# BRITISH COUNCIL SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MARKETING

# Gulf ELT Summer Facebook Campaign May/June 2017 Final Campaign Report

| Start Date:         | 05/05/2017   |
|---------------------|--|
| End date:           | 04/06/2017   |
| Target Country:     | Saudi, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain   |
| Participation fees: | £860 + VAT   |
| Campaign breakdown: | 2 promoted posts per institution that has been<br>promoted for a total of 8 days in addition to generic<br>and multiple institutions adverts |
| Advertising budget  | £172 per institution which covered single and combined/generic promotion; total advertising budget £1,204                                    |
| Target Audience:    | Young learners and their parents (13-65+ years old) + University students (18-40 years old)  |
|                     | Interested in Summer, Fun, Learn English, Travel<br>or Improve Your English  |
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### Methodology and Overview

- This campaign was executed over 4.5 weeks period to allow sufficient time for advertising and to account for the different events/incidents happening in the UK and the Gulf
- Each institution had a total coverage of 8 days of boosted adverts split among 2 single institution posts, each running over 4 days period in each country separately
- The split of advertising budget was set differently for each country to consider Facebook algorithm and users' behaviours that differ from one country to another. The budget was also split unequally between first and second adverts to meet the minimum daily budget requirements set by Facebook for each advertising objective
- The schedule of posts was done based on the readiness and suitability of the content supplied by the institution. It was also done to ensure reduced overlap between institutions and equal coverage during busy periods of social media usage (i.e weekends)
- The campaign started by gauging interest of ELT courses in the UK through a generic promo and ended by a comprehensive promo promoting all institutions together in one landing page
- > In between the generic promos, each institution got 2 individual boosted posts
- The first advertising objective was to generate interest into ELT during summer offered by each institution
- Therefore, the "engagement" &/or "video views" objectives were set when boosting the first posts
- Since Instagram is a popular social media platform in Qatar, advertising was extended to gauge engagement from Instagram users too, whenever possible
- Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the first advert was number of unique people taking action on each post, which may include liking or sharing the post or clicking on the Call To Action (CTA) Link
- The second advertising objective was to generate traffic to each institution website to encourage bookings
- > KPI for the second advert was number of website/link clicks and post engagement
- > The traffic to institutions' website increased by nearly 10 times from the first adverts

## Promoted posts schedule

|   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    | Ma | y-17  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   | Jun-17  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|---------|----|-----|------|----|----|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------------|---|---------|
|   | F | s | U | М | т | W  | R | FS      | U  | Ν   | И Т  | W  | R  | FS    | U  | М  | Т  | W  | R  | F  | s  | U  | М  | Т  | V                | / | RFSU    |
| Institution Name  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1 12 13 | 14 | 1   | 5 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | ) 3 <sup>,</sup> | 1 | 1 2 3 4 |
| Generic post 1a - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 1b - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 1c - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 1d - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Wimbledon School of English                                       |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    | *  |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Edinburgh College   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    | *  |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Regent's University London  |   |   |   |   |   |    | * |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    | *  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Swansea University - English Language Training<br>Services (ELTS) |   |   |   |   |   |    |   | *       |    |     |      |    |    |       |    | *  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| University of Leeds   |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    | ir. |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    | *  |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Cardiff and Vale College  |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     | *    |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    | *  |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Lewisham Southwark College  |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    | *     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 2a – boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 2b - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 2c - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |
| Generic post 2d - boosted under one campaign                      |   |   |   |   |   |    |   |         |    |     |      |    |    |       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                  |   |         |

#### Colour coding:

| Weekend    |  |
|------------|--|
| Generic    |  |
| 1st advert |  |
| 2nd advert |  |

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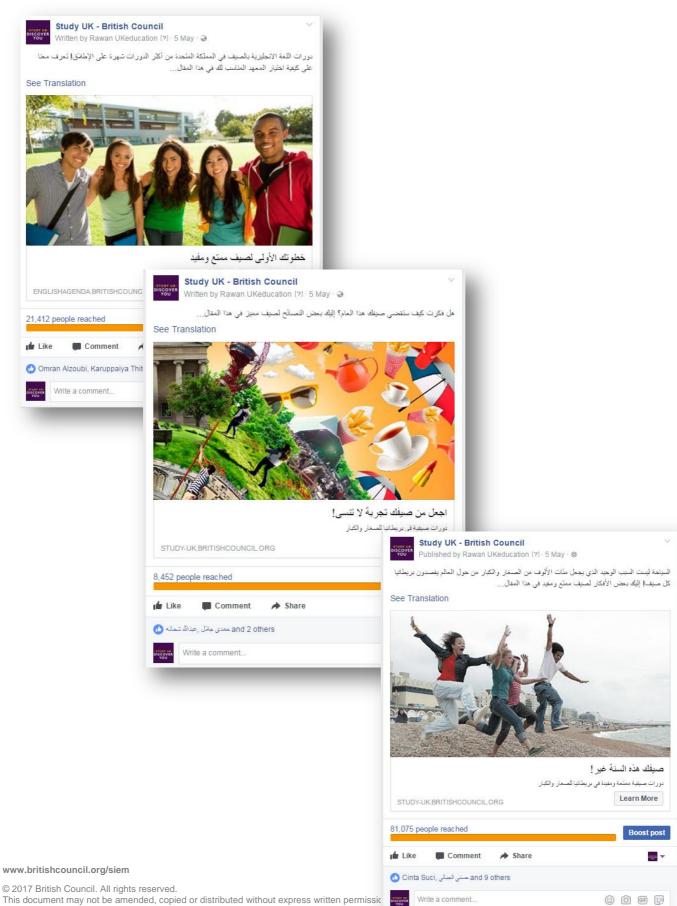
# Summary of the campaign's performance:

| Overall performance              | Total        |                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Reach:                           | 1,171,674    |                         |
| Impression:                      | 4,810,235    |                         |
| Frequency:                       | 4.11         |                         |
| Engagement:                      |              |                         |
| Link clicks:                     | 19,754       |                         |
| People taking action (Main KPI): | 98,752       |                         |
| Post engagement:                 | 134,525      |                         |
| Post reactions:                  | 22,571       |                         |
|                                  |              |                         |
| <u>1<sup>st</sup> advert</u>     | <u>Total</u> | Highest post            |
| Reach:                           | 780,697      | 305,896 (Generic promo) |
| Impression:                      | 3,977,625    | 865,374 (Leeds)         |
| Frequency:                       | 5.09         | 5.54 (Leeds)            |
| Engagement:                      |              |                         |
| Link clicks:                     | 1,917        | 361 (Regents)           |
| People taking action (Main KPI): | 69,504       | 27,376 (Swansea)        |
| Post engagement:                 | 94,429       | 32,047 (Edinburgh)      |
| Post reactions:                  | 360          | 140 (Generic promo)     |
|                                  |              |                         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> advert           | <u>Total</u> | Highest post            |
| Reach:                           | 487,303      | 127,539 (Swansea)       |
| Impression:                      | 832,610      | 175,266 (Swansea)       |
| Frequency:                       | 1.71         | 1.37 (Swansea)          |
| Engagement:                      |              |                         |
| Link clicks (Main KPI):          | 17,837       | 3,190 (Swansea)         |
| People taking action:            | 29,184       | 8,300 (Generic promo)   |
| Post engagement:                 | 40,096       | 9,097 (Generic promo)   |
| Post reactions:                  | 22,211       | 6,045 (Generic promo)   |

### **Generic promo**

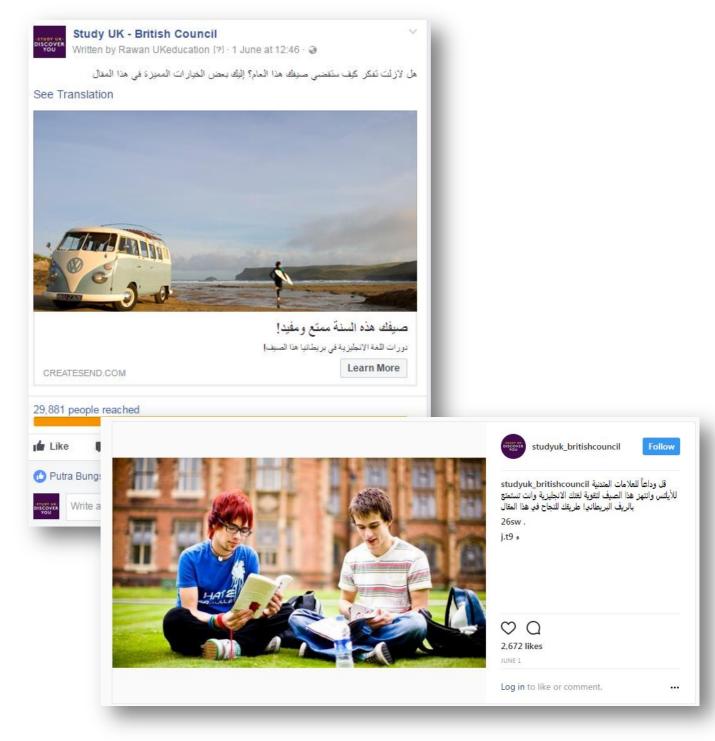
### Sample social media posts:

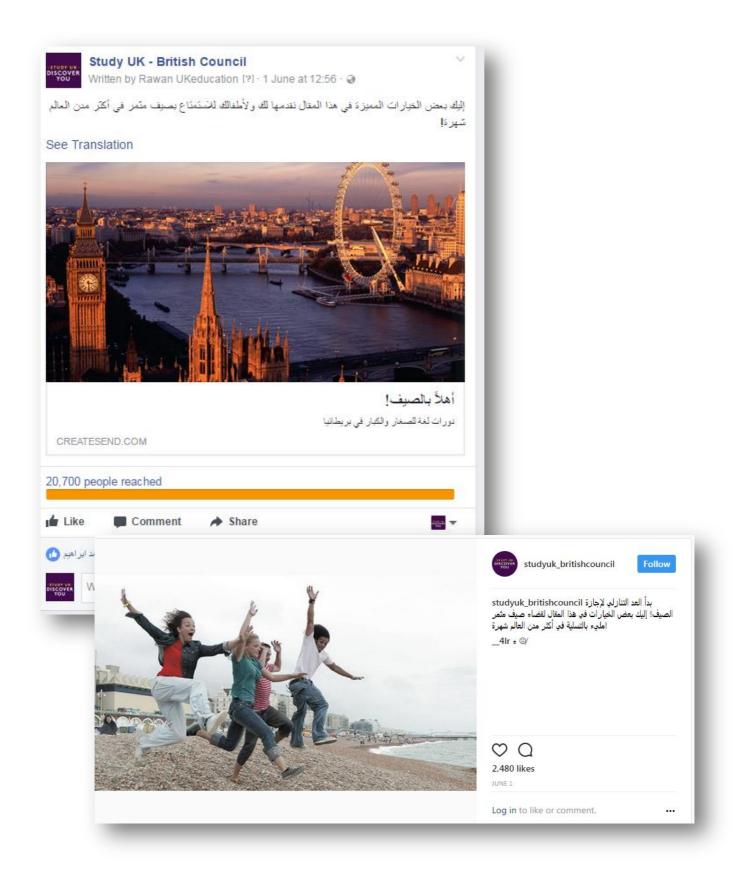
### 1<sup>st</sup> advert:



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> advert:





### 1<sup>st</sup> advert statistics

| Country | Reach  | Amount<br>spent (GBP) | People<br>taking<br>action | Post<br>engagement | Post<br>reactions | Link clicks | CTR (link) | All clicks | CTR (all) | Frequency |
|---------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| SA      | 88300  | 14                    | 131                        | 130                | 42                | 88          | 0.08       | 179        | 0.16      | 1.27      |
| KW      | 57481  | 18                    | 80                         | 79                 | 15                | 64          | 0.08       | 146        | 0.18      | 1.43      |
| QA      | 60768  | 18                    | 76                         | 74                 | 16                | 58          | 0.07       | 119        | 0.14      | 1.35      |
| ОМ      | 51401  | 11                    | 106                        | 106                | 41                | 65          | 0.09       | 139        | 0.20      | 1.34      |
| BH      | 43118  | 11                    | 73                         | 72                 | 26                | 46          | 0.08       | 78         | 0.13      | 1.34      |
| Overall | 305896 | 72                    | 466                        | 461                | 140               | 321         | 0.08       | 661        | 0.16      | 1.32      |

## 2<sup>nd</sup> advert statistics

| Country | Reach  | Amount<br>spent (GBP) | People<br>taking<br>action | Post<br>engagement | Post<br>reactions | Link clicks | CTR (link) | All clicks | CTR (all) | Frequency |
|---------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| SA      | 18888  | 20                    | 2907                       | 3225               | 2637              | 583         | 2.71       | 632        | 2.94      | 1.14      |
| KW      | 19940  | 20                    | 1601                       | 1746               | 1140              | 605         | 2.33       | 649        | 2.5       | 1.3       |
| QA      | 26867  | 20                    | 608                        | 655                | 83                | 571         | 1.56       | 629        | 1.72      | 1.36      |
| ОМ      | 23368  | 20                    | 1684                       | 1899               | 1264              | 634         | 2.1        | 695        | 2.3       | 1.29      |
| BH      | 23145  | 20                    | 1413                       | 1573               | 922               | 650         | 1.93       | 709        | 2.11      | 1.45      |
| Overall | 111696 | 100                   | 8300                       | 9098               | 6045              | 3044        | 2.06       | 3314       | 2.24      | 1.32      |

### **Generic Recommendations**

- To achieve higher engagement rates, videos (upto 59 seconds) are recommended over still images
- > Videos upto 10 seconds can get higher chances for advertising placements
- To achieve higher website clicks, promotional text needs to be short and exciting while using still images or very short videos that is running in a fast pace (less than 30 seconds)
- If you have a key message you want to ensure its delivery, make sure you include it in the first 10 seconds of the video as results show that 43% of total viewers stopped watching after 10 seconds
- It's recommended that the video runs in a fast pace to keep people engaged and watch the video until the end
- The recommended length for Facebook Post to ensure high engagement and website clicks is between 50-99 characters
- > The recommended size for Facebook photo post is 1200 x 630 pixels
- > Using branded images/videos is recommended as a way to raise profile efficiently
- The content on the provided link needs to be engaging too and reflects/relates to the content on the promotional text
- The Call to Action on the landing page should be clear and easily located on the page while the content and language used should be easy for people with low level of English language proficiency
- Instagram in the Gulf is a great platform to achieve high reach from potential students that leads to brand awareness and profile raising, but currently does not seem efficient enough to derive website clicks

### Facebook advert report definitions

- **Reach:** The number of people who saw your adverts at least once
- **People Taking Action:** The number of unique people who took an action such as liking your Page or installing your app as a result of your ad. For example, if the same person likes and comments on a post, they will be counted as 1 unique person
- **Post engagement:** The total number of actions that people take involving your adverts (or all posts, in some cases)
- **Post reactions:** The number of reactions on your adverts (or on all posts, in some cases). The reactions button on an advert allows people to share different reactions to its content: Like, Love, Haha, Wow, Sad or Angry
- Link Clicks: The number of clicks on advert links to selected destinations or experiences on or off Facebook-owned properties
- **CTR (link):** The percentage of times people saw your advert and performed a link click.
- All Clicks: The number of clicks on your adverts
- **CTR (all):** The percentage of times that people saw your advert and performed a click (all)
- Frequency: The average number of times your advert was served to each person