

UNIVERSAL NEWSLETTER

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UCLAN – UCB PARTNERSHIP APPROVED DEGREES BEGIN SOON!

At the beginning of July UCB was delighted to welcome a delegation from the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to Dhaka. The UCLan team was led by Mr Bryan Jones, Dean of Health, Social Work and Sport, and was visiting to carry out the formal institutional accreditation and validation exercise that is needed for UCB to become an approved UCLan partner. This means that every aspect of UCB was closely inspected to confirm that UCB is meeting all the academic, administrative and facilities requirements necessary to offer UCLan degree programmes in Dhaka. The UCLan inspectors were very thorough, and they met with members of the academic faculty, support team staff, UCB students, and alumni to find out everything about UCB and what it is like to study at the Gulshan campus. The UCLan team also included Dr Andy Melling, Dean of Nursing and Midwifery, Dr Joe Johnson, Dr Hasan Gilani, Mr Shabaz Mahmood and Ms Danielle McCann who checked UCB policies, procedures, and general administration.



At the end of the inspection the UCLan team leader, Mr Bryan Jones, announced that UCB had passed every part of the accreditation and validation exercise and said, "UCB received 11 commendations for their academic excellence and high quality administration. This is the highest number of commendations that UCLan has ever awarded to any partner, and is even better than our UK-based partners.". Prof Hew Gill, President of UCB added, "We are delighted to have received such high praise from UCLan. This confirms that UCB offers some of the very best education available anywhere in the world. We will be launching full business and IT degrees from UCLan very soon, and we hope that many Bangladeshi students will take the opportunity to get an international degree, at local prices, right here in Dhaka."



UIFY PREPARATION DAYS @ UNIVERSAL COLLEGE BANGLADESH

Universal College Bangladesh has recently introduced the UCB International Foundation Programme (UIFY), which is an one-year pre-university qualification designed to provide an entry route to UK and other international university courses. The course is designed to improve students' English Language skills, to introduce them to their chosen field of study, and to enhance their research and study skills.

Before the commencement of the course around the end of August 2024, UCB conducted complimentary UIFY Introductory Sessions from July, preparing the students for the course by mainly brushing up their language skills.

These lessons were a total of 6-hour sessions per week and were conducted over a total of approximately 5 weeks. Students were introduced to the Structure of an Essay, Researching and Incorporating Research Information, Data Analysis Skills, Argumentative Writing with Rebuttal, and Descriptive Writing Skills. Students agreed that even though they were taught some of these skills at School, their previous understanding was not as comprehensive as the things they learned in the UIFY Introductory Sessions. Many students who had gaps in their knowledge appreciated the Introductory Sessions as these sessions helped them bridge the gap before getting involved in the actual programme.



UCB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR (UIFY)

We wish the UIFY students of the August intake all the best and we look forward to seeing them on campus soon!

UCB NATIONAL ONLINE QUIZ JUNE

The award distribution ceremony for the the 5th monthly quiz of the year was hosted on 6th July 2024 at the UCB campus.

We extend our congratulations to all the winners, applauding their dedication to expanding their knowledge. The winner list is given below:

Position	Name	Institution
1st	Farrin Zunaina	DPS STS School Dhaka
2nd	Nusrat Noorjahan	Baf Shaheen English Medium School (Semc)
3rd	Aditya Varshney	International School Dhaka (Isd)
4th	Mazba Uddin Saif	Dhaka Residential Model College
5th	Sadman Anis	Bangladesh International School & College (Bisc)



The next National Online Quiz will be announced soon, so watch out for more information on social media.

UCB HARVARD MANAGEMENTOR SESSION FOR VIQARUNNISA NOON SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Students from Viqarunnisa Noon School & College attended an amazing, certified course session on Presentation Skills Development curated by Harvard Business Publishing Education at Universal College Bangladesh on 13 July 2024.

The session was conducted by Mr. Dewan Muhammad Nur-A Yazdani, Senior Lecturer, UCB, who is an expert in communication and presentation. All the students were very happy to receive their personal Certificate from Prof. Hew Gill, President and Provost of Universal College Bangladesh. Many parents were also present during the certificate handover ceremony and were keen to get photos with Mr Yazdani and Prof Hew.

If your school or college might be interested in attending a free Harvard Presentation Skills session, then contact us now: marketing@ucbbd.org



MONASH UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION YEAR JULY INTAKE



Universal College Bangladesh conducted the orientation for the fresh entrants of the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) on Sunday, July 14, 2024. The new batch of students were introduced to the MUFY program structure, policies, and procedures, while also emphasizing the pathways for international study. The event featured opening remarks from Professor Ismail Hossain, Dean of Academic Affairs, and UCB's President and Provost, Professor Hew Gill.

The presence of Ms. S. Azra Karim and Mr. Daniel Lum, from the Monash Australia and Monash Malaysia international student recruitment team respectively, added to the event's excitement. They both emphasized the diverse program offerings available to UCB MUFY students and showcased the dynamic student life and activities at the Australian and Malaysian campuses.

During the full-day event, the President and Provost of UCB, accompanied by Ms Samia Salam, Parent Engagement Executive, organized a parent orientation session to talk about study options at Monash University.

The MUFY Program Coordinator, Ms Ambreen Zaman, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of IT & Computing, gave an overview of the MUFY Program and presented the key policies and procedures for students. The Academic Coordinator introduced the attendance policy. The Deputy Registrar provided a brief summary explaining how students must always maintain academic integrity. The UCB IT department led a session on setting up UCB Office 365, Monash student accounts, and using IT resources. The Student Services Executive introduced the UCB student counseling services and encouraged students to engage in extra-curricular activities. The sessions concluded by capturing photos of the memorable moments of the newly admitted students.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP HEATS

This July, Universal College of Bangladesh was buzzing with excitement for International Chess Day. Students and employees were full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to embrace the occasion's spirit. To mark this special day, Ms Zeba, our Student Services Executive, organized an exhilarating chess championship and even set up a wall of inspiration with famous chess quotes and sayings from legendary players. The playoffs kicked off on the 16th and 18th of July, and the first day was a spectacular success. The turnout was amazing, with many students eager to compete and others coming to cheer on their friends. The atmosphere was electric, filled with the thrill of intense matches and the joy of solidarity. The day was unforgettable, showing the players' strategic skills and the vibrant community spirit of our College.

However, due to the current situation with student movements in Bangladesh, we had to put a temporary hold on the final of our chess championship. Despite this interruption, the first success of the championship left an impression.



The enthusiasm and participation from our students highlighted the powerful sense of unity at Universal College of Bangladesh. We are optimistic and eagerly look forward to resuming the championship soon, allowing our students to continue their journey of strategic thinking and sportsmanship.

MONASH APPLICATION DAY



On the 14th of July 2024, a dedicated Monash Application Day was organized, specifically tailored to support recently graduated UCB students with their application process for Monash University. The event proved to be a valuable resource for many participants from recent UCB graduating cohorts, who were able to successfully navigate the application formalities and derive significant benefits from the team of advisors assembled to help them.

The presence of Ms. Azra Karim, the Monash Representative in Bangladesh, and representatives from Eduko Bangladesh elevated the event, as they offered their expertise to guide and assist the students with completing the intricate visa application process, the forms for Monash University, finding accommodation, and booking travel.

UCB provides guaranteed pathway programs to Monash University through foundation and associate degree programs which enable UCB students to transition directly into full degree programs at Monash University, one of the world's very best universities.

Events in August

As usual, the UCB Student Club and campus will be very busy with lots of events in August.

>> UCB International Foundation Year Intake and Orientation

We'll be welcoming the first batch of students to join UCB for this amazing programme that prepares O/AS/HSC students for direct entry into universities around the world.

>> Monash University Foundation Year 2B Intake

The third batch of MUFY students will be joining this prestigious program which guarantees entry to Monash University.

>> World Photography Day

UCB Camera Club will be celebrating the digital image and history of photography.

>> UCB Chess Championship

The winners of the first heats in the UCB Chess Championship will be competing to see who is good enough to make it to the grand final.

>> World Distance Learning Day

UCB students will be face-to-face for a celebration of online teaching and learning, with a nod to the online support provided by our international university partners.

