We are delighted to announce that the University of Exeter has recently been ranked 10th out of 116 institutions in The Times Good University Guide 2012, an increase of three places from last year’s position of 13th. This is the second time in three years that Exeter has been ranked in the top 10. The Times Good University Guide rates universities on a range of criteria, from the student experience to the quality of academic research and is considered the most comprehensive and influential higher education league table.

University of Exeter Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive David Allen said: “We are nearing the completion of a £270 million investment in infrastructure and facilities to ensure we provide an outstanding experience to our students. Our reputation for world-class research is growing as we continue to attract exceptional teaching staff, academics and researchers and through our £230 million investment in science.”

This success has been reinforced by other improvements in our league table rankings: we were ranked 11th in the recent Guardian 2012 University Guide which included a variety of Exeter’s subject areas, such as Engineering, Psychology, Medicine, Sport and Health Sciences, in the top ten. The University also scored well in other areas that include high rates of graduate employment and a strong entry tariff for our degrees.

The University of Exeter has risen from position 34 to 10 in just ten years in The Times Good University Guide and is now recognised as being among the top 1% of universities in the world.

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**5 Week Pre-sessional Reminder**

The closing date for applications to INTO’s five week Preessional programme is fast approaching. All applications will have to be received by Friday the 8 of July and all applications must be confirmed by Friday the 15 of July.

**Accommodation booking portal now open**

Information on accommodation options for new students, including 2011/12 prices is now available on the accommodation website. Any offer holder who has firmly accepted their place can apply via the online portal: agents are reminded that all accommodation applications must be received by 31 July for students to be guaranteed a room.
The new INTO Academic building was opened on the 19 of May with a Gala Reception attended by Steve Smith the Vice-Chancellor and President of the University and by many senior members of University and INTO staff. David Allen, Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive of the University of Exeter, said: “As never before international students are rightly demanding the very best in facilities and student experience, and the new Centre will help us provide this, sending a powerful message that we have a truly world-class facility at the heart one of the leading universities in the UK.”

The new building is a purpose-built facility situated at the heart of Streatham Campus, adjacent to the library and the new forum project which will act as a new central focal point for the University. This building provides an innovative mix of teaching and student facilities to help deliver a world-class student experience. This three storey building incorporates modern flexible teaching spaces, a large lecture theatre, learning resource centre and a cafe and study. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Five INTO halls of residence have also been built on campus to give a total of 517 student rooms, increasing INTO University of Exeter’s residential capacity by 45 per cent. The first phase of the halls opened in January 2011 and the remainder will be finished for occupation in June.

The new INTO building is part of the £275 million investment programme on Streatham Campus, which is now moving towards completion. Projects such as the Business School expansion and the INTO Academic Centre are open, while the first part of the flagship Forum Project, and the refurbished first level of the library, opened in January. The first phases of the accommodation project have also been handed over, and most of the remaining schemes will be completed during 2011 and will be available for use by students who join us in September 2011.