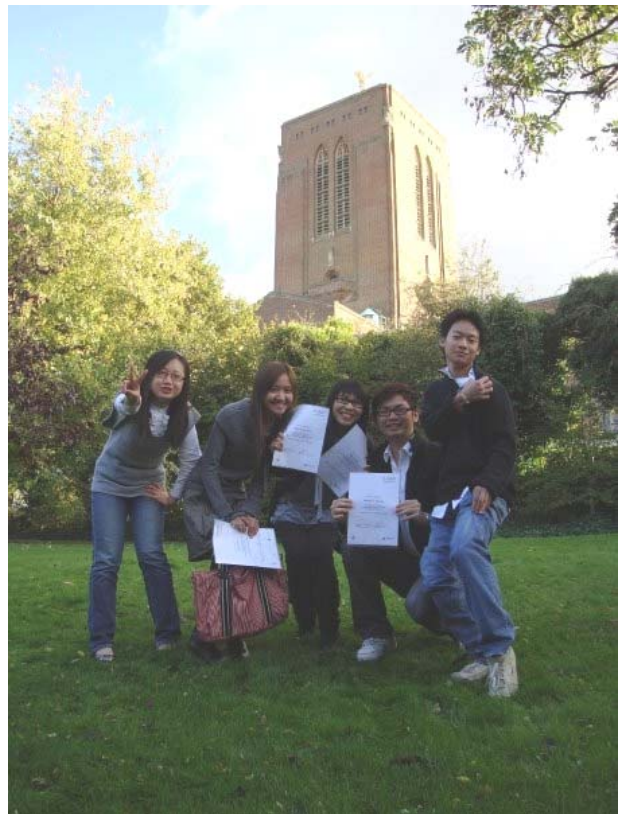


Message from the Head of Centre Rachel Bradley

The first ISC newsletter of 2009 has now arrived and I am pleased to see the contributions made by students in this issue. I enjoy reading about the experiences, feelings and thoughts of students at the ISC and I hope you think the same too. The ISC newsletter is designed to be 'by the students, for the students'. It is your opportunity to contribute and be part of something. By doing so you can gain valuable experience and skills which are transferable to all walks of life, including your studies and future career, plus you can improve your English and essentially help other students to feel part of the ISC. It may only be a small article that you write, but that article could be pivotal in helping an overseas student to settle in to life in the UK and at the University of Surrey. So, pick up your pen today (or in this modern day...boot

up your lap top!) and get writing for the next issue!!!



Last year's students celebrating their graduation—now studying on Degree courses

Introduction

It has been great to get so many contributions from all the ISC students. I have tried to put as much of your work in as possible but we only have limited space.

I have enjoyed reading your articles, doing your puzzles and looking at all your photos (especially the snowy pictures) and I hope that you will send more items in April and May so that we can have another newsletter next term



Fun in the snow—Mark and Khalil

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Advice for Engineering and Law Group

Anna Symonowicz and Fawaz Alfosail

Studying Advice for New ISC Students:

Attend all lessons and arrive on time.

Focus on the lessons and try to take the notes while you are listening.

Try to find something interesting in the subject which you are studying even if it is appears boring.

Don't be afraid to ask your tutor if something so not clear to you or ask even your friends.

Organise your time and make kind of timetable which shows how many time you spend for studying and rest of activities.

Do not forget to socialise and relax. Try to find balance (study hard! – party hard!).

Organise your notes after each lesson. Even 15 minutes of regular thinking or reading

around the subject brings profit and when it's closer to exams you'll feel more confident.



No trains ran in the snow—pictures by Joana Christina



About Iran

Armin Rastgouybaghi

To begin with, these days hardly any foreigner knows about real Iran. They usually think Iran is an Arabic country with dry weather and completely desert. Furthermore, they imagine Iran as the enemy of the world. While Iranian are Persian with Aryan race, which having brown hair and brown eyes is one of the sym-

bols. Moreover Iranian people always are looking for peace and they also have friendly personality owing to the fact that they want to be friends with everyone of different nationalities. For more information about Iran, check out this website:

<http://www.iranchamber.com/>



Iran gets snow too!

ISC Basketball

The isc basketball event was great. We got to hang with other students from the same department and we also got the chance to speak to different people and make new friends, which was hard to do during ISC sessions because of different timetables. After that event we started playing with the other classmates almost every week. – Salim Ramjean

I really enjoyed playing basketball with the guys. It was good opportunity to talk to other students since most of us are shy and really don't know many people. – Can Nur



More snow pictures—Chon Wong

Recipe for Chinese Dumplings

Michelle Hao

To make Chinese dumplings, first of all, chop the meat into pieces and mash them, then add salt, sesame oil, soy sauce, ginger, scallions, Chinese cabbage and MSG if you like. Mix thoroughly the ingredients; add two spoonful of water if necessary.

In a big bowl, add water to flour gradually. Mix and knead by hand to form soft dough, then cover it with towel and put it aside for about an hour. Then scatter some dry flour on the board, knead and roll it into a sausage-like dough about 5 centimetres in diameter, then chop it into small pieces. Press each piece with

your hand and get a pancake. Finally, to hold the pancake with your palm and put the filling in the centre and wrap into half-moon shaped and seal the edges.

The next step is easy. Put the dumpling into boiling water, when it is well cooked, it is ready to be served. Before eating, you need to prepare some

small dishes to contain the mixture of soy sauce, vinegar, and sesame oil or pepper oil to your own taste.



A Funny Story

Hedy Wang

Little Johnny at school ...

A new teacher tries to make use of her psychology courses. The first day of class, she starts by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Johnny stands up. The teacher

asks, "Do you think you're stupid, Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself."

Snow at the University of Surrey...



Pictures from Lindsay Huang



An "Honest" Interview with Simon Cleary, ISC English teacher

Your most embarrassing moment?

There are too many to remember any particular one.

How many girlfriends have you had before you got married?

About 3

When was the first time you went on a date?

When I was around 16-18

Which is the worst movie you have ever watched?

A Perfect Storm

How often do you lie to your wife

All the time. I have never claimed that I'm a saint.

How often do you drink?

Mostly during the weekend.

Your football team?

Manchester United. I had a trial there when I was young.

How often do you go clubbing?

I would love to but my wife doesn't allow me.

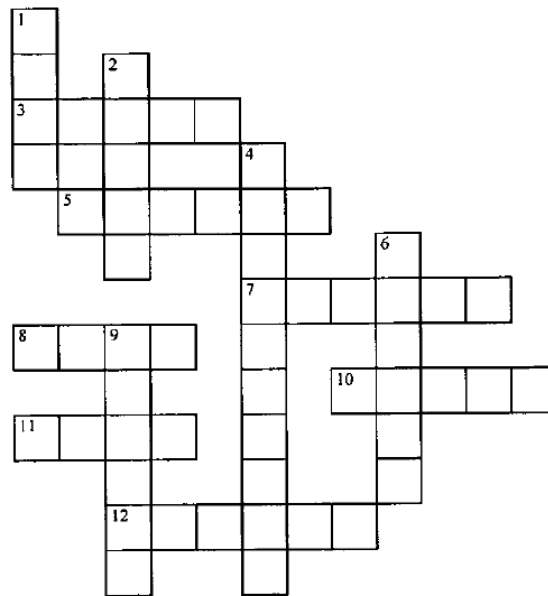
What do you think your life's going to be like in 10 years?

Either Manchester United's coach or I'll still be at the ISC.

What do you think of a brilliant student named Nitesh?

I think he's brilliant. He does his work properly, never misses his classes and is highly motivated. In my opinion, it'll be difficult to find a student like him for many more years in the ISC.

Interview conducted by:
Nitesh, Christina, Jung, Hang and Ali (Group C)



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The January

Business group could have filled a whole newsletter on their own with Easter traditions, Chinese festival and travel tips and more ...

Easter Traditions

Ekaterina Shkolnikova

The custom of giving eggs at Easter celebrates new life. Christians remember that Jesus, after dying on the cross, rose from the dead. This miracle showed that life could win over death. For Christians the egg is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, as when they are cracked open they stand for the empty tomb. No-one actually knows when eggs were first used as symbols at festival times but it was long before Jesus' time. Eggs were always thought to be special because although they do not seem alive, they have life within them especially at

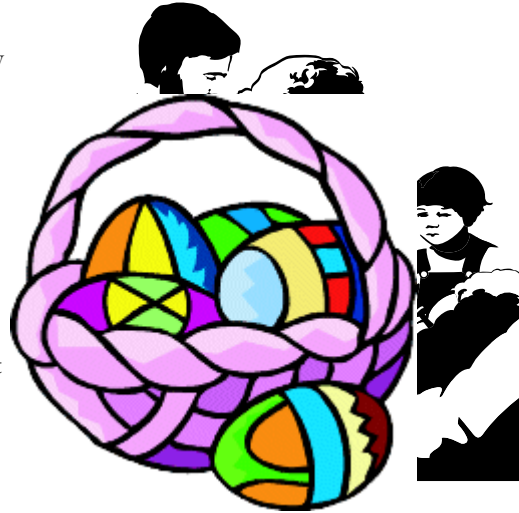
springtime when chicks hatch out.

Long ago people gave gifts of eggs carved from wood or precious stones. The first sweet eggs that were eaten were made

in the last 100 years from sugar or marzipan. Since then chocolate eggs have become popular and these are given on Easter Sunday. In some countries parents tell their children the

Easter Hare or Bunny has hidden chocolate eggs and they race to find them round the house or garden. Children in other countries decorate hard-boiled eggs at Easter time by painting or dyeing them.

In some countries such as the United States egg rolling is a popular Easter game. This is usually done with coloured eggs. One of the most well known



A Joke and a Holiday Idea!

Roy: I'm in a big trouble!
Gavin: Why is that?
Roy: I saw a mouse in my house!
Gavin: Oh, well, all you need to do is use a trap.
Roy: I don't have one.
Gavin: Well then, buy one.
Roy: Can't afford one.
Gavin: I can give you mine if you want.
Roy: That sounds good.
Gavin: All you need to do is just use some cheese in order to make the mouse come to the trap.

Roy: I don't have any cheese.
Gavin: Okay then, take a piece of bread and put a bit of oil in it and put it in the trap.
Roy: I don't have oil.
Gavin: Well, then put only a small piece of bread.
Roy: I don't have bread.
Gavin: Then what is the mouse doing at your house?!

Gavin Gai & Roy Shen

Britain's Most Haunted Hotel

Jamaica Inn, Bodmin Moor, Cornwall

The inexplicable noises of cart-wheels and horses' hooves in the cobbled courtyard; footsteps in empty corridors; a gentleman in a tricorne hat who walks through walls; and a murder victim who calmly sits outside musing on something. For a guaranteed sleepless night, ask for bedroom 4.

Contributed by Lianne Liu

Main Chinese Festivals Dodo Tsun

The Spring Festival: Spring Festival is one of the most important festivals in China. It has a long history, and means the beginning of new year. The Spring Festival origin, has the basis, also is rich and picks the varied fable to be possible to trace to several millenniums ago. The most famous is 'the year beast' fable. And the elder have to give some 'red pocket' to the younger generation at Spring Festival.

The Lantern Festival: The Lantern Festival falls on the 15th day of the 1st Lunar

month, usually in February or March. As early as the western Han Dynasty (206BC-AD25), it had become a festival with great significance. People will eat yuanxiao, or rich dumplings on this day, so it is also called the 'Yuanxiao Festival'

The Mid-Autumn Festival: It also know as the Moon Festival, dating back over 3000 years to China's Zhou Dynasty. The Mid-autumn Festival fall on the 15th day of 8th lunar month, when the moon is at its Fullest and brightest, to celebrate the abundance of the sum-

mer's harvest. The traditional food of this festival is mooncake. It means family members and friends get together.

The Double Ninth Festival: The 9th day of September in the lunar calendar is 'the Chinese Chong Yang Festival' and a happy occasion in autumn. People often gather for a party, appreciate Chrysanthemums, pin the leaves of cornel on cloth. People also climb to mountains for beautiful scenes and poetic inspiration.

Killer Sudoku from the January Engineering and Law Group

Saiman Ng

Killer sudoku (also **killer sudoku**, **sumdoku**, **sum doku**, **addoku**, or **samunamupure**) is a puzzle that combines elements of sudoku and kakuro. Despite the name, the simpler killer sudokus can be easier to solve than regular sudokus, depending on the solver's skill at mental arithmetic; the hardest ones, however, can take hours to crack.



Rules

The objective is to fill the grid with numbers from 1 to 9 in a way that the following conditions are met:

Each row, column, and nonet contains each number exactly once.

The sum of all numbers in a cage must match the small number printed in its corner.

No number appears more than once in a cage. (This is the standard rule for killer sudoku, and implies that no cage can include more than 9 cells.)

In 'Killer X', an additional rule is that each of the long diagonals contains each number once.

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Mind Bending

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