

A brighter future

Education UK Student Digest

April 2011

Hey, it's spring! It's time again for bright colours to blossom and the earth to celebrate the return of the season. So here's to all you folks – just as the cool breeze of spring we welcome you to this month's edition of our monthly newsletter wherein we bring to you the latest happenings at the British Council. Happy reading!

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- **30500** students, **5000** overseas students from **130** countries
- Rated among **Top 10** Research Institutes by RAE 2008
- 1100 Programmes at Undergraduate and Postgraduate Level in:**
- ◆ **Engineering & Sciences:** Civil, Chemical, Computers, Textiles, Communications, Electronics, Nanotechnology, Mechanical, Biological Sciences, Food Science, Dentistry, Environment, Transport Studies, Health & Hospital Mgmt., Medicine etc.
- ◆ **Business & Management :** Accounting, Advertising, HRM, Management, Economics, Intl. Mktg., Banking & Finance, Intl. Finance, Fin. & Investment, Intl. Business, Corporate Communications & Public Relations, MBA etc.
- ◆ **Arts & Social Sciences:** Fashion, Design, Advertising & Design, Education, English, History, Int. Studies, Sociology, Law, Psychology etc.

Bangalore	Chennai
<p>Date: Wednesday, 6 April 2011</p> <p>Time: 12 noon to 6.00 pm</p> <p>Venue: British Library, Prestige Takt, 23 Kasturba Road Cross, Bangalore</p> <p>For appointments, please contact us on (080) 22489220 or bl.bangalore@in.britishcouncil.org</p>	<p>Date: Thursday, 7 April 2011</p> <p>Time: 10.30 am to 6.00 pm</p> <p>Venue: British Council, 737 Anna Salai, Chennai</p> <p>For appointments, please contact us on (044) 42050600 or chennai.enquiry@in.britishcouncil.org</p>

You may also be offered spot decision/offer, **so bring along copies of your academic transcripts.**

Scholarships

COMMONWEALTH SHARED SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2011

Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are awarded for Taught Master's courses on various subjects related to economical, social and technological development of the country. For more information related to the eligible courses, list of participating institutions, application procedure etc please log on to

<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/prospectus-shared-scholarships-2011.pdf>



British Council
IELTS Scholarship Award

Get the advantage by taking IELTS with the British Council

EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH
RS. 3,00,000/- EACH

Apply for the **British Council IELTS Scholarship** and you could win an award of Rs 3,00,000/- towards your tuition fee. The award winners will begin a full time postgraduate programme at any overseas university that uses IELTS as a part of its admission requirements and as a reliable measure of English language proficiency.

For more details please visit www.britishcouncil.org/india-exams-ielts-scholarship-plan.htm

Commonwealth Professional Fellowships

Professional Fellowships are for mid-career professionals to spend three months with a relevant UK host organisation in their field for a programme of professional development. Applications should be made by the UK host organisation which acts as the 'nominator', and which can be from any sector. Professional Fellowships are not for academic study or research and full-time academics are not eligible for a Fellowship. More details from <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/prospectus-professional-fellowships-2011.pdf>



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Chevening Gurukul Scholarships

Inviting applications for the Leadership Programme 2011 at LSE

Chevening Gurukul Scholarship for Leadership and Excellence is a unique 12-week advanced leadership programme, created specifically for India's future leaders, by the renowned London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

16 exceptional candidates from India will be selected for this fully funded programme. The scheme is meant for working professionals who have substantial experience in their professional field and are looking for a short-term professional training programme to expand and consolidate their experience, knowledge and skills.

For more information about the scholarship, course content, schedule and eligibility criteria, please visit www.britishcouncil.org.in/scholarships. Interested candidates can only apply online at www.chevening.fco.gov.uk/CISPApplication/Intro.aspx.

Last date for the online application is **Monday, 11 April 2011**

UK Weekly Contest



UK WEEKLY

ANSWER & WIN
A COOL PRIZE

Participate in our weekly contest – UK Weekly, answer four questions and you may win a mobile phone.

Click here to [play the contest](#).

Education UK Weekly Briefing



General briefing sessions on 'Studying in the UK' are held at the British Council every week.

- ❖ British Council, Chennai: Every Friday from 1600 to 1700 hrs
- ❖ British Library, Bangalore: Every Thursday from 1130 to 1300 hrs
- ❖ British Library, Hyderabad: Every Thursday from 1100 to 1200 hrs

Education UK Exhibitions



Celebrate summer in style!

Summer is not just a time for ripe mangoes, juicy watermelon slices and ice cold lemonades; it's also the time of the year when we conduct our Education UK exhibitions in Trivandrum and Vijayawada.

Light up your career! Visit British Council's Education UK exhibition. Meet representatives of more than 18 UK institutions. So, if you are in these cities in the month of May 2011 – do not miss our Education UK exhibition.

Entry Free!

City	Date	Time
Trivandrum: Mascot Hotel Mascot Square	Tuesday, 17 May 2011	1.00 to 6.00 pm
Vijayawada: The Gateway Hotel, M G Road	Saturday, 21 May 2011	1.00 to 6.00 pm

Watch out for this space in our next edition, where we will come up with more details including the list of participating institutions and registration details.

New from UK Border Agency

The UK's Home Secretary, Theresa May has recently announced changes to the UK's student visa system, designed to offer greater protection for international students and UK institutions alike. For more details please visit www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/march/65-student-visas

Some of the positive move/ changes to the new system are:

- University students will continue to be able to work for 20 hours per week either on or off-campus. University students will retain the right to do work placements where the study/work ratio is 50:50
- International students graduating from a UK institution will still be able to stay and work in the UK under Tier 2 (General) if they have a job offer and meet the other requirements. Students will have four months at the end of their course to move from student status to that of a skilled worker.
- International students will continue to be able to bring family members with them when they are studying a postgraduate level course of 12 months or more, and family members will have the right to work.
- There has been a change to the level of English language skills, with students entering at degree level requiring skills at the upper-intermediate level (B2). However, UK institutions will be able to vouch for the student's language ability without the requirement for a secure English language test.

We plan to organise Student visa seminars starting from June onwards and the dates will be announced soon.

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Summer course for Young Learners in Chennai and Hyderabad



Summer is rapidly approaching and what better way to keep your children engaged and entertained than for them to attend the British Council's summer intensive?

On the course they will get the chance to develop their confidence in speaking English through games, activities, role plays and drama performances.

Seats are offered on a first come first served so contact us now to book your child's free level test as soon as possible. Regular courses for Adult learners also available! Register now.

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