



# ENGLISH OAK RECRUITMENT

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## BIG RISE IN APPLICATIONS

British universities have reported a big rise in the number of applicants for 2010 entry. It seems there has been an increase in British, EU and international students wishing to study in Britain. To date, students applying through English Oak Recruitment have not been badly affected, although Coventry University are not accepting any further applications for top-up and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year entry courses. In addition, Sheffield Hallam University have announced that their business top-up courses are now all full. The final date for applications to reach us is 24 July, but all students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

### Language Requirements

Students are reminded that: **Birmingham City** will only accept applications from students who have –or expect to obtain – IELTS 6.0 or equivalent. **Huddersfield** and **Derby** will usually accept applications from students who do not have a language qualification if they provide a language tutor's reference. **Glamorgan**, **Sheffield Hallam** and **UCLAN** will decide according to the merits of the application. **EThames** and **TASMAC** are normally flexible in their approach: they may ask applicants to complete an in-house language test.

Application forms to study at these institutions can be found here: <http://englishoakrecruitment.co.uk/ applying.htm>



Above: the new Huddersfield University Business School building is now taking shape .....

## Beware The Maintenance Grant!

In the past, some students have gained access to the maintenance grant (normally only available to British students) by registering for employment in Britain before 1 September.

The British Government is now threatening to withhold the interest-free loan (to pay fees) from any EU students who have successfully obtained the grant. Be warned: EU students are not entitled to the maintenance grant – and if you obtain it you may well lose the loan.

Applying to study in Britain is speedy and simple – with English Oak Recruitment. Contact Alan Hallett for further information, help and advice: [alanhallett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alanhallett@hotmail.co.uk)



## CUTTING THE COST OF TRAVEL

Public transport is generally expensive in Britain, but there are ways to save money!

**Bus:** buy day/weekly/monthly tickets. There may be even bigger discounts for students in some areas.

**Rail:** obtain a Student Rail Card and save up to 33% on rail fares. Use the internet to find the cheapest ticket prices. Buy your tickets before the day of travel.

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/>

**Coach:** the cheapest way of travelling longer distances

<http://www.nationalexpress.com>

Use this route finder to help you:

<http://www.traveline.org.uk/index.htm>

When you arrive in Britain, ask at your students' union or the local bus/rail station

*English Corner*

*Break a Leg = Good luck!  
(especially to actors)*