



Welcome

to the first edition of the Strode College Newsletter for international agents. We value you as partners in developing our business and hope you find this newsletter a useful way of keeping up-to-date with the developments at the college.

Service Excellence

Strode College is committed to providing you with the best possible service. As an agent we know this is important for both you and your client. We are making key services available to you online to help you work with your clients and our future students.

Assessment Services

The ESL language assessment will be available online shortly. As soon as you meet with a client you will be able to give the assessment and provide feedback on the application level. We will commit to providing feedback to you normally within one week of the test being completed.

Information Services

Getting accurate and timely information to you and your client is critical to our joint success. We provide a **website** with detailed information. We will continue to refine the site so that it is easy to use. We commit to responding to emails sent to international@strode-college.ac.uk within 24 hours on a working day.

We are developing information in languages other than English. We have a DVD, showing life at the College, available in Cantonese and Mandarin and can provide this in other languages if requested.

We are working on a webpage to help parents and an FAQs page, as well as lots of downloadable literature - all to make your job easier.

Successful Spring Visit to China

Philippa Piper, Head of A Levels and Bill Scott, Student Support Manager made our fifth visit to China during March 2008 with our business consultant Mrs Jian Tao. They enjoyed the hospitality of:

- Academic Asia, Hong Kong with Battie Fung
- Index Education Services with Rebecca Zhang
- Shanghai CIIC, Xi'an with Alan Yang
- EIC - Changsa, with Helena Hu
- Academic & continuing Education (ACE), Hong Kong with Joanna D'Ettore Leung
- International Studies Service Centre, Hong Kong with Julie Fung

and met with parents and prospective students. They also met with the parents of current students to discuss their progress.



Education UK Exhibition: 16th - 17th August 2008

We are delighted to tell you that Philippa Piper, Head of A Levels will be attending the exhibition at Hong Kong where she will be pleased to meet with you and any prospective pupils.

International Students Feedback to Strode

Sue Cook, Strode Senior Quality Officer conducted an in depth survey and interview with each international student to obtain feedback on Strode services and communication. The results were overwhelmingly positive with the students generally happy with their choice of Strode College and the level of support they receive from the college.

International Students

In 2007 - 8 academic year we had 13 international students from a wide range of countries, including PR China, Spain, Belgium, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Slovakia. For 2008 - 9 we are also welcoming students from Nigeria, Turkey, Sweden, South Africa, Jamaica, Columbia and countries across the European Union.



University success

The college has, once again been successful in exceeding the national average for college acceptances to Oxford and Cambridge universities. Read the press release "Oxbridge Dreams Come True" on our website:
www.strode-college.ac.uk/news.cfm

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