

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL

We're so happy that all of our students are back after summer - it's just not been the same without you! We hope everyone has settled in well, made plenty of new friends, and begun to work hard to be one of our star students this year. The beginning of term is always exciting at Study Links HQ, because as well as taking care of all returning students and new guardianship students, we also welcome students who need long-term homestay accommodation during their studies, and we welcome visiting short-stay groups to the UK. Wherever our students are from and whatever their reason for choosing Study Links, we wish you an excellent start to term, and don't be afraid to have fun - you're in safe hands with Study Links.

INDONESIAN IMMERSION

This month we had the privilege of hosting a wonderful group of Indonesian students. A group of 27 students aged between 13 to 15 years have been immersed into British school life at Ackworth School, whilst staying with Study Links homestays. The groups joined in with lessons with their peers during the day before taking part in after school activities in the afternoons and evenings. They also had time to visit Manchester and of course got to see the famous Man U stadium - Old Trafford, which was a big hit with students! Thank you to our homestays and Ackworth School. *For any schools interested in hosting students, we would welcome your call.*

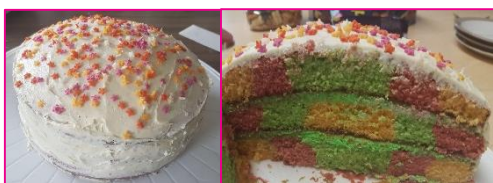


Indonesian students enjoy their immersion stay. See more photos [here](#)

HALF MARATHON FUNDRAISER

Study Links Group Liaison Officer, Nik, ran a half marathon on the 24th of September. Nik managed to complete the 13.1 miles in a time of 2:03:57. Running for Cancer Research Nik managed to raise over £200 for the charity. Thanks for the generous donations and more fundraising news coming soon!

STUDY LINKS BAKE-OFF



The results we have all been waiting for are in, and congratulations are due to Carol Duffy, this year's winner of the Study Links Annual Bake Off! Competition was fierce but it was Carol's delicious chequered cake that secured her the prize and the highly sought after title of Study Links Master Baker! *Well done Carol*

NEW STUDENT INTEGRATION WORKSHOP

One of the things that defines our team is that we put in the extra effort to make sure students are comfortable and confident when starting their studies in the UK. To this end our Student Services Advisor, Harriet, led a valuable workshop for some new students on the 3rd and 4th of September. Students learned a variety of skills that will help them settle in to living and studying in the UK.

Core topics included practical skills such as:

- A guide to British currency and public transport
- What to expect and how to behave in school and in homestays.
- How to make friends in a new school
- How to succeed academically at a British school

And of course they were taken out for some British classics - Roast Beef Dinner, and Fish and Chips! *Read more about our Integration Workshop [here](#)*



STUDY LINKS SEPTEMBER STAR STUDENT

Well done to this month's Study Links' Star Student Ivan Levakhov a Year 8 student who is studying at Rossall School. This is the first time that Ivan has been to the UK and he has settled in really well, making an incredibly good start at his school and plenty of new friends in the process! Congratulations Ivan, keep up the good work. All Study Links' Star Students receive a present and certificate for being so fantastic, we hope you like them!

