



Welcome to our Newsletter!

Contributions from all of you are very welcome. Please speak to your teacher or our Academic Manager Christia 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.

Top tips for visitors to Britain

In Cathy's class, we studied different ways to describe behaviour and talk about social norms and customs. You can read our top tips for how to behave in Britain below.



By Noura, Billy and Gyorgi

1. It's good manners to say 'thank you' after being served.
2. It's considered rude to be honest in a bad way (for example if the food wasn't great, say it was good!)
3. It's OK to speak about the weather with strangers.
4. It's unacceptable to ask about someone's salary and age.
5. It isn't usual to kiss people on both cheeks.
6. It's important to respect the queue.
7. People tend to drink tea at any time.
8. It's perfectly normal for people in shops to call you 'love' or 'mate' - don't be offended!

By Chai, Mohammad and Fahad

1. It's good manners to say 'thank you' to the bus driver.
2. It's considered rude to jump the queue.
3. It's OK to refuse to shake hands with strangers.
4. It's unacceptable to ask someone about their age.
5. It's important to make an appointment before you go to the doctor's.
6. People don't tend to touch each other.
7. People tend to queue.



Have you noticed any other typical ways to behave in the UK? Do you disagree with any of our ideas? Have we missed any important tips?

If you can think of any more advice for people visiting the UK, send your ideas to us at office@communicateschool.co.uk.

Interview

Interview with our intern Juliette.

Why did you choose to work in the EFL industry?

It gives me the opportunity to learn, to get experience and to meet young, interesting people of my age.

What's the best thing about your job?

I think there are lots of things that I enjoy about my job. I really like meeting new people, improving my English and learning new things every day.

What were you like in school?

I am still in school back in France! I think I'm organised, and I like what I'm doing so I'm very motivated. I'm working hard to achieve my diploma in International Business.

Describe your ideal Sunday morning.

I'd wake up late, of course, and then FaceTime my Mum. I'd have a good breakfast with lots of fruit. I always eat cereal with yoghurt and cranberries.



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

Friendly, open-minded and helpful.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I like to go out with my friends. I also travel, either alone or with my friends or family. Ask me about my hometown and my travels!

Advice corner

Dear Hasan,

I'm 25 years old and I have a problem with smoking. I smoke a lot and I can't stop because something inside me tells me "don't stop". All my friends smoke and when I smoke I feel relaxed. What can I do to stop?

Shabbab

Dear Shabbab,

You need to make the decision to stop smoking. Why not go to the doctor? You need some advice.

Hasan



I Origins (2014)

By Maria Novik-Dichko

The film *I Origins* is a romantic science-fiction drama. It was written and directed by Mike Cahill, who is also known for his films *Another World* and *King of California*. It stars Michael Pitt as Ian Grey, Astrid Bergès as Sofi and Brit Marling as Karen.

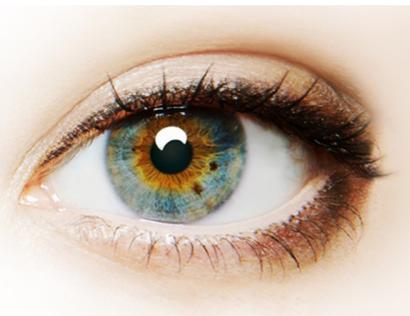
The film won the Best Feature Length Film Award at the *Festival Internacional de Cinema Fantàstic de Catalunya*. The film is set in New York nowadays. It was filmed on location in New York and in India.



The film is about the romantic story between a young scientist, molecular biologist, Ian Grey (who studies the evolution of the human eye) and the strange, beautiful Sofi, who is carefree and moves, lives, and thinks like a child in an adult's body. She believes in spirituality and the soul.

Right after they meet she disappears, leaving really interesting contradictions in Ian's mind. But after some mystical coincidence he finds her eyes on a billboard and later he meets her accidentally on the train.

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Despite the fact they're such different people with completely different beliefs, they fall in love and almost get married. But their sudden giddy happiness is interrupted by Sofi's horrifying death.

Broken-hearted, Ian goes into a deep depression, but later he finds solace in his lab partner, Karen. Many years pass, they get married, have a child and Ian writes a book on the evolution of the eye, where he disproves the existence of God.

One day they accidentally find the iris pattern of an Indian girl which is identical to Sofi's, and this helps them to make a stunning discovery that may unlock the greatest mystery of life.



I strongly recommend *I Origins* because this is a really beautiful, complicated, insightful and different movie with a thought-provoking ending. Great acting, the director's magnificent work and of course the beautiful and unique story makes this movie almost perfect!

Student of the Month

Student of the Month for May was Wejdan!

Her teacher said *"Wejdan really is an all-rounder – she's polite, she works hard, and thanks to her effort she has improved lots since starting at Communicate School. Well done!"*

Well done Wejdan, this is a great achievement! You should be extremely proud of yourself.



How to keep a conversation going...

Do you find it difficult to have a long conversation? Are you unsure what to reply when someone gives you news or information? Have a look at these helpful examples. **By Khalid, Albatul, May and Abdulla**



I went to the hospital yesterday

Did you? What happened? Are you OK? What did the doctor say? Do you feel better?



My brother teaches English

Does he? That's amazing. How long has he been teaching? Where does he teach?

It took me 2 hours to get here

Did it? That's terrible. What time did you set off? Are you tired? Who did you come with?

Useful Info



Do you know...



... who to call if you have an emergency and need to contact the school out of hours?	Call our emergency number +44(0)7482660030
... who the First Aider is in school?	Martina
... where the fire emergency assembly point is?	On the corner of Dale Street and Paton Street
... who to contact when you have a new phone number or new address?	Email your new details to office@communicateschool.co.uk
... who can help you if you need to see a doctor but don't speak good English?	Ask a Student Support Officer to go with you
... who to ask if you want more homework?	Speak to your teacher after class
... who can help you change your timetable?	Academic Manager Christia
... where you can look if you want to practise your reading?	In the library at reception