



Summer-Winter Exchange Program 2019

About India-UK Exchange

The first student exchange between a school located in Ahmedabad and Dudley College was spearheaded by Sanjeev Ohri from Dudley and Meenakshi Ganeriwala. The association between the two Institutions started in 2012 with the awarding of the UKIERI grant. This is a self financed exchange and students will be learning professional photography, Fashion and Editing & Graphics in three different groups. They were there at the college for four weeks of study under expert faculty. The first successful exchange began in May 2019 with a batch 14 students and 3 teachers including Mrs. Meenakshi Ganeriwala, Kanisha Modi and Chaitali Bhavre. The Exchange was four week long, with time-tabled hours and certificate by Dudley College UK. The Exchange focused on skill- building vocational training in the courses which were offered. Students attended several photography sessions with famous photographers Martin Parr and David Bailey. The students also got an opportunity to work at a Professional Apple coding session. As a part of the program students visited Old Trafford, London, Birmingham, Oxford and various other places for cultural exposure and leisure. Students stayed in the registered English speaking home-stay provided by Dudley College.

Dudley College, UK

Dudley College of Technology has played a pivotal role in the provision of vocational and technical education in Dudley borough and the wider Black Country for over 150 years. We have come a long way and our success has been noted with Ofsted recognising Dudley College as one of the highest performing general further education colleges in the country.

Highlights



Apple coding session

As part of the exchange program, MGIS Students attended a coding session by Apple in Birmingham.



Photography Talk by Martin Parr and Laura Pannack

Students attended a photography talk and met Martin Parr and Laura Pannack, two of the most renowned British photographers.



Homestay

Each member was dedicated a homestay by the college to experience Britain's cultural diversity.

Courses offered



Advanced Editing and Graphics with Stuart McConnel



Dark Room photography by Phil Brooks and Emma Turner



Product photography class



"Phil is a very humble and supportive faculty who was working with us. He was extremely innovative and always around to help us with our work. He also accompanied us to the Mayor's office" - Mihir Kanani (Student MGIS)

Exhibition

Each Student had a chance to exhibit their final portfolio under Photography, Fashion and Graphics. All the students participated in the **Dark Room Photography sessions & Processing**. It is one of the oldest and a



Thank you note!

We are thankful to Dr. Pascal Chazot and Anju Musafir and MGIS for supporting the program. Their motivation for this exchange and the team helped us to work through all the minute details. We are also thankful to Dudley college and Home Stay for hosting us and making this program a great success. This program is incomplete without the support by our parent community and their enthusiasm for such programs in school.



Fashion and Textiles Designing



Places we visited



Besides these towns the students also visited the "Black Country Museum, The Dudley Zoo, Trampoline Park and Go-carting at Birmingham. Visits to all the Museums and Library were included as a part of this exchange program.

Feedback by students

"This exchange was very memorable for me. I got to learn many new things such as the working of a DSLR cameras, video production techniques used in films/serials/etc., video and photo editing on the professional software and We worked in film and television department with profession setup. For my future I'm interested in music I got an opportunity to work in sound department, record sound and music it was a great leaning moment for me.

Coming to the fun and leisure part, we visited Manchester, London, Oxford, the Zoo, the Black Country exploring Dudley town's food, cultural and interacting with locates. I found this college too good for technology and various courses I could take up after my schooling. I would love to visit this college again and lastly, I would like to thank Dudley and MGIS for conducting this fantastic exchange program."

- Ishan Kejriwal, Student

"The summer school at Dudley College I did Fashion and Textile Designing course in which I experienced and learnt the process of creating a garment- from sketching to screen printing on fabric and to stitching it into a garment, and then doing a photoshoot of the garment. Throughout the workshop I learned and developed various skills and techniques in fashion and textile designing which will later help me in the future. This whole programme wouldn't be a success without the support and hard work so I would like thank both Dudley college as well as Mahatma Gandhi International School for giving us a wonderful opportunity and experience of learning which I will never forget."

- Sana Patel, Student

"At Dudley College I did Fashion and Textile Designing course where I acquired skills in the whole process of making a garment from the base that is selecting fabric to doing a photoshoot of the garment. Throughout the process I was continuously involved in terms of knowing and learning various forms, mediums and techniques. I have learnt that it requires a lot of hard work and dedication to come up with an entire garment/outfit. I would like to thank the entire College for their support and guidance throughout the journey. I would also like to thank Mahatma Gandhi International School for giving me an exceptional opportunity."

- Saha Patel, Student

Certificate Ceremony at Mayor's office



The entire exchange team along with Phil Brooks, Ruhul Amin, Matthew Caden and Susan James visited the Mayor's Office on the 7th of May 2019. The Mayor, Councillor David Stanley and the Mayoress were delighted to welcome the Dudley College Indian Exchange Students at the Council Chamber and Mayor's parlour. Sana, Saha and Khushi honoured the Mayor and the Mayoress with Indian embroidered silk scarfs. The Mayor handed out the certificates to each and every student marking an end to the month long exchange program.

"A great cultural and educational exchange. Very happy to see all the work done by my son Ridham; it truly was an excellent learning experience for him which is reflected in his work. The faculty and teachers from MGIS and Dudley were very supportive and made every effort to help make the students comfortable. They made us feel that our child was in the right hands."

- Ankita Yadav, Parent