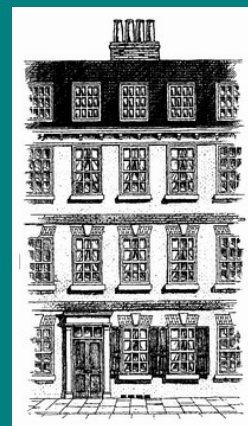


The English Language Centre



Alumni Newsletter – Issue 3, January 2008

Alumnus n. (pl. alumni; fem. alumna, fem. pl. alumnae). A former pupil or student of a particular school, college or university.

A Message from Hugh and Judy

Dear Students,

It is our pleasure to wish all our Alumni the very best for 2008! We hope that you achieve all that you wish to during the coming year.

We are very much looking forward to the months ahead. We are hoping to be able to announce some special new courses in the next newsletter, which we are currently finalising – so watch this space! Aside from that, we also hope that 2008 will bring us another fantastic mix of students from around the world, and some great success stories!

Please do keep in touch. You know we love to hear from you!

With our very best wishes, Hugh and Judy



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► British Council Scholarship Prize

We were delighted to take part in the ‘Let Your English Grow’ scholarship competition run by English UK as part of the Prime Minister’s Initiative for International Education. The competition was run through the English UK website, and attracted over 15,000 entries!

We offered one lucky person the opportunity to study at ELC York. All they had to do was explain to us why they should be the winner – in English of course! We received many wonderful entries, but finally chose a student called Diana, from Brazil. We will look forward to meeting Diana later this year.

► End of Year Performances

To celebrate the end of the year all the English Language Centre students prepared performances for the last day of term.

These included plays, music, and even an origami workshop! All of the students (and teachers of course) worked very hard on these projects, and the results were fantastic!



Teacher Nigel deals with a difficult train passenger in a class play!



The ELC Teachers – singing!

▶ Exam Success

We are delighted that between October and January Ali Zabrah, Bander Al Rashed, Ana Margarita Gomez, Onder Tutsoy, Kamuran Kamil Yesilkaya, Seda Shaboyan, Tania Alves Paulo da Silva, Saud Al Bashir, Ga Yeong (Mackenzie) Lee, Hsiu-Man (Skye) Hung, Yen-Yi (Ivy) Chiang and Miguel M Perez-Grueso achieved their IELTS qualification. Congratulations to everyone for all their hard work!

▶ Nationalities

In the past four months we have been very pleased to welcome students from 25 different countries!



These were Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Libya, Mexico, Mongolia, Norway, the Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

Alumni News

This section of the newsletter is all about our past students. We love to hear from people who have studied here in the past, and find out what they are doing now – in their studies, career or life in general! We also love to hear our students' memories of York.

Since the last issue of the newsletter in September we have been very pleased to hear from:

Alumni 2004

Claudio Salazar (Chile)

Claudio spent two months at ELC, and says that it was his best ever experience abroad! He enjoys receiving our Newsletter so that he can practise his English.

Alumni 2006

Gaukhar Sydykova (Kazakhstan)

Gaukhar says that her time in the UK, and especially York, was one of the most amazing periods in her life! She is now studying at one of the best Universities in Kazakhstan, and is a member of SIFE, an organisation which aims to inspire hope and improve economic opportunity for people all over the world. Gaukhar has kept in touch with other students she met at ELC, and last year went to visit one friend in Spain.



Gaukhar and Teacher Helen

Shirley – Xian Ju Zhang (China)



Shirley remembers both ELC and her Host Family very fondly!

She is currently working as an English Teacher and Headteacher of Senior 3 in China.

Alumni 2006

Welwitschia Carvalho (Angola)

Welwitschia says that she had a great time in York – and misses us! She took many fantastic photos of her time here, and was kind enough to share them with us. She is now in Aberdeen studying Geology and Petroleum Geology. She has kept in touch with other students she studied with, and has met with friends from Venezuela, Angola and Turkey since she left.



Welwitschia and family, at home in Angola

Al Hussin Nakuaa (Libya)

Al Hussin says he remembers everything from his first to last day at ELC, and speaks very highly of the staff here. He has returned to Libya, where he works in banking, and has also been taking an English class there for 4 months.

Jaroslav Daneš (Czech Republic)

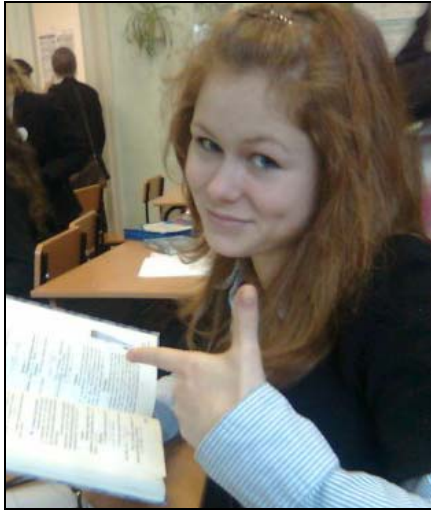


Jaroslav has been very busy since leaving ELC. He has returned to the Czech Republic, and is an Assistant Professor at the University of Hradec Králové. Jaroslav is involved in both teaching and research.

Marco Costa (Angola)

Marco is pleased that we remember our past students (of course!) and speaks very highly of the school and kind staff. Marco is currently studying a Foundation Course in Oxford, and hopes he will reach his objectives.

Lena Koroleva (Russia)



Lena has returned to school in Russia, where she has been working hard. She also takes part in athletics.

We also heard from:

Timofey Usov (Russia), Janny Rensink-Laan (Netherlands), Kari Johannsson (Iceland) and Siena (Korea).

We want our newsletter to be all about our past students, so please keep sending us your news! This is a great way to tell your old classmates what you have been doing, and of course find out about your friends. Your news could include:

- ▶ Where you have been studying or working. Perhaps you have a new job?
- ▶ Any interesting holidays you have been on. Especially if you have met up with other Alumni!
- ▶ Exciting things that have happened to you since you left us – for example have you got married, or had a baby?
- ▶ Memories of your time in York.

Send your news and photos to jeannette@elcyork.com. Please include your name and nationality, the dates you attended ELC. Don't forget to send us your photographs and we will include these too. We can't wait to hear from you!

Lost Friends

▶ Lost Addresses

Have you lost the address of a friend from ELC but would like to contact them?

If so, please send your name, your contact details and who you would like to contact to jeannette@elcyork.com. You can also include a message if you would like to. If we have their correct details, we can then tell them that you would like to contact them.

▶ Reunions

If you would like to organise a reunion, we are happy to publicise it here. Tell us where and when the reunion will take place, and of course don't forget to send us your photographs afterwards!