# International Student Newsletter - Summer 2019



## What A Year! - A goodbye message from us

We cannot believe the year has gone so quick! It has been 9 months full of events, trips and great moments and we would like to send a BIG Thank You to all of you for your enthusiasm and good vibes! Congratulations also to all our graduates! Although we are sad to see you leaving, well done to everyone and we are sure that you have a bright future ahead! For more information about Graduation 2019, including renting a gown, buying guest tickets and getting a visa letter, see www.bangor.ac.uk/graduation.

Welcome to all our new Summer students as well! This newsletter comes at the beginning of most months during term-time. It will be emailed to your Bangor University email address, so be sure to take a look to keep up-to-date with news and information to help you make the most of your time in Bangor!

Finally, if you are in Bangor over the Summer, then check our Events page for information on local events, trips and sports activities. This year the University will be running a summer social programme so watch this space! Wishing you all a HAPPY SUMMER from Alan, Marcel & Louise! <u>bangor.ac.uk/international/support/events</u>

# THIS ACADEMIC YEAR IN PHOTOS!



HOW TO CONTACT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM: Website: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support Email: internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk Telephone: 01248 382882 www.facebook.com/BangorUniversityInternational © www.instagram.com/bangorinternational Photos: [

# Don't Leave Your Bicycle Behind ... Recycle It!

"It's coming to the end of another academic year at the University.

I hope you've all had a wonderful year studying at Bangor, whether it is your first or your last year. I just wanted to take the time to remind you to think about your belongings when you are preparing to leave for the summer months.

Over the summer, bicycles that are left on site in Ffriddoedd and St Marys are targeted by thieves. They will actively take the bicycles. In order to reduce the chances of your bicycle being taken when you are away over the summer, where it is possible, can you make arrangements to take your bike with you or, alternatively if you no longer wish to own the bike there could be places where you can give your bike away and someone else could make use of it. How about recycling your bicycle if you are leaving Bangor, knowing that your bicycle will get used by another person instead of letting it stand there for the opportunistic thief to take.

May I wish you all a lovely summer and if this is your last year at Bangor University, have a very enjoyable graduation."

Gethin Fon Owen

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### Improve your Entrepreneurial Skills

"Enactus Bangor is a worldwide social enterprise looking for the next generation of leaders and innovative thinkers, to help us make a real change in Bangor and the world!

We are looking for marketers and fund raisers to join our committee and help advertise our projects and events!

Aspiring accountants, who would like the chance to work with a worldwide network of entrepreneurs and gain valuable work experience.



Confident presenters to showcase our work at national, all expenses paid, presentations in London!

Most importantly, we want anyone who is willing to work towards making a lasting impact in Bangor!

If you would like the chance to improve your entrepreneurial skills and work with leading professionals, then please contact our Facebook or Instagram page: Enactus Bangor"

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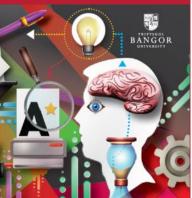
## Study Skills Support during Summer



The Study Skills Centre - Over the Summer Vacation

"We're open over the Summer vacation for 1–2-1 writing appointments and Maths and Stats support\*."
To arrange an appointment for <u>1-2-1 Writing appointments</u> or for <u>Maths and Stats support</u> visit our website.
For further information or advice contact us:
Website: <u>www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills</u> Email: <u>Studyskills@bangor.ac.uk</u>
Telephone: 01248 38 2689

Or search for us on <u>Facebook and Twitter.</u>



# Keep in Touch!

"Bangor University is grateful for the support of alumni volunteers in key locations around the world who take pride in their association with University and wish to help raise its profile internationally.

As a volunteer you can support Bangor University by sharing your experiences with prospective students, expanding the alumni network in your region and sharing your knowledge of your country's life and culture. You can assist us with events such as briefings for new students, careers events and welcome receptions for students returning to your region. You will have the opportunity to make contact with fellow alumni in your city and country for social and business networking as well as developing links with University staff visiting your region.

If you are an international alumnus and are interested in helping raise the profile of Bangor in your region, we would love to hear from you!"

Please email: alumni@bangor.ac.uk



#### Travelling to another Country this Summer?



Every year hundreds of international students in the UK lose their BRP cards when travelling to big cities or other countries during holiday breaks.

If you are a BRP holder, please keep your BRP card in a safe place in your hotel away from pick pockets.

DO NOT carry it in your wallet, you are not obliged to carry your visa card at all times, except for when crossing the border at the airport.

If you lose your BRP card or your wallet gets stolen, please contact us urgently. We are here to help you.

For more information on what to do in the event of losing your documents outside the UK, please see below:

(1) Report it online here : https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/lost-stolen-damaged

(2) Go to the police station. Report the loss/theft to the local police and get a loss or theft report.

This will be required for your visa replacement application.

(3) Apply online for a single-entry visa to replace BRP here: <u>https://www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk/home/welcome</u>

Fee: £154

Select the following route:

Reason for visit: Other

Visa type: Others

Visa sub type: Replacement Biometric Residence Permit

Once you have used the single-entry visa to replace the BRP to enter the UK, you will need to apply within 1 month of your return to the UK for a replacement BRP. Please come to see us as soon as possible at the International Student Support Office and we can help you with the BRP Replacement application.

If you have any questions, please call us at 01248 382882

# Student Housing Office - MOVING OUT



"We have created a handy checklist, with the basics of Moving Out of your student property, to help you to ensure the day goes well."

Check it out at www.bangorstudentpad.co.uk/Local

Diolch yn fawr! Thank you! Amy Jones & Mair Owen



## HOST - Spend a weekend in a British home!

#### Enjoy an experience that will be both unique and memorable this SUMMER.

"HOST UK can offer you the opportunity to visit British people in their homes for a day or weekend home-stay. The invitations are offered by approved, volunteer (unpaid) hosts, who are interested in meeting you and learning about your culture. Hosts enjoy sharing meals and conversation and are well equipped to answer questions about the UK.

There are **FREE fully funded placements** available for students from the following countries:

Japan, Afghanistan, Palestine, Syria, Ukraine, Iraq, Israel,

Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Yemen Libya, Sudan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Iran and Ethiopia We also have funding for Chevening and Commonwealth

Scholars.

If you are not eligible for funding, you can still apply! The experience is very informative and enjoyable and offers a special kind of friendship.

Go to www.hostuk.org to read more and apply. You must apply at least 4 weeks before you want to go on a visit. Don't miss this unique opportunity!"



# **Development and Alumni Relations Office**



#### Keep in touch!

BANGORIAD "For those of you who are graduating this year, please remember to let the Development and Alumni Relations Office know of any changes in your contact details so we can send you Bangoriad, our alumni magazine, regular e-newsletters and invite you to reunions and events in your area. We love to hear what you have gone on to do after graduation, so please keep in touch with your alma mater. You can also stay connected by joining our Facebook and LinkedIN groups.

> We hope that you will forever be proud of being a Bangor alumnus and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours!"

## Important Reminders Before You Leave ...

"It's the end of the semester and some of you might be coming to the end of your contact in private accommodation. Here is a poster with some useful tips when you are moving out of a property."

For more information visit www.undebbangor.com/wrapitup

# WHEN LEAVING DAY COMES AT THE END OF TERM THERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT STEPS THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE:

### BILLS

Ensure that you take a final meter reading on your last day. You are still responsible for all the utilities up until you officially leave.

#### GAS READING

ELECTRIC READING WATER READING

#### YOUR DEPOSIT

Ensure that you have confirmed arrangements with the landlord/letting agent regarding your moving out date and advise the deposit scheme about the return of your deposit.

#### INVENTORY / PHOTOGRAPHS

The inventory will be compared with the check-in inventory which you completed at the beginning of the tenancy and deductions may be made from your deposit should the property not be returned in a decent condition. Also, remember to take photos before you leave!

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Ensure that you have cancelled all your subscriptions (T.V., Broadband, magazines etc.) Before you leave.

#### UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

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Remember to update your address after you move. You need to think about updating your new address with things like; the bank, the doctors, your insurance if you have any, on your driving licence etc.

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### WASTE

Working in partnership with Gwynedd Council, Undeb Bangor have arranged extra waste collections during moving out weeks.

Check if your street is eligible for extra collections by visiting www.undebbangor.com/wrapitup

Extra Collections: May 28, June 17, July 1

### CHARITY

Have too much stuff to move out? Why not donate your unwanted stuff to one of the many charity shops here in Bangor?



Did you live in a great house with a helpful and supportive landlord, who you would like to promote to other students? Or have you lived in house that had loads of problems, which students should avoid at all costs?

Either way, leave your review at www.marksoutoftenancy.com



## Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod : 2-7 July 2019

Every summer since 1947 Llangollen has staged one of the world's most inspirational cultural festivals. Each year around 4,000 performers and as many as 50,000 visitors converge on this beautiful small Welsh town and its International Pavilion; to sing and dance in a unique combination of competition, performance, and international peace and friendship.

Its competitions climax with the prestigious 'Choir of the World', which determines the best overall choir of the event. In 2005 Luciano Pavarotti added his name to the competition in recognition of his appreciation of the festival and its influence on his career!

A **Day Ticket** (£10) gives you full access to the grounds, stalls, outdoor stages, activities and the option to sit in the red seating area of the Pavilion to enjoy the competitions. Don't miss out if you are staying in Wales this Summer! For more info and how to get there please visit <u>http://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/</u>

