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Welcome to our newsletter for education consultants in Vietnam!

Welcome to the first edition of our special bulletin for education consultants in British Council Vietnam's Education Agent Network which brings to your doorstep the latest news, updates and information on the UK education sector and the education market in Vietnam.

A UK qualification is recognised and respected throughout the world and the quality of UK universities, colleges and schools is famously high. This is one of the top factors that affect students' and parents' decision when they are looking for UK study opportunities. In this issue, we will share to you a full picture about **UK education quality assurance** at all levels. We trust that this will prepare you a grounded knowledge and useful sources of reference to support with your student counselling.

You will be interested in this: the **United Kingdom ranks first for international students' overall satisfaction** compared with other leading destination nations, according to a new report by Universities UK International, published in June 2017. Follow us at the session below to see how UK is ranked first for recommendation by international students.

Echoing the **Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)** results which came out in the end of June, materials and resources are also pulled in here for your reference. It should be noted that TEF is not about teaching quality. Quality assurance and institutional audits are led by QAA and all UK institutions sign up to the UK quality code. The TEF measures a

number of metrics against the institution and student profile, a good overview is provided by WonkHE.

In this edition, we have provided an important update from the **UKVI** on the changes regarding immigration rules. The session about UKVI updates will be one of core contents in following issues of e-newsletter to education consultants.

Finally you will be interested in the **Institutional Introduction** of Preston Academy of English and Stamford Endowed Schools. This special corner of the newsletter will feature selected UK institutions through a brief introduction about their academic strengths, school campus, their offer for Vietnamese students and their willingness to partner with education agents in Vietnam.

A snapshot of upcoming British Council events, news and reports in this edition will ensure we are engaged with you through our many programmes and opportunities.

I do hope you find this edition useful in supporting your recruitment and marketing plans for UK institutions.

With best wishes,

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In this issue



Quality Assurance in UK education

A UK qualification is recognised and respected throughout the world and the quality of UK universities, colleges and schools is famously high. They constantly have to prove that their courses, teaching, learning and facilities meet strict criteria; quality standards for UK institutions are among the highest in the world.

The UK leads the world in developing quality standards and performance measures for education. It demonstrates this commitment to quality by publishing the results quality assessments, making them publicly available for anyone to consult.

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UK leads rivals on international student satisfaction



The United Kingdom ranks first for international students' overall satisfaction compared with other leading destination nations, according to a new report by Universities UK International.

"The UK's competitive advantage: 2017 update" - highlights the success of UK universities in delivering a truly world-class experience for international students. It is based on the findings of the world's largest survey of international students – the International Student Barometer (ISB).

The ISB has collected data from over 3 million students in over 1,400 institutions across 33 countries since its inception. The findings of this report are based on the feedback of over 137,000 and examines the experience of international students in the UK and key competitor nations – the USA, Canada, Australia, Germany and the Netherlands. The UK is ranked first by international students for overall satisfaction with 91% of international students across all levels of study reporting that they are satisfied with their experience in the UK.

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Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

The [TEF results](#) were released at the end of June and provided a new picture of excellence in teaching and learning in UK higher education.

A total of 295 universities, colleges and alternative providers of higher education voluntarily took part in the TEF. Each provider was rated gold, silver or bronze, or received a provisional award where there was not enough data for a full assessment.

In the assessment, 59 providers were rated gold, 116 were rated silver and 56 were rated bronze.

Excluding those with provisional ratings, a gold award was achieved by 26% of participants, silver by 50% and bronze by 24%.

The TEF awards were decided by an independent panel of experts including academics, students and employer representatives. Drawing on national data, and evidence submitted by each university or college, the TEF measures excellence in three areas: teaching quality, the learning environment and the educational and professional outcomes achieved by students.

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UK Visa - Applying for a Tier 4 Student visa

The type of study visa needed will depend on the student's age, the length of the course and the level of the course that your client wants to study. Visit UK Visas and Immigration website for information on applying for a visa.

Update:

On 16 March, the Home Office laid before Parliament changes to the Tier 4 Immigration Rules. These changes will affect applications submitted on or after 6 April 2017 and the main changes relating to Tier 4 (General) and Tier 4 (Child) - the route used by non-EEA nationals wishing to study in the UK are summarised [HERE](#)



UK institutions' introduction

Preston Academy of English

Preston Academy of English provides English language courses for speakers of other languages. The institution offers many courses to suit a wide variety of requirements, welcoming students from all over the world to this multicultural city. This includes a range of levels in general English and specialised courses with individual attention given to each student, catering for all needs.

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Stamford Endowed Schools

Established in 1532, Stamford Endowed Schools are located in Stamford, an exquisite, historical market town, recently voted by the Sunday Times as 'The Best Place to Live in Britain'.

Stamford Endowed Schools blend single sex and co-education together. The Schools are comprised of Stamford Junior School (co-ed 3-11), Stamford High School (girls 11-16), Stamford School (boys 11-16) and the Sixth Form (co-ed 16-18), the Stamford Endowed Schools provide a first-class education to 1,600 day and boarding pupils.

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Upcoming British Council events

Throughout the year, we organise and run a dynamic calendar of public events, including workshops, seminars, exhibitions, and information



briefings. Please circulate the event information to your students as relevant.

[Connect the Dots – Job Fair 2017](#)

Location: only in Hanoi

The event aims to connect Vietnamese UK graduates with big firms and help boost their career success. This is a great opportunity for UK alumni and fresh graduates to gain a better understanding of the job market in Vietnam, find the suitable jobs that match their capabilities and skills, and talk directly with business representatives who will be on site to provide information on job opportunities with their companies.

Further information about the programme is available at:

[British Council Vietnam website:](#)

<https://www.britishcouncil.vn/en/events/job-fair-connect-dots-2017>

[Connect the Dots Facebook page:](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ukav.connectthedots/>



[Study UK Exhibition – Oct 2017](#)

Location: Hanoi, HCMC, Danang

This popular annual Study UK Exhibition is the best and most awaited platform that connects UK institutions with prospective international students from Vietnam.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet with representatives of about 70 leading UK institutions and UK qualification providers (the list of institutions will be updated from now until September 2017) to gain first-hand information about study opportunities at all levels of study in the UK. We invite all students, parents, career advisers, counsellors, faculty and educational managers to visit the exhibition and explore your study options in the United Kingdom.

Further information is available at the exhibition website: <https://vn.edukexhibition.org/en>

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