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# MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Study Links would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, their families, partner schools, homestay families and agents from across the world all our best and our warm regards for the festive season. Study Links has had a great year in 2018 seeing us expand our team by two members, be nominated for numerous awards and most importantly watching our students go from strength to strength and grow into impressive young people. We realise that it's all the great people we work with that make what we do so rewarding and this time of year all the more special. So here's to you all! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas with your friends, family and other loved ones and wish you happiness and success in 2019.

# MAKING EFFECTIVE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

New Year is a time when people like to look back on their achievements over the past year and plan for the coming year ahead.

Whilst many students make New Year's Resolutions to exercise more, become more organised and give up unhealthy foods, more often than not old habits are hard to break and resolutions are given up after a few weeks.

Read our guide on how to make effective and achievable New Year's Resolutions.

# NORTHERN POWERHOUSE AWARD FINALISTS!

Study Links are proud to report that we have been nominated for another award. This time we have been shortlisted for the Norther Powerhouse Export Awards 2019 in the Export Team of the Year category.

The award, in association with HSBC and the Department for International Trade, recognises "a team who can demonstrate significant added value to their business through adopting innovative techniques, and personnel development measures."

The finals will be held on Thursday 7th February at the National Railway Museum in York, keep your fingers crossed for us and we will let you know how we get on!



### STUDY LINKS GROUP ROUNDUP 2018

2018 has been a great year for groups organized by Study Links as we saw a lot of repeat visits from groups we worked with in 2017 and also new business from locations such as China, Panama and Indonesia. We also hosted our first group visits to areas such as Scotland and Cannock which were great success stories with all new groups and partners already looking for repeat visits.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our fantastic long-term partner schools who make these cultural exchanges a fond memory that will last, for both visiting and hosting students.

Watch this space as Study Links already have big plans for group visits in 2019, including more groups in Scotland and a Study Links summer camp! If you would like to arrange or host a group visit contact us now: hello@studylinks.com



#### DECEMBER STAR STUDENT – IVAN LEVAKHOV – ROSSALL SCHOOL

As Christmas time is a season of good will to all, we thought Ivan was the perfect choice for Star Student as he tries so hard to make friends from all over the world. In particular he has a lot of English friends, hence his language skills have improved and continues to improve on a daily basis. Well done Ivan we hope you, your friends and your family have had a wonderful Christmas and whish you a very happy New Year!

