

Monthly Newsletter

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Embracing a New Adventure: Studying in the UK

As you embark on this exciting journey to study in the United Kingdom (UK), we want to take a moment to commend you on this brave step towards a future brimming with possibilities. Leaving your home country to pursue education abroad is a bold decision, and it's one that promises not only academic growth but also personal transformation.

A Tapestry of Cultures Awaits

The UK is a melting pot of cultures, a place where history meets modernity and diverse traditions intermingle seamlessly. As you prepare to dive into this vibrant landscape, here are five essential aspects to be on the lookout for:

Cultural Festivals: The UK hosts a plethora of cultural festivals throughout the year. From the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to Notting Hill Carnival, these events are a fantastic opportunity to experience the rich tapestry of global cultures. Embrace these moments to learn, enjoy, and celebrate the diversity around you.

Historical Landmarks: The UK is steeped in history. Make it a point to visit landmarks like Stonehenge, the Tower of London, and the Roman Baths. Each site tells a unique story and offers a glimpse into the past that has shaped the present.

Academic Excellence: The UK is home to some of the world's most prestigious universities, one of which you will be attending. Engage fully with the academic opportunities presented to you. Attend lectures, participate in seminars, and make the most of the resources available. This is your chance to learn from some of the best minds in your field.

-College Services Team



Bon Voyage!

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Local Cuisine: While you may miss the flavours of home, exploring local cuisine can be an adventure in itself. From traditional fish and chips to a hearty Sunday roast, British food has its own charm. Don't hesitate to try dishes from different regions within the UK, each offering its own unique twist on culinary traditions.

Travel Opportunities: The UK's extensive public transport network makes it easy to explore. Whether it's a weekend trip to the Scottish Highlands, a day out in the Welsh countryside, or a visit to the bustling city of London, make sure to take advantage of your proximity to these incredible destinations.

Embrace Diversity, Build Connections

As you immerse yourself in this new environment, remember that the beauty of studying abroad lies in the diversity you'll encounter. Embrace the differences you see and learn from them. Build connections with people from various backgrounds, as these relationships will enrich your understanding of the world and help you grow as an individual.

Be open-minded and respectful of different customs and traditions. Engage in conversations, join clubs, and participate in activities that promote cultural exchange. This not only enhances your experience but also helps in creating a more inclusive and understanding community.

We'll Miss You

While you embark on this new chapter, know that you'll be missed at Kaplan Digital Pathways. Your family, friends, and the entire Kaplan community are proud of you and are cheering you on from afar. Keep in touch with your loved ones, share your experiences, and let them be a part of your journey.



Final Thoughts

Studying in the UK is more than just an academic endeavor; it's a chance to broaden your horizons and gain a global perspective. Embrace this opportunity with open arms, stay curious, and be fearless in the face of new experiences. The world is waiting for you, and we have no doubt that you will make the most of it.

Here's to a journey filled with discovery, growth, and unforgettable memories. Bon voyage!

Celebrating Culture and Diversity, the FC310 class made amazing posters. The next pages are filled with these great posters of the winners. We celebrate their creativity and ingenuity.

The FC310 Poster Competition Winners are:

Group Posters Winners:

- Team A: Huili Cong, Shihui Huang, Xinyi Zhou, and Jieshun Zhu: **Moon Festival**
- Team B: Wenjie Ren and Chi Zhang: **China**
- Team C: Kenneth Yong Xiang Lam, Livia Goh Yen Teng, Swen Sing Kok and Chloe Monteiro: **Singapore**

Individual Posters Winners:

- Renata Covarrubias: **Mexico**
- Emily Lavell Jiron: **Costa Rica**

COSTA RICA



NATURE

- 5% of the world's biodiversity
- 28% of the country are protected areas
- 12 microclimates

ANIMALS

- Sloths
- Monkeys
- Macaws
- Snakes
- Frogs



FOOD

- Every and any variation of rice and beans
- Coffee
- Fruit: mango, banana, pineapple

SYMBOLS

- Marimba
- "Carreta"
- "Guaria Morada" -> purple orchid



ATTRACTIONS

- Beaches
- Surfing
- Volcanoes
- Zip lining



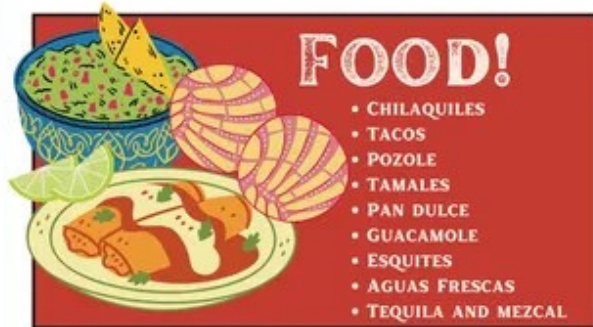
TRADITIONS

- "Mascaradas"
- Festivals and carnivals
- "Pura Vida" and "mae"





MÉXICO



- CHILAQUILES
- TACOS
- POZOLE
- TAMALES
- PAN DULCE
- GUACAMOLE
- ESQUITES
- AGUAS FRESCAS
- TEQUILA AND MEZCAL



TRADITIONS

- DIA DE MUERTOS
- LA GUELAGUETZA
- LOS VOLADORES DE PAPANTLA
- CARNAVALS (MAZATLAN, VERACRUZ, AND CAMPECHE)
- LA FERIA DE SAN MARCOS



CULTURE

- PYRAMIDS
- FIESTAS NACIONALES (16 DE SEPTIEMBRE AND 20 DE NOVIEMBRE)
- FAMILY ORIENTED
- MITOS Y LEYENDAS



35 PROPERTIES
ON THE
WORLD
HERITAGE LIST

FUN FACT!!!

IN MEXICO 'EL CINCO DE MAYO' IS NOT CELEBRATED THE SAME WAY THAT IT IS CELEBRATED IN OTHER COUNTRIES (SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES)



RENATA COVARRUBIAS
GOULD TAYLOR

MOON FESTIVAL



LEGEND

Wishing us a long life to share the graceful moonlight, though hundreds of miles apart.

Legend has it that there is a beautiful lady named Chang'e who lives on the moon.



FOOD

Mooncakes are a symbol of the Mid-Autumn Festival, representing family unity. Traditionally from the Song Dynasty, they come in various flavors and are enjoyed by families under the full moon.



FOLK CUSTOM

The Mid-Autumn Festival originated from the ancient people's worship of the moon. Celebrations during the Mid-Autumn Festival are worshipping and appreciating the moon.

Activities: eating mooncakes, enjoying osmanthus blossoms and drinking wine fermented with osmanthus flowers, all of which can date back to the ancient time.

The Moon Festival : The Mid-autumn festival, the traditional moon-viewing festival on the 15th of the 8th lunar month.



SINGAPORE



FOOD

Singapore's food scene blends diverse cultural traditions, offering a unique culinary experience with the vibrant aromas of food such as laksa, satay and kaya toast

THE MERLION

The Official Mascot of Singapore, The Merlion. It is a mythical creature with the head of a lion and the body of a fish. It is an iconic symbol and landmark of Singapore.



NATIONAL SERVICE

National Service in Singapore is a celebrated duty, fostering unity and discipline, while evoking pride and commitment to national security and resilience

Every Singaporean male has to go through 2 years of National Service

#1 AIRPORT

Consistently ranked amongst the the best airports in the world, Singapore's Changi Airport is a global hub renowned for its efficiency, aesthetics and world-class customer experience



FUN FACTS



- Singapore has changed time zones 6 times since 1905
- Hosts world's first nocturnal zoo-cum-safari
- One of only three city-states in world
- No we are not in China, the shortest flight time from Singapore to China is 4 hours 53 mins!
- We have 4 official languages (Malay, English, Chinese, Tamil)



Thank you for reading!
Have a great time in the United Kingdom

BYE BYE

