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20 Years of History From Family Enterprise to Industry Leader

In this edition of our newsletter we look back at how Study Links has evolved, since its founding in 1998. Study Links was founded as a small family enterprise and has grown to a company that cares for hundreds of students from across the globe each year ensuring they get the best out of their time in the UK.

Acting as guardians themselves Eric and Angela truly enjoyed their work and that they could not give it up. Seeing the success of their work, the value it added to the lives of students, and the gratefulness of parents solidified their resolve to create the UK's leading guardianship team in 1998. Study Links began its life in the Fan family's dining room and for the first few years of the company's existence offered guardianship to students in the Yorkshire area only - working with close family members and trusted friends to provide excellent homestay accommodation for visiting students.

In 2001 two major milestones were reached when Study Links hired a part time secretary named Anne to help Angela and formed a partnership with local transport provider David Rushworth who still provides Study Links with taxis and coaches today!

In 2008 the company grew and a newly converted office was set up to accommodate the team of 7. Four years later the team again grew moved to a purpose built office that was only 5 minutes from the Fan family residence. By this time Study had a staff of 10 full time employees as well as a great network of homestays across the UK and numerous transport partners.

Study Links has come a long way since its humble beginnings of meetings around the Fan's dining room table in 1998. In 2013 Study Links hosted an 'Education in the UK' event at the British Embassy in Beijing. Inviting special guest speakers from within the industry, the event was attended by elite schools, businesses, parents and students from throughout China. Its purpose was to promote the UK's education system and was very well received, resulting in positive press and television coverage.

Today as well as caring for hundreds of students studying in the UK on a short and long term basis, we Study Links also offer students our expertise and help with school and university applications, immersion programmes, arrange agent trips and provide caring and welcoming homestay accommodation. The team has expanded to 11 full time members and 18 support staff that speak a combination of 8 languages.

Although Study Links continues to grow, going from strength to strength, it is still very much stays true to its family values; with the core of those being to always put the student first.



Visiting students perform a cultural dance at host school

GROUP VISITS HIPPERHOLME GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Hipperholme Grammar School were delighted to welcome a group of Indonesian students from the 12th to the 16th of March. The group was on a cultural exchange trip arranged by Study Links, participating in immersion into daily lessons at this excellent grammar school in Halifax.

Headmistress Jackie Griffiths was at the school when the group arrived to provide a warm welcome. By the end of the visit she said that teachers from Hipperholme Grammar School had nothing but great things to say about the visiting students!

FAREWELL TO OUR PANAMANIAN FRIENDS

This month also saw a group from Panama; consisting of 25 adult students who attended Leeds Beckett University from the 9th of January, complete their course on the 3rd of March.

Study Links was tasked to provide the group with homestay accommodation which we did with our fantastic Leeds homestay families. Thank you both to our wonderful host families and to the visiting students from Panama - we are looking forward to the next trip!

STUDY LINKS MARCH STAR STUDENT

The month's star student is Maya Chukujama aged 17 from Nigeria who is studying at Durham School. Maya has taken the initiative to do something that will aid her future working life and have a positive impact on the lives of others. Over the Easter holidays she is volunteering for the British Red Cross in one of their charity shops in York, organised by Study Links. The role will teach Maya about a typical working day in the UK and also give her relevant work experience that will be excellent for her CV and university applications. Well done Maya!

All students receive a prize and certificate for being so fantastic!

