



Welcome to our Newsletter!

Contributions from all of you are very welcome. Please speak to your teacher or our Academic Manager Rachel if you wish to take part in the next issue. It is a fantastic opportunity to show off your English skills and the experience may enhance your CV.

Manchester in the Snow!

It has been a very strange two months in Manchester. The temperature dropped to minus 4 and students woke up to lots of snow throughout March and April.

Cold air came from Russia and made Europe very cold. Roads closed and many people couldn't get to work or school.

Some places in England had lots of snow but in Manchester there was only a little. It looked very beautiful!



Footprints in the Snow: a photo taken by Ali which shows the snow outside his host house in Manchester. Outside the city centre there was a bit more snow as is shown in this photo. You can see how deep Ali's footprints are! The roads and the rooftops were covered. Lots of students said that they weren't expecting to see snow when they came to Manchester and that even though it was very cold, they are glad that they had this experience.



Sulaiman took this stunning photograph in the park near to his student accommodation. Not much snow settled in the city centre but it was extremely cold because of the wind. This didn't stop Sulaiman taking a walk in the snow!

Lots of students shared their snowy experiences with family and friends on social media. Bashayer took these snaps of the city centre to show her friends back home. You can see that the roads were clear so everyone still managed to make it into school.



Interview

Interview with your teacher - Cathy

Why did you become an EFL teacher?

I love working with people and helping them. I've enjoyed exploring new countries and have had plenty of new opportunities thanks to English. You also get to meet lots of new and interesting people.

What were you like in school?

I was super studious! If there was ever any extra curricular activities I was there with bells on.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I like to look at pictures of puppies on the internet. I like to run anywhere flat and by the coast. I also love baking and my favourite thing to bake is meringue.

Who is your role model and why?

Noel Fielding, just because he's super silly, but I also love Stephen Fry because he is knowledgeable and really passionate about what he learns and I think this is really inspiring.



How would your best friend describe you?

Always on the go. World Championship napper. I love a good nap, me.

What would your autobiography be called?

Snacking and Napping: A Guide to Living Happy.

If you could describe Communicate in 3 words, what would they be?

Busy but brilliant.

Film Reviews

I was lacking ideas since I haven't fallen in love with any new films this month, so let's go back to basics and let me introduce some of my favourite films!

Trance

Trance is a 2013 British psychological thriller film directed by Danny Boyle. It stars Vincent Cassel, from France, and James McAvoy, from Scotland (and let's be honest, he is really charismatic). The movie begins with the robbery of a famous painting, Goya's *Witches in the air*, during an auction sale by a gang. Simon, an art auctioneer is involved in the robbery to pay off the debt he owes Franck, the gang leader. But Simon doesn't follow the plan and he ends up in the hospital, unable to remember where he put the painting. Neither kidnapping or torture help Simon to recover his memory (surprisingly?) and the last chance seems hypnosis. Simon chooses a hypnotist, Elisabeth Lamb, who will help the gang to find the painting in Simon's memory if she gets some part of the money. But it gets harder than Simon and the gang think. This film throws you into the world of hypnosis and the mysteries of our brains. You can expect lots of twists (you will not be ready I can promise) and the plot is extraordinarily well led! Just enjoy!



The Spectacular Now

Another movie from 2013! Starring Miles Teller and Shailene Woodley, this romantic comedy-drama is the story of two young adults, soon to be graduates, and of their first meeting. She is introvert and shy, he is a charming bad boy.



And yet he will fall in love with her and push her to do crazy things. We follow their relationship and its ups and downs, their different influences on each others and their path in the (scary) real life without bearings.

Ok you probably think it's the basic plot of every love story, and you know what: YES! But we can never have too many love stories, right? (Bonus, the soundtrack is more than cool.)

This movie tells us about passion and love, gives some thoughtful insight into how difficult the period between adolescence and adulthood is and above all, reminds us that we have to make the most of our life. The spectacular is now and nowhere else.

By Maud (France)

What can I do on my break?

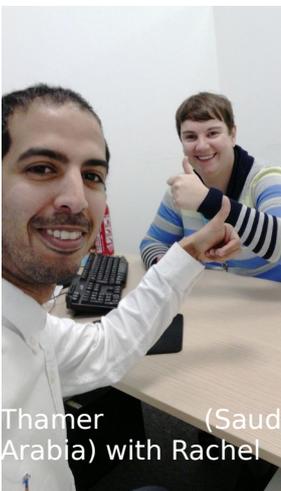
By Pre-Intermediate Students

You can speak with other students and teachers if you need any help with anything. Also, you can go to the reception and they can help you with some problems.



You can play table tennis with Thamer (or your friends). There is a table tennis table on the third floor. When you go up the stairs it is on the right.

If you want to change your course or when you have questions you can talk to Rachel, the Director of Studies.



Thamer (Saudi Arabia) with Rachel



Thamer talking with Rick, one of his teachers.



Elmira (Kazakhstan) and Hale (Turkey)

Our school is close to the shops and when we are hungry, we can go to buy something to eat. There is a student room in our school so you can eat with your friends.



Nelson (China) and David (Angola)



Chai (Thailand) and Elmira (Kazakhstan)

You can meet lots of new students from different classes. The break is around the same time in all the classes so you can meet friends in the student room. You can also meet people from different countries around the world.

International Food Exchange

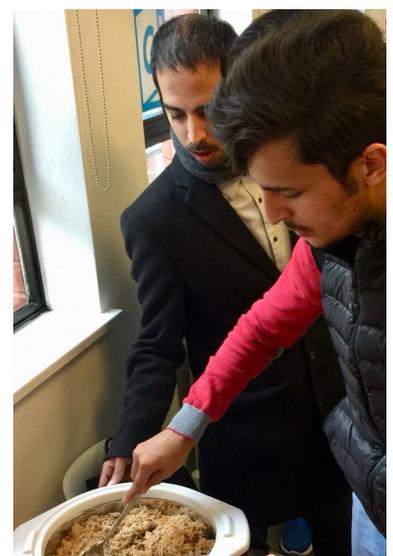


Kabsa made by Elham (Saudi Arabia)

Elham made a delicious Kabsa, a traditional dish from her country. She said that it normally takes a long time to make and can be quite a difficult dish to get right!

Cous Cous by Hale (Turkey)

Hale brought a fragrant cous cous. She said it was vegan and a very healthy dish. It was absolutely delicious and was eaten very quickly!



Spring Rolls by Laura (our intern!) (France)

Laura prepared some fresh spring rolls which are a typical Vietnamese dish. They were very much enjoyed, especially by our vegan teachers!

Student of the Month

... of March was Shan! Her teachers said, “We are so impressed with Shan’s work. Her attitude in the class is fantastic and she is always making sure that everyone in the class is involved. Her IELTS score has been steadily improving and if she keeps up the good work she will definitely achieve the IELTS score she wants.”. Congratulations Shan!



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What are you waiting for! Book your place at reception now!

Photo Competition

Do you like taking photos? This is your chance to show your photos in the monthly newspaper!

This month’s winner was Shahad who took this gorgeous photograph of a snowy, tree lined street in Manchester.

The title for next month is ‘**Spring is Finally here!**’ - please send us your photos by email to office@communicateschool.co.uk



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Contact Dora or Federica at the reception

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Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel

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... you need help with a personal issue or have a complaint?

Speak to the School Manager Camilla

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