

tis News!

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General Course Summer Photo!



Everybody at *tis* put on their best smiles on Tuesday 26th July, when we took our annual photo of students on the General English courses. It included 151 students & teachers and had to be taken from the roof of the school to fit everybody in! Poor photographer...

Thanks to everyone who joined in!

tis Love Story ♥

Last week, one of our students here in Torquay shared a wonderful story with us. He came to study with us at the recommendation of his parents, both of whom studied at *tis* 27 years ago.

In fact, his parents met here at *tis* in 1984. His mother Emanuela came from Italy and his father Thomas from Switzerland. They were placed in the same host family, in the home of Adrian and Maria Head, where they spent 3 months together. Emanuela was due to leave after three months, but she couldn't bear to be apart from Thomas so she stayed on longer. After 6 months together in England they got married. Lovely ☺

Can't Get Enough of *tis*!

Abdullah Al Loughani has just spent his 9th Summer in a row studying with us at *tis*.

He first came in summer 2002. He had been studying English in his home country of Kuwait without much success, when his brother in law recommended that he study in England.

On his first visit to Torquay he was faced with some challenges, including adjusting to the English culture, food, our accent and the intensive teaching style. But he felt he made some progress and decided he would like to come back for a second time the following summer. During his second trip he was placed in the home of Jem Horwich. He really enjoyed his stay in the Horwich household and definitely hit it off* with Jem. By the end of his trip he felt really at home in Torquay and his English had progressed in leaps and bounds*. Abdullah has returned to stay with Jem every year since; they have a great friendship and spend hours each night talking and sharing stories.

Now on his 9th visit to the school, Abdullah looks more at home than ever and is always friendly, polite and smiling. He is a great help to younger students who have trouble adjusting to being far from home, showing them that by reaching out and making an effort with people at the school and in their family, they will feel more comfortable and get much more from their stay.



Useful vocab

***to hit it off :**

To get along well with someone

Useful vocab

***In leaps & bounds :**
quickly

His drive to learn English comes from his love of travelling. Since improving his English, he has visited many European countries, as well as the USA and Australia, where he has found his good grasp of English very useful.

We wish Abdullah the best of luck with everything, until we see him again (which we hope will be next summer!)



SECRET CAMERA:



What are James and Mihai doing in the rubbish bin....
Having too much fun from the looks of it!

British Film of the Month...

This Comedy is set to be a real hit here in the UK, with a great British cast including Richard E Grant, Comedians Jo Brand and Noel Fielding, and singer Kimberley Walsh (Girls Aloud).

Release date: 29th July 2011



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