

Dear Colleague,

We hope you had a restful Christmas.

We are receiving many messages from your students expressing their delight in having been welcomed into the heart of our host families, sharing with them the traditions of Christmas and New Year.

We greatly look forward to *more* students enjoying the HOST experience throughout 2020. **Easter Dates are now advertised.**

Thank-you *so much* for all you do to promote HOST.

Best wishes,

The HOST Team

HOST's Pastoral Role

Here at HOST we believe the visits we offer are a significant support to student mental health and well-being. This was endorsed by Malaysian student Hasnita Ali who wrote

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your great moral support and motivation throughout my research journey. You're always there for me, and I'm very grateful for that. Thank you very much"



And seconded by Gabriel Ocaga

"I would highly recommend HOST to any international students. It is very important for one's stability at Uni while pursuing demanding education programs in a foreign country. It reduces loneliness and provides a sense of anchor for an individual to go on and achieve their educational goals. This is speaking from my experience."

Let us help you, to help your students to have a wholly rich and rounded study experience in the UK and to succeed in their endeavours.

Such breadth of experience!

Indonesian student Dr Bagas Marsudi and his wife Elvia Subiandhon enjoyed a visit with Sussex host Mary Shepherd at Christmas and wrote to tell us about a very special highlight...

"I also watched a relaxed production of the Wizard of OZ for individuals with autism and neurosensory disorder. I'll never forget how touched I felt with all these amazing individuals and care takers that a shed a few tears."



He and his wife cooked Mary an Indonesian dish on Christmas Eve and decorated her Christmas Cake with Indonesian Greeting.

And Mary's view...

"Both Evie and Baz were so enthusiastic and fantastic people. Christmas was so much better having them Staying"

TOP HOST USERS

From October to December 2019 the institutions with the highest number of authorised student applications were:

1. University of Leeds
2. University of Leicester
3. University of Liverpool

INVOICES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Application visit invoices for the period October to December 2019 have been issued. Prompt payment will be very much appreciated.