



YOUR INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Student Support Office, Student Services Centre, Forum, Streatham Campus

Appointments only: Monday to Friday 10am – 12 noon and 2pm – 4pm

Drop in clinics: Tuesday 10am – 11am and Thursday 2pm – 3pm

St Luke's appointments:

- Wednesday 2pm – 5pm

Book appointments in advance through My Exeter or email sid@exeter.ac.uk

Advice for Cornwall: email sid@exeter.ac.uk

Welcome

...to the May 2012 edition

The big news on campus this term is the Forum opening. We have been working on the Forum project for five years now so it's very exciting to finally have moved into our shiny new offices in the Student Services Centre. Oh, and the Queen visited too!

The Summer Term brings a lot of choices. Should I prepare for exams or go to a ball or see my friends and enjoying 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 and reflect. If you are worried about them then there is information later in the newsletter especially for you.

The summer term is a great time to be in Exeter and in the UK. If the weather is good the beach is hard to resist. Why not join in the Respect Festival on 2-3 June at Belmont Park. This is a fantastic free weekend of activities, food, fun and music for everyone, especially families. We're hoping to have a 'bon voyage' tea party for international students and families on Thursday 7th June. An email invitation will be coming round soon so please watch out for that. Oh, and if that isn't enough, the Queen (and country) will be celebrating her Jubilee with a special two day bank holiday.

If you are leaving us this summer 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. All of us in the International Student Support Office wish you the very best of luck for the future.

Sue O'Hara, Amelia Mansfield, Ina Wang, Suzanne Aburagheb

International Student Support Team



Forthcoming Festivals

MAY	6	Birthday of Buddha (Buddhist)
	7	May Day Bank Holiday
	10	Lag B'Omer (Jewish)
	17	Ascension Day – Holy Thursday
	27 – 28	Shavout (Jewish)
	30	Spring Bank Holiday
JUNE	3	Trinity Sunday
	4 – 5	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holidays
	12	Whit Sunday – Pentecost
	24	Midsummer's Day



Come and find us in our new home, the Student Services Centre, Forum.

FORTHCOMING FESTIVALS

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Creating a
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University of Exeter Campaign

The University of Exeter after you graduate

The University's Alumni office runs special activities for graduates (also called alumni) who live outside the UK. On graduation you will start to receive information and updates from the University, 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 and upcoming activities please see the [alumni website](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisupporters) www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisupporters or contact Rachael Stokes the International Alumni Officer at r.stokes@exeter.ac.uk

All Different - All Equal!

**Exeter
Respect**

2 – 3 June 2012

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

To help before and more importantly, on the days of the event.

General stewarding and site care, public information and sales team, event set up and take down, cash collection, collecting feedback, tent preparation.

Do you have the skills, enthusiasm and time to give?

If so contact Tim Price via the www.exeter-respect.org or goonasac@blueyonder.co.uk or 01392 477718

Big Lunch

Friday 1 June 12 – 2pm



Kick start your Jubilee weekend with the Chaplaincy at The Big Lunch on the Streatham Campus. Bring enough lunch for you and some to share to the lawn opposite Queens Building from 12-2pm. The Chaplaincy are kindly providing the drinks. Voluntary donations will be collected for Shilhay Exeter Homeless Project.

Free Cycle training

Free Cycle training is available to all staff and students of all abilities and can be tailored to the individual needs. So whether you are a total beginner or would have been cycling for a while and would like more confidence cycling a lesson Paul Mouland (our qualified cycle instructor) can tailor the lesson so it is perfect for you. You can take part in a group lesson with your friends/colleagues or be instructed in an individual lesson.

A successful 'Celebration of Islamic Culture' event was held at the Cornwall Campus on Saturday 3rd March. Arranged by the FXU International Society, the highlight of the event was a performance by the talented Hamid Ali Naqeebi and his Qawwali party, their first ever appearance in Cornwall. The event also showcased displays of Islamic art and literature, food and drink, henna tattoos and calligraphy.

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Residence Life Mentor opportunities

The Residence Life Team are seeking students to act as Residence Life Mentors for the 2012-13 academic year. As a Mentor, you would be responsible for welcoming and supporting a group of students living in University accommodation, helping them to have a positive experience of their time in residence, and empowering them to resolve any problems. To be eligible, you would need to be:

- A friendly, approachable, non-judgemental and supportive person, keen to help others settle into University life
- Excellent at communicating with a wide range of people
- Willing to develop your skills and able to attend team training during the week of 10 September 2012
- A full-time student of the University, able to be present in Exeter throughout all three terms of the academic year

In return, we offer Mentors a room in University accommodation and a rent discount of £40 per week, along with full training and the chance to develop new skills.

If you're interested in applying, or would like to know more, contact residencelife@exeter.ac.uk

CAREER ZONE

Get into the zone... and prepare for your future!!

The Career Zone are running regular activities to help you with looking for jobs or internships, information on setting up a business, global opportunities and getting involved on campus.

You do not need to book for most of these activities, just turn up.

The following are some of the activities we are running.

Advice setting up your own business or becoming self-employed
Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Q&A Drop-in
University Managed Internship Schemes (GBP, SBP, SCP)
Advice finding casual/part time work
Activities and Volunteering
RAG
Community Action
What's This Graduate Recruitment Process All About?
Career mentoring and alumni advice
Job Surgery
Employers on Campus
Global Employability Information Point

To find out more log in to My Career Zone and view the appointments and drop ins here:

www.mycareerzone.exeter.ac.uk/Appointments.chpx

We look forward to seeing you.

Career Zone Team



Get ahead of the game with **My Career Zone**



My Career Zone is the new online system for all University of Exeter students that allows you to set your preferences and interests so that we can help you find the most relevant careers information.

- Search for jobs and work experience
- Book onto events
- Make enquiries and view FAQs
- Book appointments for careers advice



Log in using your Exeter username and password.

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Housing News

Summer Accommodation Available

Want to stay in Exeter over the summer? We have a number of University bedrooms available over the summer period for a minimum of four weeks. Information on which residences and prices will be available to view on the [Accommodation Website](#) from the beginning of May and you from the middle of May you will be able to [apply online](#)

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.rosereovals.co.uk

www.tudorfriegt.com

www.ourspareroom.com

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 and 9 off the Student Community Guide:

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

Recycle Your Stuff

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 a local charity and other students.

Look out for posters giving details of collection points near your accommodation

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@exeter.ac.uk



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LIBRARY NEWS

On 2 May the new Forum building will be officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen. The Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will be visiting the campus as part of the Diamond Jubilee Tour. After the official opening, everyone will be able to see and use the new Forum facilities. Library staff will be on hand in the Library and outside to help should you need it.

Work on the Library is nearly complete and the new entrance will be from the Street, the central part of the Forum, where it will be closer both to the INTO building and to the new Student Services Centre. Next to the new entrance students will find seating areas where they can meet and talk, new book returns machines so you can drop off your books quickly, and the new Express Collections (replacing Ready Text), where books from reading lists can be borrowed for one day. Please note that Ready Text will not be moving into this new area until after the end of the exams later in the summer.

All 3 floors of the Library have now been refurbished and a wide range of study spaces is already available for quiet or group study. The last phase of work will provide seminar rooms on Level +1 that convert to extra study space in exam time. There are more extra study rooms on Level -1, and a dedicated space on level -1 for the Law Library collection, which will be moving out of Amory after the exams.

Over the summer, work will start to convert the former Law Library in Amory into a study space for all students. The area below the Great Hall has also been redesigned as The Sanctuary. This is open as study space throughout April, although in May it will be used for exams.



University chefs win gold

A team of chefs from the University of Exeter have won the prestigious TUCO Chef's Challenge award beating 20 other universities to the coveted gold medal. The team had to create a four-course meal in just two hours.

Global Chums Volunteers Needed

Will you be returning as a student to Exeter in September 2012?

Want new students to enjoy Exeter as much as you do?

Want to make friends from around the globe?

... VOLUNTEER AS A GLOBAL CHUM

We're looking for another 70 volunteers.

Deadline 12 May.

www.exeter.ac.uk/internationalstudents/prearrival/orientation/globalchums

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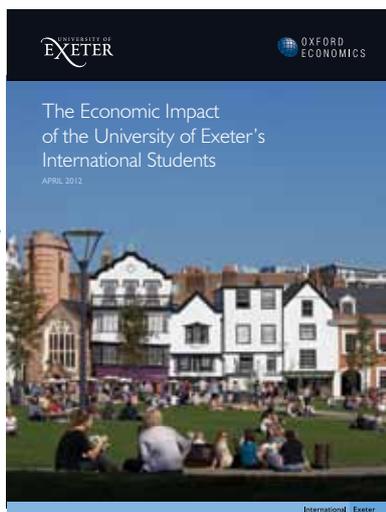
International students contribute £88 million to Exeter's economy

The University of Exeter's international students contribute over £88 million a year to Exeter's economy and support 2,880 jobs, equivalent to 2.8% of all employment in the city.

The students, from the University's campuses in Exeter and Cornwall, contribute over £104 million each year to the wider South West economy, supporting 3,280 jobs across the region.

An [independent report](#) published today (Thursday 5 April) quantifies the positive impact the population of nearly 5,500 students from 140 different countries has on its local communities. The report by Oxford Economics evaluates the amount of tuition fees paid to the University, along with spending on living expenses and by friends and relatives visiting from abroad. International students now represent 30% of the University's student body and pay around £55 million a year in tuition fees.

www.exeter.ac.uk/news/student/title_200985_en.html



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Make friends with local people through our hospitality scheme and welcome events

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ

Monday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Belmont Chapel, Western Way

14 May – Olympic Games

28 May – Royal Jubilee Party

11 June – Indian Night

DAY TRIPS

Saturday 26 May – Paignton Zoo

Saturday 9 June – Dartmoor

STAYING IN EXETER OVER THE SUMMER?

Keep in touch to find out about more chances to meet up over the summer!

For more information about any of these activities, or to join our Hospitality Scheme and be linked to a local host for a meal in their home, contact Jenny:

jenny.hudson@friendsinternational.org.uk



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Society News

African and Caribbean Society

www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/africancaribbean

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/224602530929928>

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.

Singapore Society.

bhy201@exeter.ac.uk

Thai Society

www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/thai

Turkish Society

www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/turkish

Vietnamese Society

www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/vietnamese

Welsh Society

www.exeterguild.org/activities/societies/welsh

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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

