

# Agents News

## Your Monthly Update

JULY 2014

### Programmes still open for September 2014

There are still some vacancies for appropriately-qualified students looking to commence either undergraduate or postgraduate programmes in September 2014.

For further information about available undergraduate programmes on the Exeter campus, please click [here](#) and, for the Penryn campus, please click [here](#).

If agents have some late inquiries for postgraduate programmes commencing in September 2014, please contact your relevant [International Officer](#).

### Tier 4 visa reminder

Partners are reminded that the immigration regulations have been updated since the last cycle in respect of the date which determines the beginning of the 28-day period for which funds must have been held.

Paragraph 11 of Tier 4 Policy Guidance (07/14) applies: *"If you are applying from outside of the UK, **the date of your application will be taken to be the date that the fee associated with the application is paid.** This means the date shown on your payment receipt, which depends on how you paid for your visa application, for example, at a British Diplomatic Post, visa application centre or online."*

Agents must therefore advise applicants that the 28-day period starts from the date of submitting and paying for the online application NOT the date when the application is submitted at VFS or other local centre. Failure to do so could result in students failing to obtain their visa which in turn has an adverse impact on our institutional visa refusal rate.

Agents are also reminded that all unconditional firm offer holders will be sent a CAS data-check form by email. The applicant MUST confirm that the details are correct and return ALL pages not only the signature page before a CAS will be issued. The CAS will be issued within four working days on receipt of a complete confirmation.

For detailed information about the Tier 4 application process see our Tier 4 Super Guide [here](#).





## Airport collection service

We encourage students to consider arriving at Bristol or Exeter airport, both of which receive flights from European hubs, as transfer times to the University are shorter. For those travelling into London, a Meet and Greet service will once again be available from Heathrow airport on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September. Tickets are just £35, a considerable saving on public transport fares. Seats must be booked online and are allocated on a first come first served basis. Students can also reserve seats for accompanying family members at the same price. For further information and to make a booking, please click [here](#).

Students planning to make their own way to campus can find comprehensive information about travel and all other pre-departure matters in our New Students Handbook which can be downloaded [here](#).

## New BSc Medical Sciences pathways

Following the successful launch in 2014 of the BSc in Medical Sciences to replace the previous BSc in Clinical Sciences, the Medical School has launched five new pathways for the programme for 2015 entry. After a common list of modules in the first year, students will take specialist modules on the different pathways from the second year onwards.

- Environment and Public Health
- Genetics and Genomics
- Health Research: Clinical Trials Management
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology

Students are still able to follow the general programme and 'Placement Training Year' opportunities will be available on all of the programme variants.

For more details, download the new [Medical Sciences brochure](#) or visit the [Medical Sciences webpage](#).

## New BSc Business at Penryn Campus, Cornwall for September 2015

The Business School is expanding into Cornwall and launching a new [BSc Business degree](#), designed to inspire the next generation of socially responsible business graduates. This programme will accept its first students in September 2015.

BSc Business is an exciting three year programme providing students with a rigorous grounding in all aspects of business management whilst simultaneously asking them to consider how businesses might better integrate the needs of the planet, people and profits in the short and long term.

Throughout the BSc Business programme, students will complete project work, including internships, with local and regional companies. In the final year, with guidance from their Business Mentor and Coach, students will learn the skills of management consulting through a consultancy project with one of those businesses, responding to a real world problem that they need help to resolve.

A new £5.5 million building is under construction on the Penryn Campus in Cornwall which will house the new Business School. It will also feature a specially designed area for business engagement called 'The Collaboratory' from which dedicated staff, along with the University's Knowledge Exchange team, will lead a number of long-term research and business support projects with selected local business partners.

Applicants should be expecting to achieve the equivalent of AAA – AAB / 36-34 IB points including a minimum of grade B at GCSE Maths or its equivalent. Please contact your [International Officer](#) for advice regarding local equivalencies.

### KEY DATES

1 - 2 August

International Office representative visiting Brazil