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# Bangor International

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Bangor University



In a recently published Green Metric ranking for universities worldwide, Bangor University is **ranked tenth in the world** for its commitment to sustainability.

Bangor University retains its top-ten position globally **for the third year** and placed first in Wales according to the rankings which measure six indicators.

Bangor University achieved the full marks available for education - reflecting the University's commitment to sustainability education and research. Our focus on reducing waste and recycling ranks highly, and the energy and climate change indicator reflects our recent substantial investment in energy efficiency measures.

## Congratulations to over 300 Bangor University students who graduated in Tashkent



*Professor Oliver Turnbull – Deputy Vice Chancellor, Bangor University with one of our graduating students*

We would like to congratulate the over 300 Bangor University students who graduated in Tashkent in October. The students have worked for their Bangor University degrees at the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) Tashkent in Uzbekistan. Bangor University has a nearly 15 year old relationship working with MDIS and has offered Bangor

University degrees in Uzbekistan for over a decade. The Bangor University programmes delivered in Tashkent are from the **Bangor Business School** and more recently the **School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering**. These programmes are popular and are undertaken by students from all over Uzbekistan in this highly successful and rapidly expanding partnership.

## In this issue of our newsletter...

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# 2019 International Scholarship Winners



The Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are jointly funded by Bangor University and the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. They include full tuition fees, return airfare and a monthly stipend.



L-R: David Lotum from Kenya, James Otai from Uganda, Bangor University Vice Chancellor Iwan Davies and Ismail Sule from Uganda



L-R: Shilpa Kannan, Shabreem Jorammanawar, (both awarded the British Council 70th Anniversary Scholarship), Bangor University Vice Chancellor Iwan Davies, Syamili Manoj Santhi, Lipoksanen Lima Jamir (both awarded the British Council GREAT Scholarship) and all from India



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The GREAT scholarship is jointly funded by the British Council and Bangor University and the British Council 70th Anniversary Scholarship is awarded to females from India undertaking studies in STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) courses.



The Chevening Scholarships are awarded to outstanding scholars with leadership potential and includes the full tuition fee of the students chosen course at Bangor University.



**L-R:** *Tatamo Andriamoria from Madagascar, Alida Kirezi from Burundi, Laura Bafaletse from Botswana, Bangor University's Vice Chancellor, Iwan Davies, Boitumelo Seraise from Botswana, Sarentha Luther from the Seychelles, Felaniaina Marie Stephanie Lantovololona from Madagascar*



**Mohamed Shimmel from the Maldives**



**Mike Mali from The Democratic Republic of the Congo**



**Carlos Kalonga from The Democratic Republic of the Congo**



**Albert Halwampa from Zambia**



**Winte Hte from Myanmar**



**L-R:** *Dr Jaci Huws, MSc Public Health & Health Promotions Programme Leader at Bangor University's School of Health Sciences, Mamour Gueye from Senegal, Bangor University's Vice Chancellor, Iwan Davies, Pacos Gandaho from Benin, and Adam Mutabakomu from Zambia*



**Jaime Skeetef from Guyana**



## Staff News



### We welcome Morgan Edwards to the International Education Centre

Morgan is our new Regional Manager for the South Asia region with a major focus on India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. If you are from this region, please feel free to reach out and he will be more than happy to help.

Morgan has spent a number of years in internationally focused roles and has spent time living and working in the United States, China, South Korea and Spain. In his former role, Morgan led the global stakeholder engagement activities for one of China's largest engineering consultancies, helping to establish relationships with senior diplomats, C-Suite executives from leading global companies and the management teams of some of the top universities and research institutions in the world. He is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

Having been born and raised in North Wales, he understands just how incredible the region is as a place to live, work, invest and study. He is passionate about higher education, promoting North Wales worldwide and engaging with people from different backgrounds and cultures, so being able to combine all of these interests into one role is incredibly motivating.

## Henan University of Technology visit Bangor University



*Chen Fu Sheng, Pro Vice Chancellor, at Henan University of Technology with Iwan Davies, Vice Chancellor of Bangor University*

Celebrating over 15 years of collaboration between both universities, Henan University of Technology based in China visited Bangor University recently. The partnership has seen the exchange of both students and staff and a Bangor-based summer school for teaching staff from Henan University of Technology.

## Bangor University visits the Uzbek Banking Association



*L-R: Professor Oliver Turnbull, Bangor University's Deputy Vice Chancellor, Bakhtiyar Khamidov, Uzbekistan Banking Association, Chairman, and Dr Jasur Salikhov, MDIS Tashkent, Rector*

During October, Bangor University visited the Uzbek Bankers Association in Tashkent. Bangor University has a long history of working in Uzbekistan with a very successful partnership of over a decade allowing students to study Bangor University undergraduate programmes at MDIS Tashkent (Management Development Institute of Singapore). These Bangor University programmes from the **Bangor Business School** and more recently the **School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering** have been very popular in Uzbekistan.



# Re-professionalising Banking and Finance in Trinidad and Tobago



*L-R: Camille Moseley-Joefield, Urmilla Ramaya-Jacob and Nickasia Baillie from the Republic Bank, Marsha John and Karen Singh from the Institute of Banking and Finance of Trinidad and Tobago and Prof John Ashton, Tanya Keith, Lisa Jones from Bangor University*

In November Bangor University visited Trinidad and Tobago developing a new relationship for providing post-graduate Banking and Finance education, through the **Chartered Banker MBA** programme. Trinidad and Tobago, the most southerly Caribbean state, is one of the most-wealthy nations in the Americas, is celebrated for its diversity, and is home to an expanding financial services sector.

The visit coordinated with the Institute of Banking and Finance of Trinidad and Tobago involved meetings with the government of Trinidad and Tobago, including meetings with the Minister of Education, the Hon. Anthony

Garcia, the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and Dr Eduard Ali Director of the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago. Meetings were also held with senior executives from a large number of Trinidad and Tobago banks and financial services firms including Republic Bank, Scotia Bank, RBC Royal Bank T&T, the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation, First Citizens Bank and the JMMB Group.

Commenting on the visit, Professor Ashton from **Bangor Business School** stated, *"It was a great pleasure to visit and develop further links with banks, financial services firms, financial regulators, the central bank and*

*the government of Trinidad and Tobago. Our hosts, the Institute of Banking and Finance of Trinidad and Tobago provided invaluable assistance in linking to a large number of future partners for Bangor University. The Chartered Banker MBA has already been taken and completed by a number of mid-career executives from the financial industries in Trinidad. Taking the Chartered Banker MBA will enable more bankers, financial regulators and financial executives to work with Bangor University to develop their ethical and professional practice and attain the coveted Chartered Banker Status."*

***The Chartered Banker MBA, offered exclusively by the Bangor Business School, is the only qualification globally conferring both an MBA and Chartered Banker status from the renowned Chartered Banker Institute. The CBMBA dual-award qualification was developed to 're-professionalize banking' internationally and has over 1000 learners and graduates from 82 nations.***



# Student achievements

## *Ali Ahmed Alzahrani, Saudi Arabia*

Ali Ahmed Alzahrani is the first Saudi student to win the Dandy Prize at Bangor University for doing the best work of any student at MA level in English Literature in 2019. Alzahrani is a master's student in English Literature in the **School of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics**. This prize is awarded by his school to the best student in Literature. Ali said that, *"the prize will motivate him and give him a strong desire to work hard and do his best in postgraduate studies. I have had great pleasure in studying over the past year at Bangor. The school has shown great support"*. He is also interested in completing his PhD in English Literature at Bangor University.

He appreciates and thanks his parents, family, tutors and all the friends who supported him during his studies at Bangor.



## *Dueanglada Prawang, Thailand*

Congratulations to Dueanglada Prawang, a PhD Music student at Bangor University's **School of Music**, who was the only student from Wales to receive the The Anglo-Thai Society Education Award for 2019.

The Anglo-Thai Society Education Awards recognise the exceptional academic achievements of Thai postgraduate scholars in the UK, and the achievements of postgraduate scholars whose studies benefit Thailand. The judging panel consisted of distinguished academics, who consider the exceptional achievements of each applicant and their contribution to Thailand and the world.

The 2019 ATS Education Awards Ceremony followed by the Winter Reception took place on Friday, 22 November, at The Oriental Club in London.



## *Sule Ismail, South Sudan*

Congratulations to Sule Ismail, a **Commonwealth/Windle Trust scholar** currently studying at Bangor University for an **MSc in Public Health & Health Promotion**, for speaking at an event organised by the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Sule a South Sudan refugee living in Uganda spoke about his educational journey, including his daily journey to school in a refugee camp in Uganda, to becoming top of his class with the support of the Windle Trust, he also discussed his future projects.



## *Etheldreda Leinyuy Mbivnjo, Cameroon*

Congratulations to Etheldreda Leinyuy Mbivnjo, an **MSc Public Health and Health Promotion** student and **Chevening scholarship holder**, on achieving a Level two certificate in Mentorship as she volunteered for the charity 'Change Grow Live', supporting the 'Achieving Change through Employment' (ACE) project in Bangor.

The ACE project aims to support disadvantaged people from a Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) or Migrant background, into employment, and is supported by the European Social Fund through the Welsh Government.

Etheldreda will be graduating from Bangor University in December 2019.





# Student achievements

## *Nebu George, India*

Nebu George who is currently studying for his PhD in Archaeology at Bangor University's **School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences** recently attended the UK Council for International Student Affairs 'We are International' a UK-wide student forum, which is a initiative for sharing experiences, asking important questions and giving feedback on the education and immigration system in the UK. Based on this feedback, UKCISA will be producing a policy note for the UK government to help international students and to ensure their voices are heard.

Nebu commented, *"This was an excellent opportunity for me, as a student of Bangor, to raise awareness of issues that are a concern for Bangor International students and international students in general."*



## *Dr Ephraim Kisangala, Uganda*

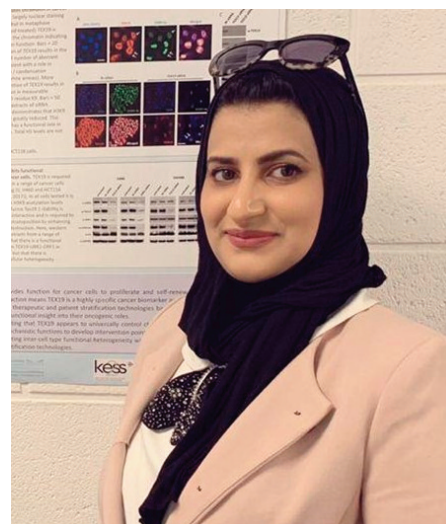
Dr Ephraim Kisangala who was an **MSc Public Health and Health Promotions** student at Bangor University and will be graduating in December 2019, attended an event organised by the Association of Commonwealth Universities. Ephraim, a Commonwealth Scholarship student and a GP in his home country of Uganda spoke to Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Sussex back in January after she showed particular interest in his work during an Association of Commonwealth Universities event.

Since then Ephraim has been involved in a performance of a drama that focuses on people who have faced conflict and displacement in East Africa, and the impact this has on education. The drama was performed during the summer at the Migration Museum in London. The drama was written by Devika Ranjan, and is based on interview testimonies of five **Windle Trust and Commonwealth Scholars** (of which Ephraim is one).

## *Leena Alqahtani, Saudi Arabia*

Leena Alqahtani has recently passed her PhD here at Bangor University having also successfully completed her **MSc Medical Molecular Biology with Genetics** previously, and will be returning to Saudi Arabia to take up an academic post at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah.

Leena's PhD was aimed at understanding the function of a cancer-specific protein, TEX19, which also regulates embryo stem cell biology. Leena's work has given our **School of Medical Sciences** an insight into how this protein might drive cancer cells to divide and evolve in response to therapies, potentially helping cancer cells develop therapeutic resistance. This work will also result in a new manuscript that we will submit to a major oncology journal in early 2020.





## Staff News



### We welcome Peter Sharpe to the International Education Centre

Peter is our new Regional Manager for the Americas; former soviet region; and International Students in the UK. Peter is from Anglesey, with family members studying at Bangor University, and lots of relatives in the USA.

He has lived, worked, and studied extensively abroad, and he is in the process of finishing his Masters in Vilnius, Lithuania. Prior to his Masters, Peter has worked widely over the former soviet region for the OSCE, and for the UK Government on Brexit in London.

Peter loves North Wales, and is passionate about the value of Higher Education: *"I've lived in some amazing places, but nowhere beats North Wales. It's a real privilege to be able to welcome people to live and study in such an amazing place as Bangor!"*

Peter will be your main point of contact if you reside in any of these regions, and he will be more than happy to help. He will also be responsible for the management of recruitment agents, developing country specific promotional campaigns, attending overseas exhibitions and developing institutional links.

## Meet three of our successful Kuwaiti alumni and read all about their achievements!



L-R: *Abdullah Almahous, Mohammed Houtari, Abdulmusen Alajmi*

Abdullah Almahous, Mohammad Houtari and Abdulmusen Alajmi joined the **School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering** as year 2 entry for the BEng Computer System Engineering degree, and re-joined the School for an MSc in Electronic Engineering in the 2017/18 academic year.

During their studies at Bangor University, they established the **Kuwaiti Students Club** in the aim to bring Kuwaiti students together and raise awareness of the Kuwaiti culture. According to Abdullah Almahous; *"The Kuwaiti Students Club helps to apply the rich Kuwaiti traditions of moral and intellectual learning. This also facilitated in nurturing future leaders who contribute to the global community and are proud of their identity."*

Abdullah has since successfully found employment at Zain, one of the biggest telecommunication companies in the State of Kuwait.

Mohammad Houtari was the Chair of the first Kuwaiti Students Club in Bangor, his mission was to create awareness of the Kuwaiti culture through the established Kuwaiti Students Club. Mohammad now works as an IT infrastructure and developer for the Environment Public Authority in Kuwait, one of the biggest environmental organisations in the region.

Abdulmusen Alajmi participated in organising sports events where other students benefited from the values of hard work, selflessness, dedication, and discipline. Abdulmusen is now employed at one of the biggest banks in the Gulf State - Kuwait Finance Bank.

Read the full article written by Dr Mohammed Mabrook, Senior Lecturer in Organic Electronics at the School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering at Bangor University, here:

[www.bangor.ac.uk/international/news/meet-three-of-our-successful-kuwaiti-alumni-and-read-about-their-achievements-42407](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/news/meet-three-of-our-successful-kuwaiti-alumni-and-read-about-their-achievements-42407)



# Language Preparation Courses at our English Language Centre for Overseas Students

The English Language Centre for Overseas Students (ELCOS) provides **English language courses** and **study skills** for international students here at Bangor University.

We aim to improve our students' language ability and skills, introduce them to British culture, and to the academic skills needed to study in the UK. ELCOS also support international students who are on academic courses at Bangor University. Our students enjoy high quality courses and support, and soon become part of the exciting and friendly community of Bangor University.

Take a look at what courses our English Language Centre for Overseas Students has to offer:

## Pathway to Pre-Sessional

Intensive English language preparation for Pre-sessional courses

Pathway to Pre-sessional IELTS 2.5 to 4.0 in 3 months (CEFR A2 to B1)

<b>Pathway 1 (2.5 entry)</b>	September / January / April intakes	£3,000
<b>Pathway 2 (3.0 entry)</b>	October / February / June intakes	£2,000
<b>Pathway 3 (3.5 entry)</b>	November / March / July intakes	£1,000

## Intensive English Language Pre-Sessional Courses

IELTS 4.0 to 6.0 within 8 months

<b>Entry Level</b>	<b>Start Month</b>	<b>End Month</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>IELTS 4.0</b>	September February June	April September December	£6,100
<b>IELTS 4.5</b>	November April July	April September December	£4,950
<b>IELTS 5.0</b>	January June September	April September December	£3,200
<b>IELTS 5.5</b>	February July November	April September December	£2,200
<b>IELTS 6.0 (1 x below 5.5)</b>	August November	September December	£1,200

**For more information about ELCOS and the courses on offer please don't hesitate to contact us:**

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# Meet us in your country

We shall be visiting the following countries between January - March 2020

Spain	- January	Romania	- February
Greece	- February	Saudi Arabia	- March
Bangladesh	- February - March	China	- March
India	- February	South East Asia	- January - March
Kuwait	- February		

If your country is not listed above then you may contact the relevant **Regional Manager** listed below, OR visit our country visits page for more information: [www.bangor.ac.uk/international/visits](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/visits)

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