# FOCUS

Students. College. Staff.



#### Message From The Principal

A warm welcome to students and staff as we go into the new Spring 2023 term. The College has developed a new style newsletter (FOCUS) which centres on student and staff successes and achievements. One recent success has been reflected in the recent National Student Survey (NSS) which demonstrates how ICON College students are more than happy with their courses, and the teaching they receive, compared with other institutions in the UK. ICON College has exceeded national expectations /benchmarks across virtually every category that is assessed as part of the NSS. Finally, this year is the College's 20th Birthday! Plans are in hand to celebrate this event throughout the year, starting with a redesigned website, together with a new logo and promotional materials.

NSS Survey Results 2022	ICON Result
The teaching of my course	88.61 %
Learning Opportunities	89.03 %
Assessment and Feedback	85.80 %
Academic Support	84.30 %
Organisation and Management	83.37%
Learning Resources	80.96 %
Learning Community	85.38 %
Student Voice	82.62 %
The students union (association of guild) effectively represents academic interest	74.63 %
Overall Satisfaction	88.50 %

Best wishes.

Professor Nurun Nabi Principal and Chief Academic Officer

# STUDENT AMBASSADOR SUPPORT

Here to help you Student.ambassador@iconcollege.ac.uk



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Top-Up Business and
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Top-up in Business & Management and currently DET Student

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DET student group D



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HND Health and Social care.

#### **Key roles:**

- Serving as a channel of support for academic and non-academic matters.
- Providing an open and friendlier channel for discussion.
- Linking students to the relevant academic and non-academic sections of the College for support.
- Student Ambassadors will contact current students to provide relevant information and solutions.
- Participating in marketing, promoting APP awareness, College events and promotional activities.

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#### **ICON ALUMINI**

We are proud to celebrate with Mrs Mutiat Ayoade and Mr Emmanuel Igwenwnne, ICON College alumni who recently achieved their Master's degree in Mental Health Nursing from Kings College London. Reflecting on this major achievement, they said that they were 'so glad and thankful to Icon College for giving us the great background in health and social care' which had prepared them for the journey. Their message for current students is that there is no limitation to what they can achieve with their ICON College educational background.







**Mrs Mutiat Ayoade** 

Mr Emmanuel Igwenwnne

## ICON College Staff Success

Providing you with the best educators



## "AdvanceHE

In December 2022, Dr Oluwatosin Alo and Dr Halpege Walter Gunetilleke were awarded the Senior Fellowship, and Mr Enayet Sarwar, the Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy. As experienced members of staff, this fellowship is a demonstration of their commitment to professionalism in higher education, having shown a thorough understanding of effective approaches to teaching and learning support. This achievement evidenced Icon College's commitment to staff training and development, and all staff members are encouraged to take this opportunity.

"We are proud of the continuous development our educators do for themselves and their students."

Prof. Alan Jones, Vice Principal External Affairs



It was a special moment at the ICON College Graduation Ceremony which took place on 20th October 2022 at Queen Elizabeth II Hall and was broadcasted live on the College's Facebook channel.

120 graduates with BSc (Hons) in Business and Management; Computing; and Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management gathered for one last festive occasion- the Graduation Ceremony of 2022. The event was organized by ICON College management in partnership with Falmouth University, a TEF Gold rated University. This event brought together a large number of graduates, their families, staff, alumni, student ambassadors and academic leaders who enjoyed the occasion.

The graduates were called onto the stage to collect their certificates awarded by Falmouth University. The certificates were presented by Professor Joadat, Vice Principal Academic, and a group photograph was taken at the closing of the event.

# Cultivating meaningful, approachable and confidential support.

### Tell us about any disability

Evidence suggests that the number of students in higher education with a known disability is increasing (The House of Commons Briefing Paper number 8716 22, February 2021).

As such, we are encouraging students to tell the College about their disability as early as possible, preferably during the admission process. The disability could be specific learning difficulties, mental health conditions, or long-term health conditions. Students can still tell us during their studies, but disclosing early will mean that they can benefit more quickly from the full range of support available.

Please contact Mr Nasir Uddin. nas@iconcollege.ac.uk







#### **Centre for Research and Enterprise Development**



ICON College is proud to offer the Centre for Research and Enterprise Development to assist in the creation and nurturing of entrepreneurs in the local community. The Centre offers advice & guidance to support and assist in start-ups and existing SMEs from the local community.



Inner London Football League

Setting up courses to upskill footballers and management. The focus will be on business and management skills.

ICON College supports the objectives and development of the ILFL. An area of focus is women's football.



Tourism

The subject of Dark Tourism is quite a vibrant local industry, however all the tour guides come from outside of Tower Hamlets. Working with Dr Richard George, we have developed a short training programme in tourist guiding to The CRED team is offer to people in the community, for the purpose of income generation.



#### Schools and community groups

We are continuously looking for outreach opportunities within groups and schools in E1/ Tower Hamlets.

researching and networking through Roger Mumby-Croft and Nas (Nasir Uddin).



# CHRISTMAS PARTY AND HIGH ACHIEVERS

Students and staff came together to celebrate the closing of 2022 with food and dancing.





# 7 High Achievers were awarded laptops



Social Media



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