



InFocus

**The newsletter of the Organisational Learning Centre
A Greater Manchester College**

Welcome to the Summer 2011 edition of InFocus: our College and Enterprise newsletter

In this edition we look at preparations for OLC's Student Information Evening, in conjunction with ICM. We hope you find it interesting and informative. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Customer Services on +44 (0) 1204 525511 or jsaunders@olceurope.com



Diary Dates

ICM Enrolment night, 8th of September

Preparations are well underway for the enrolment evening for OLC (Europe) and ICM's credit management courses, to be held in rooms at the University of Salford on the 8th of September.

The College looks forward to welcoming back students wishing to enrol on Level 5 courses, as well as inducting brand new Level 3 students just starting out.

The summer holidays for HNC/HND and Level 7 courses held in the Castle Street Campus start from the 4th July, and reconvene on the 3rd October.

Student Spotlight: Mohammad Sheblee

OLC (Europe) would like to warmly congratulate Libyan student, Mr Mohammed Sheblee for his completion of his HNC in Mechanical Engineering with Merit in July this year.

Mr Sheblee, a mature student sponsored by Mellitah Oil & Gas B.V., earned a Merit grade in 4 of his HNC units and even attained a Distinction in Analytical Methods.

As Mr Sheblee looks to returning home to his family in Libya, OLC wish him and his country all the best in these troubled times.



Image: Mohammad Sheblee. (left) Is warmly congratulated on his success by Dr Chris Bamber (right).

Welcome Home Edmund's return from Libya

The OLC is extremely pleased to welcome back staff member Edmund Bamber upon his safe return from Sabratha, Libya. Edmund had been in the country working to establish the presence of the OLC overseas campus, which had been met with initial success and enthusiasm from the locals.

However, due to the escalation of tensions within the country and the outbreak of armed conflict it became OLC's priority to get Edmund back safely.

His journey was hampered by airspace restrictions which prevented a flight to Malta, as was authorised by the Maltese high commission. He left Libya by a combination of car, bus and boat journeys, eventually managing to find a departure flight from Carthage, Tunisia.

Edmund is now settling back into his role as Network Administrator and Student Support Officer here at the OLC, and we join him in wishing a prompt and peaceful end to the Libyan conflict.



Image: Edmund Bamber (centre) shows off his spicy chilli sauce with at a barbeque with OLC students.

European Links

Erasmus Students

For 6 weeks over the summer, the OLC was proud to provide placement for Artūras Koženevskis, a European student from Erasmus: the European Union's flagship educational exchange programme.

Artūras worked closely with OLC staff in logistical support, process mapping and document and data control, gaining important experience not only for his studies but also in valuable life skills gained from experiencing our different culture.

Despite feeling homesick and an initial language barrier that at first made communication difficult, Artūras soon overcame these problems. Persevering with his course, Artūras made real contributions to OLC, as well as learning much about the British way of life.

Artūras has now returned home to Lithuania and is working on a paper researching the European Markets to conclude his studies.

Erasmus

What is it?

Erasmus, named after a Dutch Theologian, endeavours to increase the mobility of students within Europe.

Since its introduction in 1987 it has built up relations with universities in 33 different countries and helped over 2.5 million students across Europe to live and study abroad. Currently 9 out of 10 Higher education institutions across Europe are involved with Erasmus.

If you are interesting in finding out more about Erasmus please check the British Council's website at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus.htm>



Image: Artūras (right) receiving his certificate of achievement from Dr Chris Bamber (left).

New Faces at the Organisational Learning Centre

OLC this summer would like to welcome two new members of staff, Mr Daniel Russell and Mr Simon Nuttall-Worsley.

Daniel Russell currently works at OLC in a diverse selection of roles. He acts as a tutor in various subjects, supports the students with work and assignments as well as helping to facilitate the sales team.

He studied Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management at UCLAN and is qualified in TEFL, as well as being a FA qualified football coach. He has professional experience working as a Project Manager and Quantity Surveyor, working in many major construction projects.

Simon works at OLC providing operational support for Tutors as well as helping to facilitate students with work and assignments, looking to move into tutoring as he gains experience.

He studied English with Creative Writing at the University of Salford and is the editor of InFocus, OLC's in house newsletter.

Simon also often produces marketing and sales material on behalf of the sales team, and enjoys the creative side of his work.



Image: Mr Daniel Russell, Tutor and Support Officer at the OLC .

ICM Student Induction Evening

The 8th of September will see OLC Europe and ICM North West hosting their annual Enrolment and Student Information Evening at Salford University's University House.

Commencing at 6:30pm, the evening is an excellent opportunity for newcomers and returning students to find out all the information they need in regards to their Level 3 and Level 5 Credit Management courses.

Presenting at the evening will include Dr Chris Bamber and Professor John Sharp from OLC Europe; Debbie Tuckwood, Head of Education, ICM Headquarters; representatives from Hays Accountancy & Finance in Manchester as well as OLC and ICM course tutors who will be available to answer any queries about the courses.

With a free buffet and presentations on both levels of courses, this is a perfect chance for ICM students to plan their courses, discuss career prospects and confidently register their places.



Breakout

The new OLC student area was completed earlier this year, and has been widely regarded as a boon by our students. A collection of three open rooms, the student area provides a safe and engaging space for students to relax, chat, or even get some work done!

The breakout room boasts comfortable seating, drinks facilities and even a genuine slate-bed pool table which students can use to blow off some steam.

Next door, the quiet room provides space where students can sit and study outside of classroom time.

Finally, the ICT suite allows students access to computer time and software packages as well as the internet and emails. The room is fully equipped with a printer designated for student use.



Image: Three OLC Students relaxing in-between studies in the OLC breakout room.

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