

Investing in Tradition

Stafford House is pleased to announce the completion of its teaching centre in Oaten Hill, Canterbury. In the last eighteen months its education centre in the city centre has undergone an extensive restoration and investment project and has managed to recapture some of the traditional charm and character of Canterbury's older buildings.

Stafford House has been using the building in the old market area of the city for English language and international education since 1987 and due to the recent restoration and refurbishment it is now home to a new ICT (Information Communication

Technology) centre, professional art room, seven classrooms and a drama studio.

"Stafford House has been through a dramatic transformation," says Allan Barnes, Managing Director. "We have spent a long time consulting with staff, students and our partner agents to assess their needs and we've responded to their comments. We are using the latest technology to support classroom learning and boost teaching resources. This major refurbishment raises the status of Stafford House and helps maintain our position as one of the leading education providers in the UK."

In the last two years more than a million pounds has been invested in expanding education provision at the Stafford House centres. The complete Canterbury campus has now been fully refurbished and equipped with the latest state-of-the-art equipment and a large majority of the classrooms also boast a sophisticated audio-visual and IT technology.



The Stafford House Education Centre in Oaten Hill, Canterbury, shown before refurbishment (inset) and after its recent restoration.



Agents' Trip 2004



On Monday 30th (Bank Holiday) and Tuesday 31st August 2004 Cambridge Education Group will be hosting their annual 'Fam Trip' and entertaining around one hundred agents and contacts from around the world.

This year the trip will be focusing on the CEG centres in Cambridge featuring CATS (Cambridge Arts & Sciences) and CSAD (Cambridge School of Art & Design). The programme will include a formal

dinner, overnight accommodation at St John's College in Cambridge. There will be an opportunity to visit Stafford House Study Holidays summer centre at Felsted School and also Stafford House College and School of English in Canterbury.

If you would like to participate in this event please contact Ruth Fenton on: +44 (0) 1227 787730 or email: events@staffordhouse.com

OFSTED Inspection

Stafford House College has passed an inspection by the UK Government's Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and was reported as being 'a good college' in its latest independent report.

It was part of a national inspection of education provision for students aged fourteen years and over in further education and sixth form colleges, schools with sixth forms, local authority and adult education institutions. The report was commissioned by the Office for Standards in Education, a department of the British central government and takes place every three years.

The inspectors spent five full days at Stafford House College and observed a wide variety of lessons, met students and conducted a quality

survey. The inspectors also had access to folders of student work covering all levels of attainment.

The report found that students, including those who enter with little English, make good progress. The college is successful in securing entry to university for a high percentage of students. All teaching staff are well qualified, and a large proportion have the appropriate qualifications to meet the needs of overseas students.

The report is available online at: www.dfes.gov.uk

Stafford House College has also successfully passed inspections by the British Council, the National Care Standards Commission (NCSC) and the BAC (British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education).

The Real Value of English

For a limited time, it is now possible to save more than **£1,400 off** the price of the Intensive English language programme in Canterbury on bookings of 24 weeks or more!

Twenty four weeks at Stafford House School of English will now cost just **£3,840** and thirty six weeks **£5,760** – that works out at just **£160 per week**.

As always the programme includes: 25 hours of tuition per week, daily transport (from home-stay

to school), hot lunches and a social programme. Accommodation (not included) is available in Home-stay and consists of full-board shared rooms at just £60 per week*.

These special prices are for a limited time and bookings must be made between 1st February and 31st August 2004. (Accommodation rises to £80 per week in the summer period: 27th June to 28th August 2004)

* Single room supplements will apply.



New Menu for Widening Tastes

This year Chef has launched a new menu to accommodate the ever-widening tastes of students, which is now represented by over forty nationalities.

The new options consist of a combination of starters, main courses and deserts which are prepared to give students a balanced diet,

taking into account all food groups as well as cultural tastes.

Lubisa Niksic, who is more fondly known throughout the world as 'Chef' said: "The menu is still in its early stages, but the students seem to approve; a large majority of them come back for seconds and even thirds".

New prospectus now available

A-Levels and pre-university programmes

Enrol in April and September 2004
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English in Action's New Team Member

As the English in Action (EiA) programme continues to grow and flourish, they are pleased to welcome a new member to their permanent staff team.

Neil Kelly joined the team at the start of January as Operations Assistant, and is already proving to be a valuable addition. Neil, a graduate of Southampton University, has delivered EiA courses in Austria, Italy, Spain, Russia and Japan, and brings to the unit a broad range of experiences. As an EiA 'veteran' Neil has seen the results of the



courses in many contexts and his strong belief in the value of the programme has strengthened an already dedicated and talented team.



Welfare Officer Certificates

Two members of staff from the Welfare Office have enrolled to study for the ARELS Welfare Officers Certificate. Branka Twaits, Welfare Officer and Ann Bunny, Accommodation Manager began the six months course late last year and are over halfway

through their 28 written assessments.

The course is recognised by the British Council and enables staff to engage in the latest information, procedures and ideas regarding international accommodation and welfare.

Equipment Donated to Physics Department

The physics department at Stafford House College has continued to extend its facilities with specialist equipment donated by GEC Marconi Research Laboratories (part of BAE Systems).

The new addition to their range of technical equipment means that electrical and optical signals can be investigated showing techniques employed in modern industry and research laboratories.

The department also has a wide range of specialist equipment including lasers and microwave apparatus which can

demonstrate important effects on the way light behaves and its significance to the modern world.

Dr Kolinsky, Physics Lecturer said: "We are constantly developing and improving our facilities. With the arrival of the centenary of Einstein's "miracle" year of 1905 which saw the publications of three famous works - Brownian motion, the photoelectric effect and the special theory of relativity - we will be putting on an interactive exhibition next year to mark this occasion."



Maths Student in Top 100



A student on a foundation programme at Stafford House College has managed to calculate her way into the finals of a top British Mathematics competition.

Over sixty thousand students entered the competition, which was held throughout the country and eighteen year old Xiao Yu Wang from China made it to the top 100 prize winners. As a non UK student Xiao Yu was not able to continue to the final round, but that did not stop her from demonstrating a multiple display of algebraic technique and numerical analysis.

Since 1997, the British Mathematical Olympiad has held an annual contest in the UK, offering top class math's students the opportunity to flex their numeric skills in a nation wide competition.

Xiao Yu Wang, who is studying Foundation Mathematics said: "I had lots of fun, was able to answer some challenging questions and most of all really enjoyed myself".

Dan Radlett, Principal at Stafford House College said: "I am delighted at Xiao Yu's hard work and enthusiasm for her studies and the contest. She is an asset to Stafford House College".

Improved Choice of Excursions

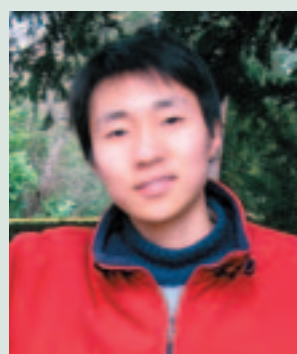
Stafford House Study Holidays has built a solid reputation for not only offering high quality teaching programmes but also for providing dynamic and exciting social and leisure programmes.

This year they have improved the format of the programmes and choice of optional excursions.

There are now even more places to visit for excursions with competitive rates, to London attractions including; the London Eye, Madame Tussaud's and The London Dungeon".



Student Profile



"I am studying Foundation Business Studies at Stafford House College and it covers many areas of Business, Accounts and ICT. In the future I want to be successful in an IT Business in China, but before this I know that I need a good degree."

Stafford House College is a great environment to study with lots of help from teachers. It is a good place to study before university as the students are from all over the world and the classes are small, letting us have lots of individual attention."

Jie Zhang (23) China

Calendar of Events

Stafford House College

Monday 29th – Friday 2nd April
Stafford House College Charity Week

Friday 2nd April
Stafford House College - End of Spring Term

Monday 19th April
Stafford House College – Start of Summer Term (1)

Friday 28th – Monday 31st May
Stafford House College - Half Term

Friday 25th June
Stafford House College - End of Summer Term (1)

Monday 5th July
Stafford House College – Start of Summer Term (2)

Friday 27th August
Stafford House College - End of Summer Term (2)

Monday 13th September
Stafford House College - Start of Autumn Term

Stafford House School of English

Sunday 27th June – Sunday 29th August
Stafford House School of English
– Canterbury Summer School

Stafford House Study Holidays – Summer Centres

Sunday 27th June – Monday 9th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– Edinburgh Summer School

Monday 28th June – Saturday 7th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– Portsmouth (Southsea) Summer School

Saturday 3rd July – Saturday 14th August
Cambridge Arts & Sciences – Cambridge Summer School

Sunday 4th July – Sunday 8th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– Eastbourne Summer School

Friday 9th July – Friday 6th August
Stafford House Study Holidays – Bath Summer School

Saturday 3rd July – Saturday 14th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– London (Runnymede) Brunel Summer School

Saturday 3rd July – Saturday 14th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– London (Uxbridge) Brunel Summer School

Saturday 3rd July – Saturday 14th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– London (Imperial College) Summer School

Saturday 3rd July – Saturday 14th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– York (Queen Ethelburga's College) Summer School

Sunday 4th July – Sunday 15th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– London (School of Economics) Summer School

Tuesday 6th July – Tuesday 3rd August
Stafford House Study Holidays – Reading Summer School

Wednesday 7th July – Wednesday 11th August
Stafford House Study Holidays
– Winchester Summer School

Saturday 10th July – Sunday 22nd August
Stafford House Study Holidays – Felsted Summer School

English In Action

Monday 3rd May
English in Action – Spring School

Monday 5th July
English in Action – Summer School

Monday 30th August
English in Action – Autumn School

Stafford House/Cambridge Education Group – Representative Travel Calendar

Sunday 28th – Friday 2nd April
CEG Representative in Russia

Monday 29th – Sunday 4th April
CEG Representative in Vietnam

Friday 2nd – Friday 9th April
CEG Representative in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th April
CEG Representative in Austria

Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st April
CEG Representative in Japan

Monday 19th – Wednesday 28th April
CEG Representative in Taiwan and China

Saturday 22nd – Wednesday 26th May
CEG Representative in Germany

Monday 7th June – Sunday 20th June
CEG Representative in Gambia, Ghana and Nigeria

Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th September
CEG Representative in Austria

SPECIAL DATES

Monday 30th – Tuesday 31st August
AGENTS 'FAM TRIP' TO CAMBRIDGE

Tuesday 31st August – Thursday 2nd September
ARELS workshop – Brighton

New CEG China Business Centre Opens in Beijing



Cambridge Education Group (CEG) is delighted to announce the opening of their new Office in China. CEG is now one of the UK's leading providers of pre-university and English language teaching programmes with a goal to become the first choice for students seeking the best of British education.

The office is located in Beijing and is managed by Tony Conway and Jennifer Zhang. Tony and Jennifer have been working together in China for almost five years in the education sector and have been associates of CEG for the last three years.

The CEG China Business Centre offers a host of free Partner services, which include assistance with documentation, advice on visa applications and UK liaison facilities. The new office provides support and information on CEG and their range of academic and English language programmes. This means they are now able to offer tests, assessments and interviews prior to a student's arrival in the UK.

They are also able to host specialised seminars and provide presentations on UK education opportunities.

The introduction of the office allows CEG to offer pre-visa interview briefings for applicants in Beijing or other consulate locations. It will provide a friendly, accessible local contact point in China for partners, prospective students and parents.

The contact details for the new office are:

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Ten Years at Study Holidays

Cambridge Education Group would like to congratulate Ruth Fenton as she approaches her tenth year at Stafford House Study Holidays. Ruth, founder Director of Stafford House Study Holidays, held a key role in starting up the company in 1994 and has helped shape it into one of the UK's premier summer school organisations.

Ruth said, "It was hard work starting a business from scratch, but in our tenth year we have record numbers of students and



this year we are launching a further two centres; in London and Eastbourne". The success of Stafford House Study Holidays is

largely due to Ruth being in constant contact with her clients, not to mention the number of hours that she spends travelling.

In the past ten years, excluding some three hundred international flights to over 40 destinations, Ruth has had four cars, and managed to clock-up over 450,000 miles travelling in the UK – that's equivalent to going around the world thirty times or taking a one way trip to the moon!

International Celebrations!



As well as spending valuable time in the classroom, student life would not be complete without end-of-term parties and celebrations. At various times of the year the students at Stafford House College and Stafford House School of English unite to celebrate a variety of international traditions.

In October, students and staff spirited together to conjure up a fancy-dress party, in December everyone entered into the festive spirit and celebrated at a Christmas party and in February, students attended a

special Valentines Ball. In January, more than 150 students celebrated together as they counted down the arrival of the Chinese New Year – the Year of the Monkey.

Ni Wei Ping, who is the Group Leader for 34 students from the Ren Ming University, Beijing, China said: "It was great celebrating Chinese New Year with our friends from other countries. This was the first time our students had been away from home during the Spring Festival and it has been a valuable lifetime experience for them."

Melina Farinas, an English language student from Venezuela said: "I had a really nice time. At some events student even prepare special dances and plays and also the teachers are a lot of fun. The best part is watching people doing Karaoke, especially watching my friend Guilherme singing YMCA".

The social events are not just an opportunity for students and staff to relax and socialise whilst eating home-made food, the events also raise money for the BBC Children's charity 'Children in Need'.

100% Pass Rate in Cambridge Examinations

In their third consecutive series, the School of English have achieved a 100% pass rate in their Cambridge Examinations.

The students from Brazil, Colombia, Korea, China, France, Japan, Slovakia, Venezuela studied for the CAE (Certificate in Advanced English), FCE

(First Certificate) and PET (Preliminary English Test) and were thrilled with their results. Pat O'Donoghue, School Principal said: "This is the result of tremendous hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. Everyone has done really well and I would like to congratulate our staff and students."

Trinity Exams

As an authorised Trinity centre, Stafford House Study Holidays are running the very popular Trinity examinations in spoken English at all of their locations again this year. These exams are very popular as they encourage students to use spoken English as much as possible during their stay in England. Record numbers of students achieved a high pass rate in 2003 and graduates received an impressive Trinity College London certificate.

Student Profile



"I came to Stafford House to study English for eight weeks and it is great fun. At home I am a tourism student at University and I also play football for a famous team called Vasco Da Gama. I wanted to learn

English because I know that it will help me to find a good job after my studies and it will benefit me in my football, as I am training for the trials of the national team."

Frederico Silva, 18, Brazil

Busy Summer Ahead

All indications point towards a very busy summer for Stafford House Study Holidays as they are running two new centres in prestigious locations.

Imperial College is situated in the heart of the museums district in the fashionable area of Kensington and is world famous for its medicine and engineering courses. Moria House School is in

the famous south coast resort of Eastbourne – ideally situated not far from London, and close to Hastings and Brighton.

Michael Bruce, Academic Director said "As well as having two new centres this year we are dealing with a huge demand for places and already we have twice as many confirmed bookings as this time last year"

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New Super Highway in Study Bedrooms

Stafford House have invested a significant amount of time and money in the creation of a state-of-the-art computer network system in their recently refurbished halls of residence.

The new system allows students to access their email and surf the Internet from the comfort of their own study-bedrooms.

The installation of the new system represents the final stages of investment in the Canterbury centres as last year Cambridge Education Group invested more than a million pounds in expanding education



provision at Stafford House in Canterbury.

All the study-bedrooms at the New Dover Road hall of residence now have high speed Internet access and students are already

enjoying the ability to plug in their desktop machine or laptop and connect to the Internet free of charge.

The network system features a dedicated server with 120 gigabytes

of hard disk space, 70 wall mounted network sockets and 10 wireless access points and over half a kilometre of high speed data cable, ensuring fast and secure access. Additional facilities are due to be installed in the lounge and common room areas.

International Cultural Evening

In the past few months Stafford House College has begun to host a series of International Cultural Evenings that have been open to students, staff and the general public.

The first event, which resulted in a packed lecture theatre was an opportunity for people to learn the Traditional Japanese Art of Ikebana (flower arranging).

The second event, which paid tribute to ancient Indian cultures, included a

unique sitar recital, a taster session of the traditional Indian head massage, an introduction to the art of meditation through 'Sahaja Yoga' and authentic Indian snacks and drinks.

The Vice Principal of Stafford House College, Rani Innes, who is herself of Indian origin, arranges these events regularly and all proceeds go to the charity chosen by the College students.



Well-Deserved Breaks for Over 60 Students

In the past few months over 60 students from Stafford House College have enjoyed trips to the beautiful city of Paris and the Disneyland resort in Paris. In February Half Term the annual College trip took students and staff to

the continent for a well deserved mini-break and in March, the Business Studies students attended a three day conference in the Disneyland Paris Resort Hotel, followed by an overnight stay in the centre of the city.

Brazilian Students Study Grandfather

Two students at Stafford House School of English were left shocked and delighted when they found that their lesson was all about the amazing life of their great grandfather.

Brothers Cláudio, twenty two, and Guilherme De Oliveira Rondon, sixteen, from Brazil are the great grandsons of the Cândido Mariano da Silva Rondon, the famous Brazilian explorer who features worldwide in books, journals, encyclopaedias, TV documentaries and recently a BBC Radio 4 history feature.

Cândido Mariano da Silva Rondon, 1865–1958, was a



Brazilian explorer and founder of the Indian Protection Service. He was a major in the army and in 1907 was appointed to build a telegraph network from Rio Branco to Rio De

Janeiro, and became concerned with the problems of the indigenous people. In 1910 he formed the Indian Protection Service, which he developed into one of

the most prestigious humanitarian organisations of its kind in the Americas. He was made a marshal in 1955 and the Brazilian state of Rondônia is named after him.

Cláudio said: "The teacher began to give out the handouts for the lesson and I thought; I recognise that picture. When I looked again and studied it closely I became really shocked. It was great, then I got very excited and told everyone in the class that this was my great grandfather and I was able to tell them about his life and work."

Teacher Induction & Training

In the early part of the year English in Action (EIA) held their annual induction and training day for teachers delivering programmes in Austrian schools. In 2003 EIA received fantastic feedback received from Austrian schools in therefore they were very pleased at the large

number of teachers returning to the programme this year.

The day provided a chance for many friendships to be re-kindled and the training sessions were enriched by the many and diverse experiences that staff were able to share as a result of

their work on the programme last year. Feedback from the schools that have run EIA courses during the early part of this year continues to be a source of pride to everyone concerned, and confirm the high standards of programme delivery that we have come to expect.

School of English Accreditations

Stafford House School of English has again successfully passed detailed independent inspections by both the British Council and the National Care Standards Commission (NCSC).