

Dear Student

Summer is officially here and the meteorologists (scientific experts) are forecasting beautiful weather for the weekend. IISA have arranged a trip to a multi award winning beach for Saturday 6 June and if you haven't got your tickets yet, hurry as there are not many left!

Exams are over, and for some of you the term ends this week, but remember that the IISA staff are available all through the summer to answer your queries and help you make the most of your time away from the University.

Now that you have a short break from your studies, why don't you think about applying to be a Global Assistant? Applications are taken year round and we would be pleased to meet you and answer any questions you may have on becoming a GA.

Finally, whether you are settling in to completing your dissertation or looking forward to a relaxing break, we wish you success and a very happy summer.

Emma, James, Kath, Sarah, Sue and Tim
Immigration and International Student Advice

IISA trip to Caswell Bay – Saturday 6 June 2015

IISA would like to invite you to join them on a trip to the beautiful Caswell Bay beach in the Gower, Swansea. Caswell Bay beach is a sought-after spot with surfers and families alike. The bay has fantastic views and has won awards for its beauty and golden sands.

During the day you will have the opportunity to swim in the sea, explore the rock pools with one of the IISA staff, take part in a sand castle competition or just relax in the sunshine and enjoy your day out! There is also a coastal path east to Langland Bay, approximately one and half miles, with spectacular views across the Bristol Channel to North Devon. This walk allows access to another of Gower's beaches, which is a favourite sun spot for those who live in Swansea.

We would suggest you bring a picnic with you, but there are cafés at both Caswell and Langland Beaches – these cafés serve both traditional Fish and Chips for lunch as well as traditional ice-creams so you can cool off later in the day!

The coach will leave from Treforest, opposite the train station, at 9am (stops at ATRium 9.30am) and will leave Swansea around 5.30pm (arriving back at the Treforest Campus at around 7pm with a stop at ATRium). The cost of the trip will be just £5 for all students (£7 for non students).



Tickets and coach booking are available from IISA:

Treforest Campus (E001)

Monday- Friday 10am -12pm or 2pm- 4pm

Cardiff Campus, ATRium Building (CA0008) available from Sarah Chate Taylor

Thursday 10am-3pm



Meet the Global Assistants

Have you ever wondered who and what the Global Assistants are and where they come from? Read on to meet one of them and find out...



Name: Morgan Lovett
Course: BSc Software Engineering
What is your nationality? Welsh
Which campus are you based on? Treforest Campus

Why did you choose to study at USW? Choosing USW was a simple task for me. The University offers great opportunities for my area of studies, and has an impressive teaching environment.

Why did you decide to become a GA? I love meeting new people and making new friends. Becoming a GA offered both of these opportunities to me.

What do you do as a GA? My responsibilities as a GA include helping new and current international students from many different nationalities. This also includes supporting on-campus and off-campus activities such as trips and events run by the IISA team.

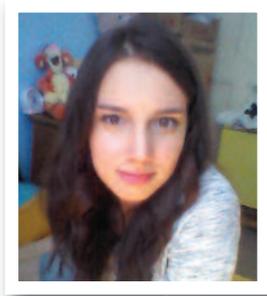
The best thing about being a GA is....? The best thing about being a GA is the satisfaction of knowing I've helped somebody. It gives me pleasure knowing that I have hopefully made somebody's day just that little bit better.

Why should students become a GA? Being a GA is a great opportunity to meet and befriend new people from many different cultures. The staff at IISA offer great help for many different topics and are always happy to greet you with a smile.

Any USW student can apply to become a Global Assistant. If you are interested in becoming one please e-mail the IISA team at: international.advice@southwales.ac.uk

My Home Town

Our GA's met with a UK student and asked them about themselves and where they come from...



Name: Rebecca Moulding
Course: BA English
Home town: Corby, Northamptonshire
Distance from Cardiff: Around 167 miles – around a 3 hour drive

Why did you choose to study at USW?

I chose this university as it offered me the course I wanted with modules in creative writing as well as literature. I have studied literature for a long time and I wanted to spread my academic wings.

Tell us a little bit about your home town

Corby is a big town located to the East of a small, unknown county called Northamptonshire. It's sandwiched between Warwickshire and Cambridgeshire. One name for the town, not known to those who haven't lived there, is Little Scotland. The history? Well, sometime back before I was born, a group of Scottish folk banded together and made their way down to the then little village of Corby. Their destination was one very important place: Corby Steel Works. As a result of the Scottish people and their culture, even today Corby still stands as a home of the Scots. It's just in the middle of England.

What is there to do and see?

Corby is the fastest growing town in all of the UK. Fact. The population escalates considerably each year. They are constantly building. Before I left, they had just built a massive cinema, opened an olympic sized swimming pool and sent shoppers shopping in their new, sparkling town centre. There is an abundance of history lingering in and about the place too. From the stately Deene Park to the haunted Rockingham Castle, there's no escape from the remnants of English past.

The best thing about Corby is....?

The best thing I guess is that it's my home. My favourite place to visit is a little, local area, called East Carlton Park where I used to walk my dog.

Why should international students visit Corby?

Why not? I might not recommend going there for a holiday, but if you're in the area, see what it has to offer. After all, there is a direct link from Corby train station to London. It's not hard to get to.

Travel details from Cardiff

I guess the best way to do it is to hop on the train from Cardiff to London, then up to Corby. The journey takes around 5 hours and will cost around £102.