



BG Global

Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln

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Special points of interest:

- BG internationalisation Strategy in the *Corporate Plan 2007-2010*:

The provision of educational consultancy and continuing professional development to an international market;

The recruitment of students from international markets;

To help our students to develop an international/global perspective, through their programmes and exchange opportunities;

- British Council:

Learn, Share, Connect Worldwide

Education UK Partnership

Since March 2010, BG is a member of UK Education Partnership website

Education UK, UK-US Travel Grant and Partnership Fund

Going Global 4, The UK International Education Conference, 24-26 March 2010

- Hotcourses

Since March 2010, BG features in two international websites (North America, Hong Kong and Taiwan)

- i-student advisory UK

The international manager editorial entitled 'Lincoln Life' features in the new UK Guide launched in March 2010

(<http://www.i-studentadvisor.com/index.html>).

The European Higher Education Area

This academic year saw the fulfilment of the first major aim of the 29 original founding members of the Bologna Agreement. In March 2010, the European Higher Education Area was established, promoting the harmonisation of higher education across the now 46 European countries who take part in the Bologna process from Iceland to Russia, from Norway to Turkey. As a founding member of this agreement, the UK has enhanced the global reputation for the quality position of its higher education institutions.

BG contributes to the Bologna process by participating in two networks which are funded by the European Union: Erasmus and Comenius. This means that our undergraduate students can study and obtain credits in European partner institutions and receive equal credits when they come back to BG. This academic year BG welcomed 12 Erasmus students from 4 European institutions which



BG incoming Erasmus Students: Claudia, Corinne, Corinne, Michael and Simone.

share BG's core beliefs and values. You can see some of them in the photograph. While four of them were funded by the European Union to participate in the Erasmus mobility programme, Simone was a free mover that is, a student who takes advantage of the opportunities granted by the Bologna Process but who is not funded by the EU and therefore pays tuition fees in the hosting institutions. BG's Erasmus programme is so successful that in the forthcoming academic year we will have more free movers from our partner institutions. This shows how the 'fantastic familiar atmosphere' of our university college and the professional dedicated staff at BG can provide 'an impressive opportunity' for international students.

This year, BG also saw three outgoing Erasmus students, one in the first semester and two in the second semester, who were awarded the Erasmus grant to study for one semester in the Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe, Germany. We are particularly proud of one of them who is a single parent and went to Germany with her son.

At BG the geography students were taught by two Belgian colleagues in December and a German one in March. This is thanks to the Erasmus Staff Mobility Programme which is funded by the European Union. Two of our staff members also will also take part in this programme next week and visit to our Belgian partner, MeKatholieke Hogeschool Mechelen, to teaching their students.

BG Goes Global

A group of final-year Education Studies and Theology students visited India last February as part of their optional residential visits. They visited two locations: Bangalore and Madurai.

Staff and students took part in educational activities run by Social Development and Education Trust including a children's hospital, special schools, computer training and rural health clinics.





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BG Erasmus Partners

- * Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe, Germany
- * Pädagogische Hochschule Thurgau, Kreuzlingen, Switzerland
- * Autònoma University Barcelona, Spain
- * Hedmark University College, Norway
- * Katholieke Hogeschool Mechelen, Belgium
- * Pädagogische Hochschule St Gallens, Switzerland

The British Council manages the Erasmus programme in the UK. For the past three years, it has supported the Bologna Process and worked with HE institutions to increase the number of UK students becoming Erasmus students. As the latest Europe Unit newsletter shows, this number has grown steadily, rising from 7,235 participants in 2006-07 to 10,843 in 2008-09.

The Bologna Process: An Educational Revolution that has been sweeping Europe

In June 1999 the Ministers of Education and university leaders from 29 European countries met at the University of Bologna, Italy, and signed an historical agreement for a 'Europe of knowledge'. They planned the creation of a European strategy for an educational revolution which is now a reality for the higher education institutions, staff and students of 46 European countries.

Bologna Experts: The European Commission funds Bologna Experts who are appointed in Lifelong Learning Programmes. The UK has 14 Bologna Experts who are able to advise and assist our institution particularly with three of Bologna priorities: quality, recognition and the three-cycle system.

BG connects with the world

BG staff and students are actively involved in internationalisation in a variety of ways. Multicultural experiences abroad or in the country are part of their curricula and of their volunteering experiences.

For example, those teachers who decide to enrol for postgraduate studies at BG share their MA experiences with an average of 30 Brazilian teachers who receive funding from the British

Council. This summer we will have 34 Brazilian MA students attending the International Summer School.

PGCE Primary students have an opportunity to discover the educational system in the Gambia as part of a module entitled, 'Multicultural Placement'. This year 35 students were unable to travel to the Gambia because of the cloud from Iceland. They joined those students who opted for a week in UK

institutions with pupils of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

BG received international guests from Guadeloupe, Singapore and Brazil. They were teachers and school inspectors. In March 2010, it organised the first International Taster Day which was attended by the A-level international students of Grantham College.

At present six American students participate in BG's Lincoln Archaeological Field School.



BG Outgoing Erasmus students: an image of Karlsruhe in Germany sent by James Cook, a second-year student in Education Studies and Geography.