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COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this magazine on studying in the UK!

This is the right time to think about studying in the UK. With a wide choice of courses and institutions across the four parts of the UK, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, I am sure you will be able to find the right place and course of study that suits you and which can help you develop your career successfully for the future. Making that choice and deciding to study overseas is a decision for you and your family. The information in this magazine has been prepared to help provide everything you may need to consider in making that choice together.

Every year around 10,000 Pakistani students study in the UK and, of these, at least half take post-graduate courses. Many thousands more young Pakistanis take transnational courses from UK institutions at undergraduate level here in Pakistan. Nearly all of the more than 180 universities in Pakistan have links with UK universities to support international collaboration and research. The most popular study subjects include business, accounting, finance, hotel management, engineering, information technology, STEM and English language while you can also find almost any subject you can think of!

Feedback from academics in the UK tells us that they welcome particularly students from Pakistan because they are hard-working, committed and make a positive contribution to the life of the University and the wider community. There are also over 1.2 million UK citizens of Pakistani origin living and working in the UK.

It is important for you and your family to do the research needed to make sure you find the right place and course of study for you. Ask for advice from many sources including careers staff, representatives from universities, education agents, friends and family who have already studied in the UK and, of course, from our team at British Council. Think carefully about what you really want to study and why. It is a big decision and can set you on a successful path in life. The UK has an international reputation as an excellent destination for study with strong academic traditions, excellent facilities, the very best teaching and research faculty, and good pastoral care for international students. Your investment will be excellent value for money in terms of quality of education, experience and future



connections. It is a fine opportunity to build the personal and professional international networks that will support you through your life and career.

The British Council supports a network of thousands of UK Alumni, young Pakistanis who have returned from successful study in the UK with their internationally-recognised qualifications and who are thriving in their careers. They are a very good source of information about what it is really like to live and study in different cities and towns in the UK. We also support annual UK Alumni Awards to recognise those who excel in their chosen fields, businesses and communities after they return home with their qualifications. They are "Ambassadors" for Pakistan, representing its people and culture, as you will be at your chosen place of study.

We wish you success in making your choices now and in making the most of your opportunity to study in the UK. Good luck!



ROSEMARY HILHORST OBE
Country Director - British Council Pakistan

PROMOTING STEM EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN



“This has been an eye opening experience for me. There is so much research happening in my field, if we can collaborate and share knowledge we can make significant contributions to our respective fields.” Young Scientist Delegate

In a country like Pakistan, the focus of government and policy-makers continues to remain on improving access to education. This has impacted the provision and development of STEM education.

Given the integral role science and technology play in the sustained growth and stability of any economy, a focus on STEM learning and teaching is imperative. With this in mind, the British Council Pakistan in collaboration with the Scottish Government developed the “Capacity Strengthening for Young Scientists” program.

30 young researchers pursuing PhD in STEM fields from across Pakistan were presented with the opportunity to

visit different Scottish universities, research facilities and science centres, and interact with their counterparts in similar fields in Scotland.

With visits to the interactive Dynamic Earth Centre in Edinburgh, the Glasgow Science Centre, and research labs in University of Dundee, University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde, the delegation got the opportunity to observe world-class research processes and facilities.

Through this invaluable experience, the young scientists were not only able to identify ways in which they can make their own research stronger and more relevant but also effective ways of engaging their respective communities in STEM related activities, thus, promoting the field widely.

Another Young Scientist quoted, “Universities here have access to certain facilities and technologies that we in Pakistan don’t. If we can for instance connect with



colleagues who could run certain tests or analysis for us, it would speed up our work and help us make more collective contributions.”

Particularly eye opening for the group were the innovative ways in which organizations across Scotland were working to attract the next generation to inspire them to pursue STEM fields. A meeting with the CEO of Edinburgh Science Festival left many inspired to introduce similar festivals in Pakistan as well.

In addition to visits to academic institutions, the group also visited the Scottish Parliament, where they met with Dr Alasdair Allan, MSP, Minister for International Development and Europe and First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon. During their meeting the group discussed their aspirations and interests in STEM and in strengthening academic networks between the two countries. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon emphasised the value of partnerships between Pakistan and the UK and particularly Scotland.

STEM occupations are growing at a fast rate around the world and with this so is the demand for human capital capable of taking on the roles of creators and innovators. Given this shift in the nature of future jobs, most of which require dealing with technology in one way or another, programs like these have the potential of not only improving the quality of research taking place in Pakistan but also preparing a new generation of inventors to take on and address the challenges of a fast evolving world.



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EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH EDUCATION



Of the roughly 200 million people in Pakistan, women constitute about half of the total population. In spite of their significant size, female representation in the workforce continues to remain low. The Pakistan Economic Survey 2016-17 suggests that for the 63.5 million men who make up the Pakistani workforce, only 29 million women are working. The same trend follows in higher education as well.

For Pakistan to work towards achieving economic and social prosperity, Pakistan should work towards ensuring that the female population is given access to equal education opportunities. This will enable females to contribute to long term sustainable development objectives.

The Scottish Scholarship Scheme for Women aims to make higher education more accessible for underprivileged girls. This initiative is undertaken across Pakistan and provides girls and women with scholarships in the fields of:

- Education
- Sustainable energy
- Agriculture and food security
- Health sciences
- STEM education

Since it was first launched in 2013, over 500 young women

have benefitted from the Pakistan Scottish Scholarship Scheme across Pakistan. Now in its fourth cycle, these scholarships continue to assist ambitious women from a disadvantaged background in pursuing masters' degrees in fields that are of critical importance to the overall development of the country. These scholarships not only allow for increased female participation in higher education but also promote greater gender equality in fields that women in Pakistan don't typically pursue.

One such story is of Saba Bibi who lives in the northern parts of Pakistan, and has dreamt of becoming an environmentalist her whole life. A very bright student, she completed her undergraduate studies with a first division but was unable to pursue a masters due to financial limitations. "I want to pursue a master's in environmental science, so I can actively contribute to reducing the degradation around us. I am one step closer to fulfilling my dreams because of the Scottish Scholarship."

As a recipient of the Scottish Scholarship, Saba was able to enrol in and complete her master's in Environmental Sciences from the University of Hazara. She has now set her ambition even higher and is hoping to pursue a PhD in her field as well.

This scheme has enabled many young women like Saba. They are all committed to not only improving their own futures but also contributing to the economic and social betterment of Pakistan.

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COUNSELLORS' SYMPOSIUM

STUDY UK COUNSELLORS' SYMPOSIUM 2018 DRAWS ATTENDANCE FROM 21 CITIES!



Group photograph of the participants from 21 cities

The Study UK Counsellors' Symposium 2018 was held at NUST in Islamabad on 15 February 2018.

The 2018 Counsellors' Symposium was held in partnership with NUST who were our honoured partner host institute, University of Warwick, Queen Mary University of London, University of Kent, Birmingham City University and University of West of Scotland. The event was attended by almost 200 student counsellors, career advisors, education professionals, education agents and consultants from across 21 cities of Pakistan.

The British Council Study UK annual Counsellors' Symposium is a unique professional development

platform for career counsellors; it is an opportunity for them to acquire new skills and techniques and network with colleagues from across Pakistan in order to share best practices and challenges associated with student counselling.

Amongst the speakers and trainers were professionals in career counselling, representatives from UK higher education institutions, leading senior academics and entrepreneurs. The day was packed with productive and exciting opportunities for professional development through interactive and innovative sessions on a variety of topics on pressing issues around counselling, career guidance and education in the UK.



Saima Asghar Riaz talking about the essentials of setting up a career counselling office.



STUDY UK COUNSELLORS' SYMPOSIUM 2018

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Dr Naukhez Sarwar, Principal and Dean of NUST Business School presenting a memento to Nishat Riaz, Director Education British Council Pakistan



Our distinguished presenters at the Counsellors' Symposium 2018 included the following:

Setting up a career counselling office for your institution

Saima Asghar Riaz, country representative
University of Warwick

Make foundation programmes work for your students

Dr Priscilla Cunnan, Director of International Science and Engineering Foundation Programme
Queen Mary University of London

The key to developing winning university applications

Dr Abdullah Iqbal, Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance, Kent Business School
University of Kent

Managing students' expectations

Dr Syed Naqvi, Senior Lecturer, Cyber Security and Forensics
Birmingham City University

Mind-set of a winner in counselling

Farhan Rohila, Head of International Business Development
University of West of Scotland

Finale – keynote address: For your future selves

Sidra Iqbal
Leading communications professional, development activist and award winning broadcast journalist



Saad Wasim and Dr Abdullah Iqbal of University of Kent with Saman Imtiaz and Haroon Rashid of the Study UK team in Pakistan



Sanya Saif from British Council conducting the programme for the Counsellors' Symposium 2018



Dr Abdullah Iqbal sharing insights on developing winning university applications



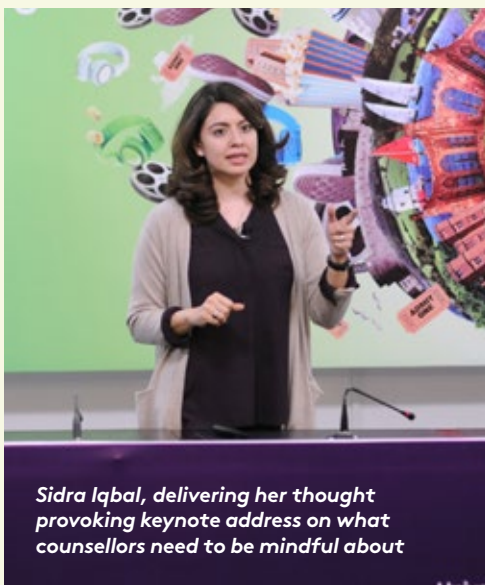
Dr Priscilla Cunnan discussing foundation programmes and how to make them work for students



Dr Syed Naqvi talking about how to manage student expectations



Saman Imtiaz, Head Study UK addressing the audience



Sidra Iqbal, delivering her thought provoking keynote address on what counsellors need to be mindful about



Farhan Rohila talking about what it takes to be an ace counsellor



Nishat Riaz, Director Education British Council Pakistan addressing the audience at the Counsellors' Symposium 2018

THE BEST ROAD-SHOW OF UK UNIVERSITIES TO TOUR PAKISTAN

The Study UK Exhibition Tour returned to Pakistan in October/November 2017. This year, the exhibition not only went bigger but better as well. We ventured into four cities: Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Faisalabad with a delegation of 24 leading UK universities to connect with students through exhibitions, campus counselling visits and networking activities.

The tour kicked-off from Karachi, moving to Islamabad followed by Faisalabad and concluded at Lahore. All four exhibitions were well attended by the target audience. In addition to the day long exhibitions, the participating universities also undertook six campus counselling visits to educational institutions (A level schools and universities) in Islamabad, Faisalabad and Lahore. The delegates were warmly welcomed by career counsellors and prospective international students at each campus. The four exhibitions and six visits to selected campuses facilitated engagement with approximately 4000 students. The Study UK Pakistan team had also arranged several networking events to facilitate connections between the participating UK institutions and key contacts from the public and private education sectors. These included student advisers, international placement officers, Vice Chancellors, officials from federal and provincial Higher Education Commissions and more. The university delegates also enjoyed networking dinners and evenings hosted by the provincial

British Council Area Directors, the Country Director and dinner receptions hosted by the British High Commissioner to Pakistan and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

As always, the exhibition was not only popular amongst students who wished to pursue higher education in the UK, but it also attracted parents, education managers and representatives of the Pakistani institutions as well.

We look forward to making the next events even better and to hosting UK institutions with the same traditional hospitality and colours of Pakistan!

24 of the best UK higher education institutions visited Pakistan to participate in the exhibition tour.

They are:

1. University of Lincoln
2. University of Glasgow
3. University of Edinburgh
4. University of Essex
5. University of Northampton
6. Queen Mary University of London
7. University of Southampton
8. University of Dundee
9. University of Leeds
10. Robert Gordon University
11. University of York
12. University of Strathclyde
13. University of Manchester
14. Durham University
15. Aston University
16. University of Nottingham
17. University of Warwick
18. University of Stirling
19. University of Kent
20. University of Wolverhampton
21. University of Hertfordshire
22. University of Bristol
23. Sheffield Hallam University
24. University of Surrey

04 exhibitions

06 campus counselling visits

24 UK institutions

4000+ students engaged





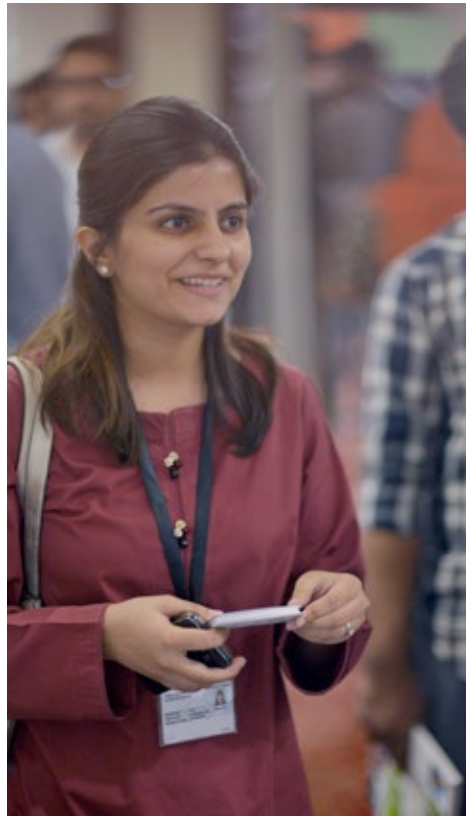
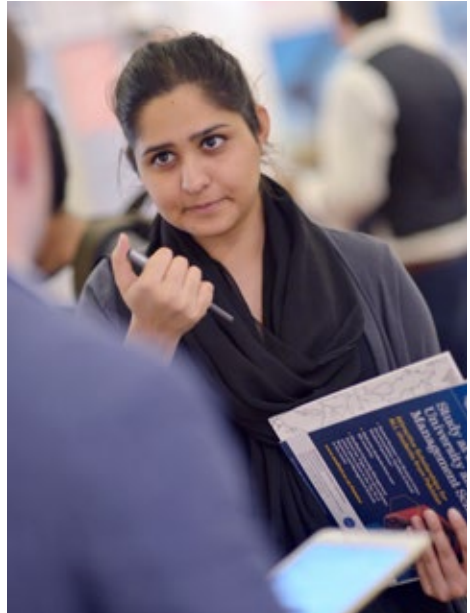
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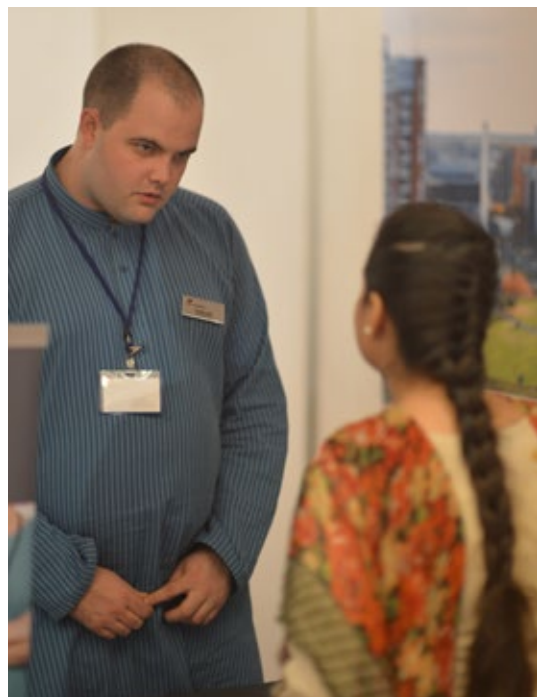
Karachi Tuesday, 24 October 2017
Islamabad Thursday, 26 October 2017
Faisalabad Sunday, 29 October 2017
Lahore Wednesday, 1 November 2017

Campus Counselling Visits

Roots International School, Islamabad
The Millennium University College, Islamabad
Beaconhouse Margalla Campus, Islamabad
Roots Ivy International, Faisalabad
Aitchison College, Lahore
LUMS, Lahore







70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



2017 was a landmark year for the British Council working in Pakistan as it celebrated 70 years of its historic relationship with the people of Pakistan. Last year, British Council Pakistan looked back at the shared history with a renewed sense of purpose to continue its efforts in making a positive impact in the lives of people. British Council began its operations in Pakistan in 1947. The first UK Country Director of British Council Pakistan was Mr W.R.Owain-Jones who arrived in March 1948 and established the first office in Pakistan at 6-10 Sarnagati Buildings, Rambaugh Road, Karachi. On arrival, Owain-Jones set out on a 7,000 mile tour including Peshawar and Lahore. Libraries and offices were subsequently opened in Karachi, Lahore (1950), Rawalpindi, Peshawar (1959) and Islamabad (1969). The first UK scholarships for Pakistani students were provided in 1950. The Peshawar library was looted in 1967 and again in 1971. Part of the Lahore office was burned down in 1971. The Rawalpindi library was closed in 1979 after being set on fire, destroying 12,000 books. Today, we have three centres in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi with more than 270 staff. In 2016 we opened new libraries in Lahore and Karachi accompanied by a new digital offer across the country.

British Council in Pakistan, in collaboration with the British High Commission kicked off the year-long activities celebrating the historic links between the two countries through a variety of activities. Some key activities from this year-long celebration included the following:

1. Creative Cities in Pakistan – Research Launch (April – May 2017, London)

Taking place at the British Council Spring Garden office, the exhibition was open to public from 5 April to 26 May 2017.

The exhibition was based on the Creative Cities in Pakistan research report and included cultural and traditional artefacts from Multan, Peshawar, Gilgit/Hunza, Quetta and Hyderabad.

The launch event was hosted by Christopher Rodrigues, British Council Chair. Dignitaries included, Kamran Lashari, Director General Lahore Walled City, Rachel Harris, Creative Producer Southbank Centre, and Pakistan Deputy High Commissioner to the UK, Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri and Political Secretary Dr. Hassan Rabbani.



The exhibition was well-received by the audience in the UK and was also exhibited at the London Mela in September. Pakistan High Commission in the UK also exhibited the artefacts in Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester.

2. Photo Exhibitions – Pakistan and UK (May – Sept 2017)

Under the "Shared History, Shared Future" tagline, British High Commission in Pakistan launched its flagship photography exhibition last year to celebrate the 70 years of friendship between the UK and Pakistan.

The exhibition featured a collection of photos demonstrating the shared history between UK and Pakistan and was a combination of historic and recent photographs depicting the past and present collaborations between the two countries. The photography exhibition also showcased British Council's work in Pakistan in the fields of Education, Arts and Society.

The exhibition travelled throughout Pakistan and UK in 18 different cities including Peshawar, Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Sialkot, Mirpur, Hyderabad, Multan and Faisalabad in Pakistan and Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester in the UK. The exhibition was a celebration of 70 years of friendship between the two countries – from ties in trade, sports, politics, development, defence, education, infrastructure and culture to close people to people links. An estimated 15,000 people saw the exhibition over the tour.

British Council was a key partner in many of these exhibitions through its library offer, providing a glimpse of the library services available to the people of Pakistan as well as through some of the photographs depicting British Council's work in Pakistan.

3. IELTS Launch and Photo Exhibition – Quetta (July 2017)

British Council Pakistan announced the return of IELTS in Quetta, Balochistan after a period of 10 years in July 2017. This was also a unique opportunity for the British High Commission to launch their photo exhibition in Quetta along with the re-launching of IELTS in Balochistan.

British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Thomas Drew CMG, visited Quetta along with Rosemary Hilhorst, Director British Council Pakistan for the launch of IELTS and the photo exhibition. This was the first visit by BHC to Quetta in seven years, and the first by a UK appointed British Council staff member since 1999.

The event gained significant media coverage and was very well-received by IELTS partners, educational institutes as well as government stakeholders. The photo exhibition and the launch of IELTS in Balochistan was very warmly received at all digital platforms.

4. HOME1947 – Manchester, UK and Karachi, Pakistan (July 2017 & Jan 2018)

A deeply beautiful immersive exhibition, produced by two-time Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy reflected on the largest mass migration ever witnessed, which took place exactly 70 years ago. HOME1947, co-commissioned by the British Council Pakistan was a mixed media installation featuring the works of a range of Pakistani creators.

HOME1947 was a display featuring short documentaries, audio clips, written material along with a grand collection of photographs, illustrated art, oral histories, the insides of abandoned havelis, a 360 degree experience and historical material. HOME1947 showed the audience, partition not through the words of historians and politicians, but through the eyes of those who lived through it.

HOME1947 was an emotional journey of the memory of loss for audiences. An ode to the generation that left their homes in 1947, this exhibit narrated a story of shared history through audio visual genius.



HOME1947 received tremendous appreciation from the audience in the UK and was attended by a diverse group of over 700 during its premier at the Manchester International Festival. It was attended by South Asian diaspora community members, art enthusiasts and cultural leaders in the UK. In January 2018, HOME1947 was also exhibited at Dolmen Mall, Karachi to raving reviews by audiences many of which commended the emotional journey it took the audiences on.

5. 70 Years, 70 Stories – A UK-PAK Story Series (Aug 2017 – Feb 2018)

A series of stories and images showcasing 70 years of the British Council working with the people of Pakistan, 70 Years, 70 Stories was a collection of human interest stories featuring individuals from various parts of Pakistan. The collection captures stories from everyday experiences to demonstrate the breadth of the relationship between our two countries.

From teachers and alumni, to library members and artists, immigrants and academics, 70 Years, 70 Stories offers a significant emotional documentation and portrait of the 70 years of British Council in Pakistan.

The British Council in Pakistan launched the story series digitally in 2017 as part of the programming to mark the 70th anniversary of our relationship with Pakistan. The coffee table book was launched at the Governor House in Karachi on 21 March 2018.

6. A Journey Worth 70 Years – UK Screening and Exhibition (31 Jan 2018)

Pakistanis have been travelling to the UK for a variety of reasons for centuries and over 1.2 million Pakistani diaspora now call UK home. Many members of the Pakistani diaspora now work as lawyers, as community workers and with various cultural organisations. They represent their local communities in Parliament and serve in the British Army. They are full and active members of British society and as they navigate diverse cultural influences and expectations, they enrich British and Pakistani society alike.

In order to truly recognise the 70th anniversary of Pakistani independence, it was essential to consider the events of partition which affected so many people's lives. A Journey Worth 70 Years, a documentary by double Academy Award winner Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, explored the journeys, achievements and contributions of three Pakistan-heritage families, who are now based in the UK: the lives they left behind, their changing relationship with both the UK and Pakistan and how this legacy affects younger generations.

The documentary was designed to engage the diaspora community in the UK, inviting them to reflect on their connection with the UK and Pakistan, the influence of South Asian culture in the UK and how we can build on our shared heritage.

The documentary was premiered at the British Film Institute Southbank (BFI) on 31 January 2018 to a mix audience comprising of diaspora parliamentarians, senior society members, specialist academics and think tanks, sector experts and other interested stakeholders. The documentary launch also featured an exhibition

of the stories from the 70 Years, 70 Stories series. Participants and guests were fascinated by these inspiring individuals.

7. 70 Years, 70 Questions – A Public Opinion Survey (April 2018)

As a part of its programming for the 70th anniversary, British Council Pakistan partnered with The Pakistan Herald to conduct a public opinion survey to ascertain the opinions of Pakistanis on the past, the present and the future of their state and society as they celebrate the 70th birthday of their country. The survey aimed at gathering public opinion on issues of public importance so that academics and researchers, both inside Pakistan and outside the country, can employ that in their work.

Survey results showed that the public perception is that major aspects including economy, foreign affairs, law, governance and politics were at their best during the government led by the first Prime Minister of Pakistan, Liaquat Ali Khan. Respondents also gave a higher approval rating to elected governments as compared to military regimes.

The survey, conducted in 70 selected districts of Pakistan, asked 70 different questions from 7,000 Pakistanis who represented all four provinces as well as Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Islamabad, different genders, various localities and a number of ethnicities.

The survey findings were analysed by leading academics and experts of the field and included many senior journalists and human rights activists. The results of the findings were issued in a special supplement by The Pakistan Herald in April 2018.

70 years ago, the British Council was one of the first international organisations to formalise operations in the newly born Pakistan to build friendly knowledge and understanding between Pakistan and the UK. 70 years later, British Council in Pakistan has touched millions of lives through libraries, the exams it administers, and working with people and institutions in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society.



ALUMNI PROFILE

AMNA ZAMIR

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE
ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, GILGIT
FINALIST – ALUMNI AWARDS 2017



As a woman, it was not easy entering the Pakistan judiciary with all of its entrenched patriarchy. Despite all the criticism and barriers, I knew I had to keep going, not only for my own ambitions but also as an example for every girl with big dreams. I had to let them know that their dreams are worthy and achievable.

Now I am the first ever female civil judge in the region. I was also recently appointed as the Additional District and Sessions Judge at Gilgit.

The presence of a female judge has made the traditionally male dominated judicial system just a bit friendlier towards women. Access to a fair trial is difficult enough due to financial constraints and women are further limited by social stigmas or intimidation. I strive to break these limitations both within and outside the courtroom.

My drive to succeed and my reasoned approach to arguing cases comes from the year I spent studying

at the University of Leicester as a Chevening Scholar. The talented tutors in Leicester instilled in me a new worldview which has stuck with me throughout my career. I continue to set a high standard for myself and for the judges who will come after me.



ALUMNI PROFILE

DR ALLAH BAKSH MALIK

SECRETARY, SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
UNESCO CONFUCIUS LAUREATE



I believe in the earn-learn-return stages of life. My life changed when I moved from a modest family in Chakwal to become a Chevening Scholar and a Charles Wallace Trust Fellow. Acquiring a UK education not only gave me a competitive advantage over other candidates but it also broadened my vision to look at things holistically.

The intense training I went through, studying Economics at Cambridge and SOAS, shaped the way I made decisions and gave me a secure understanding of the subject. This helped me lead one of the largest education systems around the globe.

Heading the department of Literacy and Non-Formal Basic Education in Punjab gave me a chance to give back by promoting education and skill development for the less-affluent and disenfranchised sections of society.

It has been incredibly rewarding working with the British Council to channel my expertise and learning into improving the quality of education in the country. Whether it is through Zewar-e-Taleem championing female education, building Danish schools or promoting teacher training, my focus is on the betterment of our

country. The best thing any young graduate can do is to return to Pakistan and implement their knowledge where it is needed.



ALUMNI PROFILE



NISHAT RIAZ MBE

DIRECTOR EDUCATION, BRITISH COUNCIL PAKISTAN



Today, as I accept the honorary title as Member of the British Empire (MBE), it is indeed a matter of great pride and a reflection on the shared family and history of both nations. 96 years ago, my great grandfather, Mir Muhammad Nazim Khan was conferred the honour of Knights Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire (KCIE).

My relationship with the British Council and the UK started as a beneficiary - a Chevening scholar. So, the common denominator of my formal introduction to the British Council and UK was education. As I see it now, it was a turning point for me, a moment of realisation of who I am and what I could be. Initially trained as professional electrical engineer, I took a leap of faith and I have not looked back since then.

During this one and a half decade of association, my work has become my passion, or maybe my passion is my daily job. By working with the British Council I am able to impact the lives of my fellow country citizens around me in so many ways. Our work threads across the educational fabric of Pakistan. I am witness to an ever evolving educational landscape; it is a humbling feeling, to watch lives changing. There are countless examples of hope for others to follow: a girl in Charsadda who could not afford higher education, became a medical practitioner, her parents called me in tears thanking us for changing the destiny of their

future generations. I can never forget the teacher receiving a training opportunity for the first time after working for 35 years. Individual stories like these become stitches of a beautiful tapestry of access and opportunity from which islands of hope become continents of progress.

This journey makes me believe in power of small. Small changes make a great difference. A drop by drop multiplier effect which can impact lives, future potential; unlock hidden talents by opening the doors of opportunity. Practising the strong values of British Council I feel, my passion is at work.



ALUMNI PROFILE



SONYA BATTLA

PARTICIPANT FASHION DNA PROJECT



The whole world opened up to me when I went to college in London. I began to question everything I had previously learned and bonded with people of all races and nationalities.

Being in an international capital gave me access to invaluable experiences. I would go to jazz cafes, museums and art galleries, exploring all that the city had to offer.

I've bunked college to see the opening of an exhibition because I loved the artist so much. That couldn't have happened anywhere else.

No one can teach you about culture you just have to experience it. My work is based on the human body and how it moves. I used to sit and observe how people from different cultures walk. In Pakistan the style of walking and talking is quite restricted and careful. I'm trying to change things in my own way. I pride myself in thinking that I'm a global designer, my work can be worn by anybody.

Being part of the Fashion DNA programme was a huge opportunity and an amazing learning experience. It is a platform where you can push boundaries and express your creativity beyond showing a product. I'm grateful to be part of something that celebrates the craft and the love of fashion and not what you can sell. The best part was the creative and inspiring atmosphere. It changed me in ways I wouldn't have thought of if I hadn't been there.

ALUMNI PROFILE

SHAKOOR AHMED

PROVINCIAL CHIEF SMEDA, BALOCHISTAN
PRESIDENT BAAP, QUETTA CHAPTER



My decision to study in the UK was based on my desire to bring change in Balochistan. I wanted to gain experience from abroad and implement it here. At London South Bank University, I started to think about entrepreneurship. LSBU was awarded Times Higher Education – Entrepreneurial University of the year. The mentors and supervisors inspired me to view entrepreneurship as the path to progress.

When I came back to Pakistan after over 6 years in the UK, I joined Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) to encourage and facilitate the development and growth of small and medium enterprises in under-developed and deprived regions of the country.

In this changing world, I believe developing an entrepreneurial culture in Pakistan is necessary. Instead of seeking jobs, Pakistani youth should focus on being job creators. I work with universities and deliver lectures to inculcate this culture in students so they can create a self-sufficient economy and employment opportunities for others. Balochistan is extremely rich in natural resources which young people can harness and develop for themselves and future generations.

Since 2012, the British Council has held entrepreneurship trainings in Balochistan attended by people of all ages and all walks of life. UK Alumni based in Balochistan

also participate and share their knowledge with young students who can gain immensely from their experiences. These initiatives by SMEDA and the British Council have taken business skills outside of classrooms and provide an opportunity for common people to become entrepreneurs.

Women in particular are enthusiastic about entrepreneurship because they cannot always actively pursue permanent forms of employment. Women running businesses from home and online are the future of Balochistan. For instance, there is a restaurant in Quetta which is run by a woman and hires only female staff.



STUDYING IN THE UK

The United Kingdom (UK) consists of England, Wales, Scotland (which together make up Great Britain) and Northern Ireland.



CAPITAL CITIES

The capital city of the UK is London, which is also the capital of England. For Wales the capital is Cardiff, for Scotland it is Edinburgh, and for Northern Ireland it is Belfast.



POPULATION

The population of the UK is estimated to be around 65 million.



LAND AREA

The UK is close to 150,000 square miles (242,000 square kilometres).



MONEY

The currency of the UK is pounds sterling.



ECONOMY

The UK is one of the world's leading business locations. The UK is one of the top ten manufacturers in the world and has the largest industries in Europe for life sciences, ICT and the creative industries.



LANGUAGE

English is spoken throughout the UK, but there are other official languages too, such as Welsh and Scottish Gaelic.



RELIGION

The main religion in the UK is Christianity. However, the UK is a multi-faith society where other religions are widely welcomed and accepted.



HERITAGE

The UK has a fascinating history dating back to 6500 BC. All over the UK you'll find monuments marking its history, from Stonehenge to Buckingham Palace. The UK is also home to 31 cultural and natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



GOVERNMENT

The United Kingdom is a parliamentary democracy – this means the government is elected by the people. There is a general election once every five years. The Prime Minister leads the government with the support of the cabinet and ministers.



ROYAL FAMILY

The Queen is Head of State in the United Kingdom. As a constitutional monarch, Her Majesty does not "rule" the country, but the royal family fulfils important ceremonial and formal roles with respect to government.

WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

The UK is home to over 400,000 international higher education students each year and it's easy to see why.


UK higher education is among the best in the world and consistently performs well in world rankings. In the QS World University Rankings 2018:

four UK universities are in the top ten
nine UK universities are in the top 50.

All universities and colleges in the UK are held to strict standards by the UK government so students know they are getting the best teaching, support and resources available.

According to British Council research in 2015, 38 per cent of Nobel Laureates who studied abroad did so in the UK.





UK universities and colleges combine practical learning with lectures and seminars and embrace innovative teaching methods and high-tech learning environments.

There is a wide range of opportunities to gain practical experience. Many courses have options for work placements and internships that count towards a student's degree.

Many courses also include "modules". These are different options that allow students to choose from a range of subjects within their course to build a programme that suits them.

The UK has the highest international student experience satisfaction ratings for English-speaking countries, with over 90 per cent of students happy with their experience.

Students in the UK are able to enjoy a great lifestyle: beautiful countryside, historic sites, city life and music and culture.

Explore. Create. Succeed.

Dating back to 1824, Manchester Metropolitan University is home to over 38,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, including a diverse community of 3,000 international students from 120 countries. The University is ranked in the world's top 200 universities under 50 years old*.

The University is undergoing a £400m major capital investment programme to facilities, buildings and public spaces, and is the UK's greenest university**. Our campus is located amongst world-renowned music, arts, shopping and sports venues and the second largest Chinatown in the UK. Manchester is considered Britain's 'best city to live in'† and one of the world's top 10 most exciting cities'‡.

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Metropolitan
University**

85% of our research has 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' impact[§], our School of Architecture is ranked 6th in the world[▲] and our Business School has prestigious AACSB accreditation, placing it among an elite group of business schools worldwide. We provide our students with regular employability events, including advice workshops, industry networking, guest speakers and careers fairs, as well as careers advice during their studies and for 3 years after graduating. The University has academic partnerships around the world. These include collaborative teaching partnerships where Manchester Metropolitan University degrees are delivered with local partners, student exchange partnerships with 121 universities, and research collaborations.

* Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2017

** People and Planet University League 2017

† Global Liveability Survey 2017 by the Economist Intelligence Unit

‡ Time Out City Life Index 2018

§ REF 2014-2021

▲ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017

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LEARN ENGLISH IN THE UK

Roughly 500,000 people travel to the UK each year to learn English in the UK. As the home of the English language and with a reputation for academic excellence, combined with a rich cultural heritage, diversity and blend of countryside, cities and coast in close proximity, the UK is the perfect destination to learn English.



Find an English language centre

English Agenda has a list of over 500 English language centres that are members of Accreditation UK. The list is split via regions of the UK to help you identify a centre in a specific UK location that has caught your eye!

Search for a course

From a one week general English course over the summer, English for Business, English and Scuba Diving and up to eleven months foundation/pathways courses to help you prepare for higher education, the UK has a huge range of choices to learn English.

The British Council's partners in the Accreditation UK scheme, English UK, have a course finder for English courses in the UK. The course finder is available in twelve languages. Please note that some accredited centres aren't also English UK members and so wouldn't appear on this course finder. This isn't an indication of the quality of these centres.

Support for students

The British Council has produced brochures to help you plan your trip to the UK and settle in on arrival, which can be found on the English Agenda website.

Free online English resources

There are three, completely free to access, British Council websites with hundreds of high-quality and fun resources to help improve your English language skills. These are LearnEnglish, LearnEnglishTeens and LearnEnglishKids.

Accreditation UK

Accreditation UK is a quality assurance scheme for schools, colleges, and universities which offer courses in English as a Foreign Language (EFL). The scheme gives an assurance of quality to international students who are taking or are planning to take an English language course in the UK.

Studying at a British Council accredited centre means that you can be assured the centre has meet high standards. Independent inspectors carry out regular inspections of all centres, which include checks on teaching, premises and accommodation.

The British Council also has an independent complaints procedure to help you in case you have a problem whilst you are studying in the UK. This is to make sure that students studying at accredited centres are protected and enjoy a quality learning experience.

Source: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/courses-qualifications/learn-english-uk>

BOARDING SCHOOLS



A boarding school is a residential school where pupils live and study during the school year. There are approximately 500 boarding schools across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Why choose a UK boarding school?

UK boarding schools offer you an outstanding education, helping you to develop your skills and progress to university. All UK boarding schools have to meet strict government standards on the quality of their teaching, facilities and student care.

Many UK boarding schools combine beautiful, centuries-old buildings with a mix of modern classrooms and traditional architecture. The excellent facilities help make living and learning a great experience and you will improve your English skills while you study.

Life at UK boarding schools

Most UK boarding schools teach a mix of international pupils and local UK pupils. 'Boarders' are pupils who live at the school. 'Day pupils' live with their families and return home at the end of the school day. This mix helps to create a good social atmosphere.

Boarding schools usually close for the long summer and Christmas holidays and pupils return home to their parents or guardians. Some schools do, however, run language courses during this period.

For the shorter half-term holidays, some schools stay open. Typically, you won't have normal classes but you will be supervised by staff and be able to take part in activities and events.

Accommodation

At a boarding school, you live with other pupils in a boarding house – there might be several boarding houses in each school. Girls and boys stay in separate accommodation. There will also be at least one house parent who lives on the premises who is there to look after you and care for your needs.

Young boarders will probably share a bedroom or dormitory with other children. Older boarders usually have their own private bedroom, or share a room with just one other pupil. You might also have your own bathroom or washing facilities. Most boarding houses have comfortable communal areas where you can relax, socialise and watch television with your fellow pupils.

Subjects and qualifications

The UK boarding school system is split into three levels.

Primary education is for children aged four or five up to 11 or 13. You might hear this referred to as primary school, infant school, junior school, pre-preparatory school or preparatory school.

Secondary education is for pupils aged 11 or 13 to 16. You might hear this referred to as secondary school, high school or senior school.

In the last two years of secondary school (age 14 to 16), most pupils study for GCSE qualifications. Alternatives include Standard grades and Intermediates in Scotland, or the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

Sixth form is for students aged 16 to 18. The two years are often called Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth. At sixth form level, most pupils take A-levels. Alternative qualifications include Standard Grades and Highers in Scotland, or the International Baccalaureate.

Boarding schools offer a wide range of subjects including maths, sciences, history, geography, drama, IT, literature and foreign languages. All of these qualifications are highly regarded by universities, colleges and employers in the UK and around the world.

How to apply

If you are applying to an independent boarding school, you need to apply directly to the school. Look on the school's website or contact them to ask about the application process. Applications for state schools are usually handled by the local government authority.

Tuition at state schools is free of charge, but you need to pay for boarding. For independent schools, you will need to pay for tuition and boarding. Boarding fees generally cover items such as accommodation, food and drink and laundry. You may be able to fund your studies with a scholarship or bursary. Ask the schools that you are interested in what they can offer.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you choose the UK you can enjoy the life-changing benefits of international study, knowing that you are getting great value for money. If you need extra help, there are many financial support options out there, including scholarships, grants, bursaries, fellowships, financial awards and loans.

Course fees

Fees for UK courses vary, depending on:

- Whether you are from the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA), or another country
- Where in the UK you are studying (there are different rules for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales)
- Your study level

Scholarships and financial support

There are hundreds of scholarships, bursaries and grant schemes on offer for students who need extra support to pay for their UK course.

Depending on your nationality, you may be eligible for a loan or financial support from the UK government. Visit the UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) website for more details.

Postgraduate studentships can be found via a number of websites, including Postgraduate Studentships and Prospects.

Individual institutions may also offer financial assistance, check their websites for more details.

Global scholarships

You can apply for any of the following scholarships, provided they are appropriate for their course.

- Chevening Award: Postgraduate scholarships from the UK government aimed at students with potential as future leaders
- Erasmus+ Programme : Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral research funding
- Euraxess UK: Research placements in the UK
- Royal Society grants: Postdoctoral science research

Science and research funding

The Newton Fund and other funding organisations provide grants and other funding opportunities for researchers from certain countries. Current opportunities are listed on the British Council Science website.

Other sources of funding

There are many other sources of funding for students in certain countries.

Different various universities and educational institutions also offer scholarships for international students. This information can be found on the institution websites and by contacting their international offices and admission teams.

Scholarships for students from certain countries

The British Council can help you with a number of scholarship and funding opportunities. These include:

Scheme	Funding opportunity	Open to students or researchers from
A.S. Hornby Trust Scholarship Programme	Scholarships for English language teachers to develop their English language skills	Selected countries – see website
Scotland's Saltire Scholarships	Undergraduate, Master's and PhD courses	Canada, China, India, Pakistan and USA
Young Cell Scheme	Postgraduate Master's studies in the EU	Kosovo
International Atomic Energy Agency Scholarships	Fellowships for graduates	Selected countries – see website



Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan	Master's and doctoral courses (for study in the UK and distance learning), plus academic, professional and medical fellowships	Commonwealth countries
Hong Kong – Scotland Partners in Post Doctoral Research scholarship scheme	Research visits	Hong Kong and Scotland
Charles Wallace Pakistan Trust Scholarships	Doctoral studies, research, visiting fellows and Scottish summer school	Pakistan
UK-China HE Research Partnership for PhD Studies	Doctoral studies	China and UK
GREAT India scholarships	Various scholarship opportunities at undergraduate and postgraduate level	India
GREAT China scholarships	150 postgraduate scholarships in total value of £1 million	China
Marshall Scholarship	Master's and doctoral courses at any University in the UK	USA
Marshall Sherfield Fellowships	Post-doctoral research in Science and Engineering at any University in the UK	USA

Source: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support>

ABOUT SUBJECTS, MODULES, AND STUDY MODES

The experiences, knowledge, and confidence gained by studying in the UK will inspire you to create your own path.



The academic year

In the UK, the standard academic year starts in September or October and runs until June or July.

Postgraduate courses often run from September to September, and there are other courses that are more flexible and offer a range of start dates.

Subjects and modules

Most higher education courses have a 'modular' structure. This means that you can build a personalised course by choosing modules or units of study from different subject areas. For example, if you are studying English literature, for your first year you could choose one module on Science fiction, one module on Children's literature, and one module on Short stories.

If you are interested in more than one subject, you may be able to study a combination as part of your course, e.g. English literature and psychology. You can often decide for yourself how much time you would like to spend on each subject. 'Joint' means the two subjects

are studied equally, 'major/minor' means the time spent is usually 75 percent/25 percent.

Study modes

Most full-time undergraduate courses take three years to complete (typically four years in Scotland). Full-time postgraduate courses can be from one year upwards.

Some degrees are available to study as accelerated courses taken over two years instead of three, so that you can gain your qualification even faster. Accelerated degrees have the same amount of modules as their three year options, allowing you to get even better value for money by getting the same course with a year less of living costs.

Part-time courses are normally taken over a longer period, so that you can work alongside your studies or learn at a more relaxed pace. If you need a visa to study in the UK, please check your immigration status allows you to do a part-time course.

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ALUMNI STORY



SIBTAIN JIWANI

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY



I am leading my startup company which has now entered the growth phase. We now have approximately 100,000 users every month; they use our free service offer to compare and make informed decisions. We have doubled our employees in the last three months and currently have 15 full time employees. As a financial supermarket we have partnered with top financial institutions like Adamjee, Jubilee, Bank Alfalah, JS along with many other institutions.

With regard to my education, I did my Bachelors in Business Information Technology and I love my field!

I decided to pursue my higher education in the UK because UK has been a global leader in the service industry market for the last few decades. It made perfect sense to me that I must learn from experts and understand in depth how business and technology integration works. This has been the key reason for growth and success of the UK market.

UK institutions are recognized for their focus on research and UK has always been ahead in education.

Even though it has been a decade since I graduated one of the courses I studied on Digital Marketing continues to prove to be a key factor for growth in my current business – though it was a new concept at the time that I was studying.

On completing my education when I returned to Pakistan, I joined a fintech company “TPS” in Business Development. In a matter of a few years I was promoted to the Managerial role and was spearheading the Africa and Pakistan markets.

After working there for seven years I started my own venture called, “Smartchoice.pk” and got incubated at Nest I/O, incubator backed by Google for Entrepreneurs and USAID. We were also selected as Top 50 Startups at Startup Istanbul in 2016. In early 2017 we raised Seed investment from a local investor and since then have grown the business into a business serving millions of loans, insurance and more. My dream and aim is to to make Smartchoice.pk a leading fintech player in Pakistan addressing financial inclusion via digital innovation serving 100 million youth of Pakistan.

For students who want to enter the same field, I would say that entrepreneurship is the most challenging journey you can take but this also makes it the most thrilling and learning experience of your lifetime. Whether your venture succeeds or not, you will fully explore your strength and know which areas you need to work on. But before you embark on this journey I recommend young graduates to work for an SME company and get some professional experience to understand how a business operates.

It is a demanding journey but one that can be exciting and rewarding. When I was a student, I had a few friends who had moved to the UK at the same time as I did and it was easier to settle down with the help of each other. Secondly, my university, Manchester Metropolitan University provides great support for international students from getting to know life and managing university halls to being a part of societies to learning about the freshers' week to quickly getting a grip of things to make student life at a new institute easier.

I personally found the diverse culture of Manchester exciting; I loved meeting people from different countries, cultures and religions. My favourite memory from my student days at MMU is that I was in Manchester and celebrated like a true Mancunian when Manchester won the Champions league final against Chelsea in 2008!



ALUMNI STORY



OBAIDULLAH AMIN

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

My educational background is affiliated with Business and Management Studies. I completed my undergraduate degree from Foundation University, Islamabad, in the field of Business Administration. Currently, I am doing my Master's in International Management and Marketing from University of Sheffield Management School. This particular course enabled me to understand and practice business paradigms across national borders into a global scenario where the environmental factors are turbulent.

What drew you to study your subject in the UK? What did you find most inspiring about your studies in the UK?

When I started my last year of undergraduate studies, I realized that, it was time to search for a globally ranked, top notch and research-oriented university in United Kingdom. I was impressed by the academics at my university who encouraged me to pursue my Master's from UK because of the one-year degree program and the global reputation of British educational institutes. Moreover, the research conducted by British universities is a remarkable factor that has immense impact on society. UK universities often have an astounding scholarship program for students from many countries. Competing and winning the Pakistan merit scholarship was a challenge worth striving for. The university honours its scholarship holders by arranging a scholarship ceremony which is exciting and makes one so proud of being part of a great tradition of academics. The most fascinating and interesting fact about studying in the UK is that



the education is highly research oriented and the staff is extremely cooperative. You can find access to up to date research, journals and academic work. My university has lots of talented minds from around the world so, it develops a community of smart and hardworking people. The academic environment here is quite competitive and that is why the university offers a variety of social and extra-curricular activities for students. The university has over 250 societies and a prominent students' union which always keeps the students engaged in different activities, whether there are SU elections or student nights - there is always something going on.

Did you find it easy to settle in to life in the UK? What did you enjoy the most about living here?

Living in the UK feels like a second home. The most important concern that I had was regarding the food but that did not turn out to be a problem at all. There are several Pakistani and Indian restaurants and you will find halal food almost everywhere in UK. People generally think that coming to the UK from an Asian country can put you in a cultural shock, but honestly this is not the case. In the UK people are respectful and courteous towards all ethnicities. The British culture is a blend of traditions, customs and history. Visiting cities like Oxford, Cambridge and Bath helps you to learn a lot about the history of English society. I was astonished to see how the contemporary and historic go hand in hand in the UK. As a student, I believe that hostel life and friends groom and develop your personality. While living in university accommodations I came across and made friends with people coming from diverse cultural backgrounds. It enabled me to network with them and spend some good time throughout the year. Traveling throughout the UK is something all students should do during the summers. The exquisite country side and exploring the scenic places in Ireland and Wales will definitely make your stay in the UK memorable.

What's your number one memory of your time in the UK, the one you would tell your grandchildren about?

The time spent in the UK as a student will be cherished throughout my life. I loved celebrating New Year's Eve on Westminster Bridge in London and loved going for a summer placement in Barcelona. I was fond of playing tennis since my childhood and got this opportunity to play tennis with some professional players from Liverpool, London and France. I am never going to forget the breathtaking natural beauty of the "peak district" and the spectacular infrastructure of Cambridge and Oxford. One memory that I consider worth sharing with my grandchildren will be from when I won the scholarship award and was honoured by the esteemed presence of the Mayor of Sheffield at the Octagon in University of Sheffield.



What are your ambitions for the future?

After doing my Master's from the University of Sheffield Management School I intend to work as an academic in Pakistani universities. Getting a Master's degree from the UK enables you to develop your skills of analysis on different business issues ranging from research to practitioners' perspectives on a range of areas. The skills and knowledge that I gain from this prestigious institute are phenomenal; it is my aspiration to impart this knowledge to the talented youth of Pakistan. However, I must add here that I will be looking forward to studying for a PhD in the UK.

A LIBRARY AND MUCH MORE



One year on, the new British Council Libraries are one of the most popular convening spaces in Karachi and Lahore! Our libraries are designed to be vibrant and adaptable cultural spaces where you can connect with others, generate ideas or learn and create. We have a jam-packed programme of events for all ages, so whether it's a film club, a robotics workshop, a math challenge or painting class, the British Council Libraries are the place to be for young Pakistanis!

Our 21st century libraries offer a wide range of services with seamless integration between the physical and digital. The need for access to knowledge and information has never been greater than it is today and we're helping shape the way you learn things and enjoy books in the digital age. Here at the British Council Libraries, we aspire to provide you a contemporary experience, where not only do you get access to our physical spaces, but you also get a chance to explore our one of a kind digital resources.

Re-discover libraries as we go beyond the book to offer you experiences!

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20 years of Magic: Harry Potter Festival for Children

Last summer, we went back to where the magic began! The British Council Libraries marked 20 years since 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was first published, with a series of magical happenings. Our libraries were transformed as we cast a spell to re-create Hogwarts and kicked-off our month-long Harry Potter festival!



Our fun-filled celebrations featured a potions class for children, a Harry Potter book club for families, an origami activity and so much more. Our most anticipated event was the Great Big Harry Potter Quiz, where young enthusiasts joined us at the libraries to prove themselves in an exciting competition where we tested their knowledge about all things magic. For our final event of the festival, we hosted a grand Harry Potter Birthday Bash that was full of terrific surprises! The library served tasty treats straight from the wizarding world including flavoured jelly beans, butter beer drink, pies and plenty of candy! Fans and new readers dressed as their favourite characters and got a chance to play exciting games inspired by the Harry Potter books, go on a treasure hunt with their families and make their own themed crafts to take home.

Music in the Stacks: Open Jam Sessions at the Libraries

If you think libraries are quiet, stifling spaces, think again!

Last year, we organised open jam sessions and experienced the joy of music at the British Council Libraries in Pakistan.

The sessions drew in emerging artists, music-lovers and families who gathered with their instruments and transformed our libraries with their rhythm and groove. Our libraries were brimming with people, tapping their feet to the beat as they sang and strummed everything from Bob Marley to the Beatles!

Our programme aimed to challenge and change the perceptions of libraries and to engage new audiences and young people in exploring their talents in a cultural space.





Off the Shelf: The British Council's Legacy Collection of Books

'Off the Shelf' is an exhibition composed of books and prints from the British Council Libraries' Legacy Collection - a significant resource that provides ample opportunities for academic researchers and the public to delve into South Asian history.

Our libraries in Pakistan closed down 15 years ago, and with their closing, books accumulated over decades of our operations in the country were largely donated to local universities, research organisations, and public libraries; however, a few rare books of historical significance were kept.

In 2016, the reopening of our libraries in Pakistan afforded the perfect opportunity to explore this collection dating back to the mid-19th century. We invited a curatorial team to sift through these historical books, acquired over the many decades of the British Council's presence in the country. The 'Off the Shelf' exhibition has allowed us to make these books accessible to the public, through our libraries.

Of Literature Festivals and Outreach Activities

The British Council Libraries are delighted to be a part of cultural festivals across Pakistan that feature some of the finest writers, critics, academics, artists and performers from within the country as well as from South Asia and Britain. Since the founding of some of these festivals, we've worked with or sponsored a number of writers from the UK including Irvine Welsh and Esther Freud.

Our pop-up libraries are a vibrant affair with a colourful display of books, bean bags, rugs and games and competitions to engage crowds. We showcase exclusive videos and provide iPads and VRs so that audiences can fully explore our range of services and resources. Our pop-ups are distinct and attract crowds as we offer people a chance to experience our libraries and discover a world of contemporary UK content that can be accessed across Pakistan.



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

The education landscape in this rapidly changing environment is a witness to lot of significant developments – especially on the global front. This in turn requires students and schools to stay on top of affairs and also face a lot of challenges and innovations as never before. While some of the youth can find an educational or work opportunity in the West, not all share the privilege. This is why British Council through The International School Award provides a platform for students to explore new grounds around the world.



The International School Award (ISA) is a prestigious British Council award that encourages schools to build an international dimension in the school curriculum by collaborating with national and international partner schools.

The ISA acknowledges schools and provides a framework for recognising schools that:

- champion international work and collaboration with partner schools nationally and internationally to build and develop lasting relationships
- benchmark best practice and share professional development in teaching and learning

- engage young people in both the global economy and global citizenship and develop their skills for life and work
- support whole-school projects that contribute towards school improvement
- enrich education through international work.

This globally recognised accreditation helps schools enrich learning and improve teaching by guiding international learning activities, from introducing international education into the curriculum to embedding it within a school's culture.

The International School Award was launched in Pakistan in 2013, with only 15 schools winning the award in the first year. For the past few years, over 800 schools have taken part in ISA and 450 of them have successfully achieved the award. Around 1500 national and international partnerships were developed under the International School Award in 2016-17.

The range of schools participating in the British Council International School Award includes both private and public sector schools from main urban cities to rural areas and schools from the less advantaged communities. The International School Award has helped schools benefit from all the opportunities that international education can offer by providing a framework to plan, evaluate and celebrate their international learning activities. ISA has enabled the schools to develop a global edge and an international perspective about team building and innovation beyond borders. It enables the possibility of growth in all domains such as physical, emotional, language, social, cognitive, creative, self-help, safety and health with an international dimension.

The International School Award is a map to help schools to get to a place where the students are excited about the world around them and are keen to learn about all aspects of its culture.



AWARDS 2017

STUDY UK ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP



With their contributions to the country's economic growth, the UK alumni are an important asset to both Pakistan and the UK. We depend on them for cultural and knowledge exchange and want to position them for more opportunities to lead in their chosen field as they give back to the country.

A six-week long capacity-building Fellowship was launched in collaboration with the Alumni team in the UK and is part of the programming for the Study UK Alumni Awards that takes place in Pakistan each year.

The Study UK Alumni Fellowship aimed to bring the best of British and Pakistani resources to support UK alumni in their personal and professional development. The selection process of the Fellowship was competitive, whereby 19 current and previous Alumni Award winners and finalists submitted their applications. The shortlisted applicants were then interviewed by the British Council team in Pakistan before their final selection.



THE FELLOWS



HENNA SAEED

Multimedia Reporter, BBC Pakistan
Lahore, Punjab

Henna is currently working for BBC in Pakistan. She reports for BBC URDU and BBC World Service TV, Radio and online.

Winner of the ICRC Journalist of the Year in 2011 and O2 North West Media Award as the Emerging Talent of the Year 2012, Ms.Saeed is a Chevening Scholar and finalist in Education UK Alumni Awards 2016 in the Professional Category.

Henna is also currently doing her PhD in news media and has over ten years of experience in the Pakistani media industry. She has worked with DailyTimes, Dawn TV, Channel News Asia-Singapore, CNN, Al-Jazeera, Arise TV USA, CNN-IBN, Times Now India and ABP News India as an International News Producer/Reporter.

She aims on increasing impact through her journalistic endeavours by training upcoming journalists about the ethics of the field.

Through the Fellowship, Henna was able to use British Council library resources as well as network with people who are currently working in media industry and scholars for research guidance.



Dr Usman Qamar

Director, Knowledge and Data Science
Research Centre, NUST Rawalpindi, Punjab

Dr Usman is an academic with a PhD from University of Manchester, UK. After the doctorate, he was involved in projects for Office of National Statistics, London, UK and University of Ghent, Belgium and is currently the Director of Knowledge and Data Science Research Centre, a Centre of Excellence at National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan. He has authored over 100 publications and written 2 books. Dr Usman has successfully supervised four PhD students and over 60 post graduate students. He has received multiple research awards, including Best Researcher of Pakistan 2015/16 by Higher Education Commission (HEC) in the category of Sciences and Engineering. He also won in the Research and Development category by Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA) ICT Awards 2017.

He is also a recipient of the prestigious Charles Wallace Fellowship, visiting research fellow at Centre of Decision Research, University of Leeds, UK and Scientific Director of Data and Text Mining Lab, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. Through the Fellowship, Dr Usman was able to increase impact and take his work to a national level.



Dr Nousheen Zakaria

Founder and CEO, Homework Pakistan,
The Code It Company and Out of Box
Ltd, Karachi, Sindh

Dr Nousheen is an entrepreneur who earned her PhD in Strategic Human Resource Management from the University of Leeds in 2014, and her MSc in Human Resource Management from the University of Sheffield in 2007. She was a finalist for Education UK Alumni Award for the Entrepreneurial category in 2016 and 2017.

She is the CEO and co-founder of Out of Box Ltd, UK, The Code It Company, Pakistan, which provides IT and software solutions to clients all over the world. Nousheen is also the founder of over 30 new intuitive websites and seven mobile apps launched both globally and locally. Some of her intuitive websites include Homework.pk, Pakistan's first and only platform for freelancers, BeKarachi.com, a platform for budding entrepreneurs and inspirational personals and Shaditayari.pk, Pakistan's first wedding suppliers' directory.

Dr Nousheen has emerged as a leader in her field of work and is actively involved in endeavours of social welfare and community building. She also extends support to people with special needs by creating equal-employment opportunities for them to work within her firm. Nousheen believes that her experience of studying in the UK has not only enhanced her critical thinking skills, and transformed her world view but has also provided her with a global perspective. She attributes her current practices of employing diverse staff and people with special needs and introducing policies to support them in her organisation to the training she received in the UK. Through the Fellowship, Dr Nousheen was able to understand herself better and learn the different ways to scale up her business ventures more systematically.



Muhammad Uzair

Founder and Lead, Blimp, Peshawar 2.0, Peshawar, KPK

An entrepreneur, and a job creator, Uzair is the founder of Blimp, a Digital Marketing & PR agency based in Peshawar, Pakistan. Blimp is a full service digital marketing agency with clients in the retail, health, education, hospitality and technology sectors.

Uzair founded Blimp when he moved back from the UK after gaining some experience with a digital marketing agency in Leeds. Blimp currently employs seven people and has worked with over 100 clients in the past two years. Blimp's work in the education sector has recently been shortlisted as one of 24 most inspirational stories around the world by Google.

Uzair is also the co-founder of Basecamp and Peshawar 2.0. These organisations support young entrepreneurs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Uzair is a Mass Communications and Business graduate from Northumbria University. Uzair's next phase of work at Blimp is to scale and cover KP before moving into Punjab.

From the learnings of the Fellowship, he aims to increase his team to 50 full-time employees between Peshawar and Lahore in the next five years and at Peshawar 2.0, Uzair wants to continue working on innovative ideas with the government and the development sector, provide mentorship and support to young entrepreneurs.



Talat Jehan

Communications and Training Officer, United Nations Women, Quetta, Balochistan

Talat has been contributing to the development sector through various activities in Quetta. He is currently working as a Communications and Training Officer with UN Women, Quetta Office, Balochistan. Talat is actively working towards the betterment of youth in the province. He was previously also involved in the facilitation process of different voluntary events such as Youth Volunteering and Networks Workshop and Celebration of International Volunteer Day with UNV (Pakistan), City Cleaning Campaign and Youth Building Peace Workshop with UNDP (Pakistan), UN Wall Campaign and Youth for Climate Change Project with UNIC (Pakistan) and some other voluntary and scouting interventions.

Talat has a post graduate degree in Human Resource Management (HRM) from London Metropolitan University, UK and prior experience of working as a Project Manager on different development projects.

Through the Fellowship, Talat was able to expand his network and explore development opportunities at a national level.

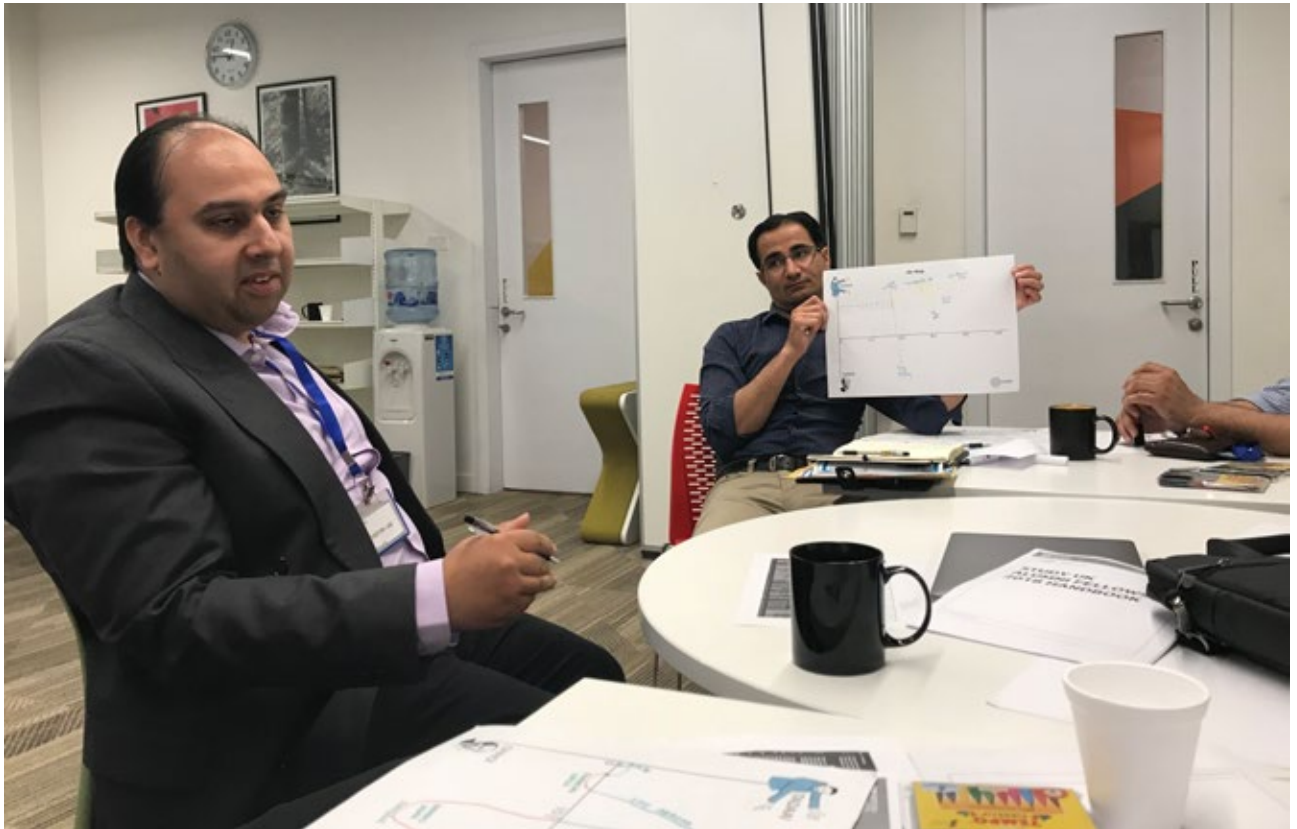
The Programme

An induction session was held for the Fellowship in February 2018. The induction included an introduction to the British Council, the team managing the Fellowship, the executive coach, and a site visit to the National Incubation Centre in Lahore.

As an opportunity to learn from leading UK institutions and add on to their current portfolio, the Fellows were able to sign up for online courses of their choice from a UK Higher Education Institute. They were also able to further improve their future performance by reflecting on their learning at different points in the Fellowship. This was an opportunity for them to step back from the learning experiences of the Fellowship, to analyse, refine and share with a wider group of people.

Creating new connections and expanding their network through people who can add value to their professional journey was another goal of the Fellowship. During the induction and closing of the Fellowship, the Fellows got the opportunity to meet with professionals from various





industries, policy-makers, entrepreneurs and experts from various sectors. In addition, they also got to network at the Study UK Alumni Awards 2017-18 held at the British Deputy High Commission in Karachi.

As an opportunity to up their game with skills of the future and with over 30 options from state-of-the-art executive training centres, these Fellows were required to undertake in-person trainings during the course of the Fellowship.

Furthermore, through a year-long membership in the British Council Library, they were able to add to their professional and personal capacity through the book-lending service, digital access, workshops and meeting space available in Karachi and Lahore.

Lastly, to increase self-awareness among the Fellows and to identify what they need in order to excel in their career, the Fellows were assigned an executive coach for one-on-one coaching. This was their opportunity to explore possibilities, challenge imagination, and clarify assumptions and carve a systematic way forward to achieve their professional goals.



The Executive Coach

As a practitioner of appreciative inquiry for over two decades to get results, Farhad Karamally was taken on board as “a catalyst for change” and to facilitate the Fellows in their professional development.

Farhad is an Organisational Development (OD) consultant, leadership facilitator, published author, and habitual entrepreneur who specialises in unleashing human genius through leadership, creativity and change management initiatives that assist in architecting excellence in organisational culture.

Post-Fellowship Engagement

A UK Alumni Mentorship Programme is in pipeline whereby our Fellows will mentor, inspire and help fresh graduates of UK Higher Education institutes aspiring to give back to Pakistani.





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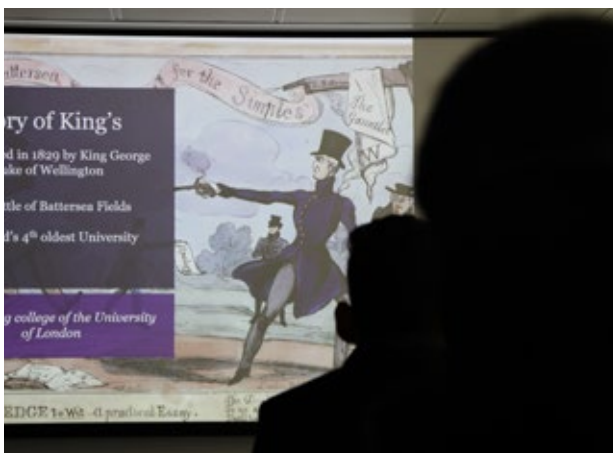


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GREENWICH UNIVERSITY, KARACHI

APRIL 2017

The British Council Pakistan in partnership with Greenwich University Karachi organised a study familiarisation tour to five institutions in the UK for students and faculty of Greenwich University, Karachi. The 13 member delegation visited the institutions and met with teams from the international offices, with faculty members, Pakistani students currently enrolled at the campuses, members of the international student body and attended sample classes and lectures along with enjoying campus tours.





The student and faculty delegation from Greenwich University Karachi visited the following institutions in Scotland and England:

1. University of Edinburgh
2. University of Glasgow
3. King's College London
4. London School of Economics and Political Science
5. University of Warwick

The delegation enjoyed:

- Orientation sessions
- Lectures
- Interaction with faculty
- Interaction with Pakistani students enrolled on campus
- Enjoy campus tours
- Meet international student ambassadors



GIFT UNIVERSITY, GUJRANWALA

AUGUST 2017

The British Council Pakistan in partnership with GIFT University Gujranwala organised a study familiarisation tour to five institutions in the UK for students and faculty of GIFT University, Gujranwala. The 23 member delegation visited the institutions and met with teams from the international offices, with faculty members, Pakistani students currently enrolled at the campuses, members of the international student body and attended sample classes and lectures along with enjoying campus tours.





The student and faculty delegation from GIFT University Gujranwala visited the following institutions:

1. Manchester Metropolitan University
2. University of Manchester
3. Coventry University
4. University OF Hertfordshire
5. Regent's University London

The delegation enjoyed:

- Orientation sessions
- Lectures
- Interaction with faculty
- Interaction with Pakistani students enrolled on campus
- Campus tours
- Meeting international student ambassadors
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Technology

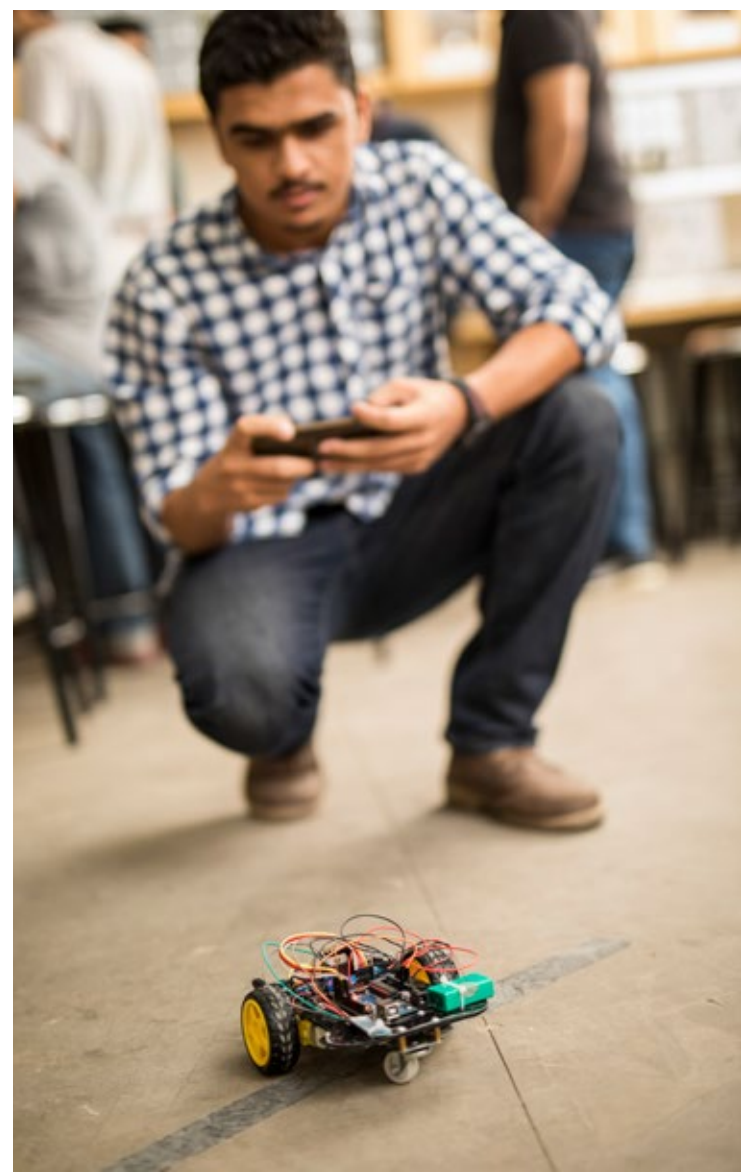
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SEVEN TIPS FOR FRESHERS' WEEK



The first week at university in the UK is called 'Freshers' Week'. The first rule of Freshers' Week is that there are NO rules to Freshers' Week. It's a great opportunity for you to meet new people, make new friends and get everything in order before you start your studying. To guide you through the week, Makaela Lewis who studies History at the University of Manchester has produced seven top tips.

Be open-minded! Some of the best friendships are the most unlikely ones.

For everyone beginning university, you are likely to find a mix of different personalities, cultures and interests. Embrace this. It may be one of the only times that you meet so many different people, so try and make as many friends as you can, that you may not have immediately thought of as your 'type'. They may become your best.

Join as many societies as possible

The Freshers' Fair held on the first week of university is an amazing opportunity to really get stuck into university life and meet people along the way with similar interests and ambitions to you. Join as many societies and clubs as you can. Even though you only have a vague interest in something, get stuck in anyway.

Make an effort to bond with your flat mates

You may not think it at first, but your flat mates are likely to become your family at university. This is not to say that they will be your best friends or people that you have loads in common with. At the end of long days, happy days, and sometimes-homesick days, these will be the people around you. So don't waste time being shy, make an effort.

Manage your money

Money is an extremely important topic. You and your friends will have different budgets and allowances, so make sure that you organise your own. Some banks offer an incentive for opening a student account, so although there will be a lot more interesting and exciting things on your mind, make sure that you get the boring (but crucial stuff) done and out of the way.

Don't miss out on the UNiDAYS and NUS discounts

Just one of the perks of coming to university in the UK (amongst MANY others), are the discounts that you are entitled to as a student. You can reap the benefits of discounts such as UNiDAYS, discounting major brands such as Boohoo.com, Nike and Apple music and many more. This is an offer that will help you save your pennies.



Missing home is normal

Diving into a new environment with new people and often, new culture is bound to be nerve wracking for most people starting university. Remember that everyone is in the same boat. You wouldn't be human without a little home sickness, however, there are things you can do to overcome it. Firstly, bring a doorstep to university with you. Leaving your door open during Freshers' Week is a good way for you to mix with your flat mates and let everyone know they are welcome. This will make you feel more involved in the new family that you have joined. You should also try to decorate your room and make it your own. Having a comfortable place that feels familiar and you can call your own means that you are less likely to feel like you miss the comfort of home.

Enjoy yourself!

You won't get this week back again so have fun and let us know how you're getting on. Share your photos on Instagram using the hash tag #StudyUKFreshers. We will share the best of the week through our account @studyuk_britishcouncil



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