Welcome

The Summer Term brings a lot of choices. Should I prepare for exams or go to a ball or see my friends and enjoy the sunshine (if it ever comes)! Whatever you do, make sure you prepare well for those summer assignments and exams but also try to build in a bit of time to relax, reflect, sleep and eat. It will honestly help you study better. Ultimately you won’t do well in an exam if you are too tired or wired to concentrate properly. The Guild Advice Unit has written a very good piece later in the newsletter about avoiding problems in your exams.

The summer term is a great time to be in Exeter and in the UK. When your exams are finished and if the weather is good the beach is hard to resist. Exmouth is easy on the train but why not explore the coast on the Jurassic Coast by Bus. There are lots of lovely coastal villages to see and cream teas and ice creams to eat! We highly recommend the Respect Festival on 1-2 June at Belmont Park. This is a fantastic free weekend of activities, food, fun and music for everyone, especially families. We’re holding a Summer Celebration on Monday 20 May from 4-8pm. There’s more information later in the newsletter but you need to book so don’t delay! Exeter Food Festival and the Devon Show are all great things to go to INTO are selling a limited number of cheap tickets. There are also two day bank holidays in May and June to have fun in.

If you are graduating this summer we’ll see you at Graduation and we do hope that you have found your time at Exeter a rewarding one, both personally and academically, and that you will take home many happy memories. Please remember to give your information to the Alumni Office so we can keep in contact with you. All of us in the International Student Support Office wish you the very best of luck for the future. If you are returning to us next year then have a fantastic summer whatever you get up to.

Have a great term everyone!

Sue Lawrie
Amelia Mansfield
Suzanne Aburagheb
Laura Shepherd
International Student Support Team

Forthcoming Festivals

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Summer Celebration:  
Focus On Your Future  
20 May starting at 4pm, Forum

Congratulations you have nearly reached the end of the academic year and it’s time to celebrate! But do you know exactly what you want to do in the future and how to make it happen? Don’t worry, most people don’t! This event is for all international students, whether you are in your final year or not. It’s an opportunity to find out more, how to find the job you want, how to perform better in applying for that dream job and then have some fun at the end with free buffet and Karaoke. You must book a place and then on the day you will choose particular sessions and talks to attend.

The International Student Summer Celebration counts towards the Exeter Award. Places are limited to 150 so click here to book now.

Forum, telephone 01392 723520 or email studentadvice@exeter.ac.uk

ARTS WEEK

Arts Week, 3-7th June, will be a fun packed week you will not want to miss! We have a number of music, theatre and screen acts lined up with many more exciting plans and events to be announced.

There really is something for everyone, whether you fancy sitting back and being entertained, or trying something new in one of our taster workshops! A great opportunity to meet new people, try something different and celebrate the end of the year. If you would like to get involved backstage, perform or run your own workshop please contact lbm202@exeter.ac.uk.

International Student Career Zone Engagement Survey - £50 Amazon voucher to be won

The Career Zone would like to hear your views on the employability services offered to International students here at the University of Exeter. By taking part in this short survey you will be helping us develop the services on offer to International students and could also win a £50 Amazon voucher.

How do I take part?

To complete the survey, please click here. All entrants will be included in a prize draw, offering the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. The survey closes on 24 May.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, including issues with access, or wish to discuss anything further please contact r.coombes@ex.ac.uk.
We currently have limited information about this exciting new scheme allowing PhD students to work for a year after their studies. The new scheme is designed to give students who have almost finished their UK PhD or other doctorate qualification an additional 12 months of Tier 4 (general) immigration permission in which to look for and start work in the UK. Applicants must have current Tier 4 leave to study a PhD or other doctorate degree and can only apply from within the UK. Eligible students must submit an application within 60 days before their course completion date and have the required funds of £1,600 in a bank account. Once granted this visa student will no longer be subject to any work restrictions (other than on work as a doctor or dentist in training or professional sportsperson or coach). Detailed information will be available on the International Student Support Office website by the end of April but please book an appointment or log an enquiry for International Student Support through the Student Information Desk if you might need to apply for the Doctorate Extension Scheme before then.
Help from the Library

The library offers a deskside training service to research postgraduates. If you need help in finding resources in your subject area or want to know how to manage your references or raise your research profile, then your Subject Librarian can help. To book an appointment, please send a message to libraryhelp@exeter.ac.uk. If you are an undergraduate or taught postgraduate, please see the Getting Help pages for further help and contact details. Check Subject Guides to find your Subject Librarian.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

You can check on the Library website for Opening Hours. Please be aware that there are often different opening hours during the vacation periods. If you have any questions, then contact the relevant Library or Centre, and they will be pleased to help you.

INTO Student Helper Recruitment

Are you a current or past INTO student who will be studying at Exeter University in September? Keen to make a difference to the new students’ experience? The INTO Social Programme and University ILO team are recruiting for a team of dedicated and committed Student Helpers to assist them with their events for the academic year 2013-14. Further information and details of how to apply can be found at INTO reception.

Deadline: 26 April 2013

Exeter Chinese Christian Church

The Exeter Chinese Christian Church (ECCC) will be moving to South Street Baptist Church from Sunday 26 May 2013. The time for the meetings will remain the same, the Sunday service at 1.30pm, followed by youth fellowship (students welcome) at 3.15pm.

ECCC take this opportunity to express their gratefulness to Revd Jane Ollier, other ministers, the deacons and the congregations St Mark, St Matthew and Sidwell’s Chapel for their huge support in different ways as ECCC started their ministry in Exeter. Their kind support has contributed to our move to develop further church ministry ahead.

For more details contact chaplaincy@exeter.ac.uk
The University of Exeter after graduation

The University runs special activities for graduates (also called alumni) who live outside the UK. After graduating you will start to receive updates from the Exeter’s Alumni Office, as well as invites to events run by our local alumni contacts. There are also opportunities to network with alumni in your field of interest, providing you with insights into your chosen career and contacts with senior businesspeople. For more information about recent events, upcoming activities and international alumni Facebook pages please see the alumni website www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisupporters/networks/international/ or contact Rachael Green, Acting Alumni Giving Manager at r.green@exeter.ac.uk.

DON’T END UP LOSING YOUR SUMMER OR EVEN YOUR DEGREE!

The Guild Advice Unit sees many students seeking advice about charges of exam related misconduct. There is a range of penalties, but the most common punishment is for the exam in question to be classed as a failure and the student asked to retake in the August referral period. Not only does this mean that you lose your vacation to further revision, the mark is also usually capped at 40 and your grades could be severely affected.

To help you avoid breaking exam regulations we offer the following tips:

1. **DO** – check (and double-check) when and where you exam is, to arrive in plenty of time
2. **DO** – check what you are allowed to take into the exam with you
3. **DO** – listen to the invigilators instructions at the beginning of the exam
4. **DO** – read all the instructions before you start
5. **DO** – if you discover during the exam that you have your mobile phone, iPod, notes or anything else with you that you should not have let the invigilator know as soon as possible.
6. **DON’T** – look at the paper until you are told to
7. **DON’T** – take anything to the exam venue that you do not need- leave it at home for safekeeping
8. **DON’T** – speak or try to communicate with anyone during the exam or whilst you are in the exam room
9. **DON’T** – bring your mobile phone into the exam hall – even if you phone is off, in your pocket or under your desk, you can be penalised for academic misconduct
10. **DON’T** - panic, everyone worries about exams so you are not on your own

Wishing you well in all your exams this term,

**Guild Advice Unit**
**SUMMER ACCOMMODATION on campus**

Summer accommodation available on campus for visiting family and friends.

The University has a variety of excellent, value for money accommodation available to visitors this summer. Offering bed and breakfast and room only accommodation, the Streatham campus is the perfect base for family and friends to pay a visit, discover Devon and explore Exeter.

Accommodation is available from 19 June to 11 September in many of the halls of residence, with a range of options including single or twin standard rooms and double en suite rooms with breakfast.

We also have special accommodation rates available for graduation week – see the ‘Additional Services’ page of the graduation website for further details: [www.exeter.ac.uk/graduation](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/graduation) To enquire or book, please call Event Exeter on 01392 215566, or for our best rates, book online at [www.exeter.ac.uk/eventexeter/accommodation/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/eventexeter/accommodation/)

**Voice**

Voice is your student nightline, open from 8pm-8am every night during term time. If exams are getting stressful, Voice has trained members there to listen to you, and if you need help finding academic or welfare support, Voice can provide that information for you too! We’re also there to listen if you’re feeling homesick, or want any other information regarding your University life in term 3. We can be contacted by phone on 01392 724000, Skype ‘exetervoice’, Email: [voicemail@exetervoice.co.uk](mailto:voicemail@exetervoice.co.uk) and for information by text on 07935268001.

**MOVING OUT?**

At this time of year many international students are wondering how to send their belongings home when they have finished their studies or maybe where to store them over the summer.

Here are a few freight/storage companies that students have recently used.

- [www.roseremovals.co.uk](http://www.roseremovals.co.uk)
- [www.tudorfrieght.com](http://www.tudorfrieght.com)
- [www.ourspareroom.com](http://www.ourspareroom.com)
REFUSE AND RECYCLING

As term three begins we urge all students living off campus to be particularly aware of the buildup of refuse and recycling, particularly as you make preparations to leave your premises. We see a big rise in food waste and glass during this time. For glass, we advise that students remember to take regular trips to the nearest bottle bank - Exeter City Council do not collect glass from your doorstep. Most major supermarkets will have recycling facilities too, so get into the habit of taking some bottles when you go shopping! You will find a range of information on pages 8+9 of the Student Community Guide.

The University provides some additional refuse collections for students towards the last weeks of term.

Why not donate your unwanted stuff to new students? Do you remember the Freestuff event? Well now is the time to think about what YOU will do with items you no longer need! Please help the Project by donating your items for use by other students and local charities.

Donations accepted from 20 May onwards.

Please look out for poster in your residence for details of Collection Points.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

• Food (non perishable) In date and unopened
• Personally Owned Bedding (washed and in good condition)
• Clothes (washed and in good condition)
• Textiles (washed and in good condition)
• Shoes (in pairs and bagged)
• Pots & Pans (clean and complete)
• Cutlery, Crockery and Glassware (clean and complete)
• Toiletries
• Small Electrical Items
• CDs and DVDs
• Books and Stationery
• Cleaning Products
• Small Furniture

More updates will be made available soon through the ‘Student News In Brief’ emails, but general queries about refuse, recycling and even how some items of unwanted food can be donated to charity, contact: streetwise@ex.ac.uk.
EXETER FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL
27 April

The Festival is an annual event held in the courtyard of Exeter Castle and the surrounding Northernhay Gardens, right in the centre of Exeter. Taking place over three days, the Festival also includes two evening Festival After Dark Events featuring live music, chef demos and a great atmosphere.

Day Pass Saturday 27 April
INTO students £4 per ticket
Non-INTO students £5 per ticket
(Normal price: £7.50)
On sale from Monday 15 April from INTO reception

DEVON COUNTY SHOW: DAY PASS
Saturday 18 May 2013

INTO students £15 per ticket
Non-INTO students £17 per ticket
(Normal price: £19)
On sale from Monday 29 April from INTO reception

The INTO Social Programme continues over the Summer. In fact, often it gets even bigger and better at this time of year. We are always happy to welcome faces old and new. Current INTO students can check their emails for updates. All event notices can also be found on the Social Programme Noticeboards.
**Society News**

**African and Caribbean Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/africancarribean

**Arabic Society**
Rock the Kasbah held in the Postgrad Centre, Friday nights. World music at it’s best!
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/arabic

**Asian Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/asian

**Balkan Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/balkan

**Basque Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/basque

**Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/cssa
Apart from socials we can provide Chinese language introductory lessons, Chinese games, movies, handcraft, stories, cooking, China news, etc. We are open to Chinese and non Chinese students – all are welcome!

Contact President, Yuting Bai yb212@exeter.ac.uk

**Erasmus Student Network**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/erasmusstudent

**French Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/frenchsoc

**Friends of Palestine**
www.exeterguild.org

**German Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/german

**International Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/international

**International Students Council**
Welcome to Exeter! We hope you’re having a wonderful time and are getting involved in all the great things Exeter has to offer. However, sometimes you may need some help or support and this is what the ISC (International Students’ Council) is here for. We’re from the Students’ Guild (students’ union) and we’re here to support and represent you. The ISC is run by students, for students.

Please get in contact with us. We’re here to help make your time at Exeter as trouble-free as possible!

Our office hours:
12 noon – 2pm, Monday to Friday
The GI Hub (behind the Long Lounge, Devonshire House
Email: iscexeter@gmail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/ISC-University-of-Exeter/224602330929928

**Irish Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/irish

**Italian Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/italian

**Hispanic Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/hispanic

**Hong Kong Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/hongkong

**Japanese Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/japanese

**Jewish Society**
www.exeterguild.org/jewishsoc

**Kazakhstan Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/kazakhstan

**Kurdish Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/kurdish

**Latin American Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/latinamerica

**Russian Society**
Are you Russian or studying/interested in Russian culture?
Come and join the Russian Society. We offer the opportunity to mix with other Russian speakers and Russian studying students, whilst showing you the highlights of Exeter. Visit our website: exeter.russianstudents.net

Contact: Yana Makoveeva – ym242@exeter.ac.uk or Kate Sukhanova – es324@exeter.ac.uk.

**Thai Society**
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/thai
Society News  Contd.

Turkish Society
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/turkish

Vietnamese Society
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/vietnamese

Welsh Society
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/welsh

World Music Choir
The World Music Choir is a fun, friendly, non-auditioned choir, who sing songs from different cultures all around the world. We rehearse every Thursday from 4.30-6pm in the M&D Room in Devonshire House. For more information contact worldmusicchoir@yahoo.com.

Faith Based Societies:

Catholic Society
Come and join the Catholic Society! We celebrate Mass every Sunday at 11.30am at the Catholic Chaplaincy, just beside Moberly Halls, Glenthorne Road. Hope to see you there!
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/catholic

ECU
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/ecu

Islamic Society
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/islamic

Jewish Society
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/jewish

Meditation and Buddhist
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/meditationbuddhist

Methodist and Anglican
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/methodistandanglican

NOOMA
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/nooma

Pagan
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/pagancircle

Secular Society
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/secular

Sikh
www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/sikh