying? Alexander Jones will give a talk on “Making the most of your non-study time”.

**Tuesday 15 December, 8-10pm, A drink in Birkbeck’s bar**  
*Location: Birkbeck bar on the 5th floor in the main building*  
It is almost the end of term! Enjoy a free drink with your fellow international students. If you have a class until 9pm, feel free to join afterwards.

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**Spring Term 2016 – NOTE: TO BE CONFIRMED**

**Tuesday 5 January, 3:30-5pm**  
Talk by our Chinese students about Chinese New Year.

**Tuesday 19 January, 3:30-5pm**  
Talk by Birkbeck Career’s Service on ‘Emotional Intelligence’.

**Tuesday 26 January, 3:30-5pm**  
Visit to the cinema to see a movie.

**Tuesday 9 February, 8-10pm**  
Visit to the London Transport Museum.

**Tuesday 23 February, 3:30-5pm**  
Bowling at Bloomsbury Lanes.

**Tuesday 8 March, 3:30-5pm**  
British Museum tour.

**Tuesday 15 March, 8-10pm**  
End of term drinks at the Birkbeck bar.
**Summer term 2015 Events**

Please let Andrea have suggestions for the summer term.

Are you for example interested in a football tournament between students and staff? Or in a discussion on how you can stay in touch with Birkbeck once you have completed your studies? Or in an end of year party? Or in Council room debates where students debate about an international topic?

**Useful information:**

To share information, Andrea has set up a Moodle shell (Birkbeck’s online learning environment) that you can join by self-enrolling onto it. Andrea will use this area to put up relevant information for this group and add the presentation slides from the study skills talks:

http://moodle.bbk.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=11782

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Information about central Birkbeck inductions, academic development workshops and career services can be found here:

http://www.bbk.ac.uk/mybirkbeck/

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All Birkbeck events are listed here: http://www.bbk.ac.uk/events-calendar

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The School has two Learning Coordinators that support students in their studies. More information can be found here:

http://www.bbk.ac.uk/business/current-students/learning-co-ordinators/

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Birkbeck’s Union has an International Students Society. Further information can be found here:

http://www.birkbeckunion.org/groups/international-students-society--2

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The School is looking for four students that are interested in writing a blog about their time at Birkbeck. Students will receive an IPad and are asked to write a weekly experience report. If you are interested, please email Andrea by 26 October 15.