My experience at Ascend… from Starter to Advanced!

Hello I’m one of the students at Ascend from the Advanced level, I started at the ‘Starter’ Level in Ascend. My year and three months here has served me for not just learning English, but also for learning new and totally different cultures from around the world. I have a lot of special moments with old friends from Ascend who are not in Ascend any more.

I would like to tell you about my experience here.

All of this started when I decided to come to Singapore to study English. My sister found the academy and I came to know about it… She explained to me the plan and I liked the idea, so I came to do the placement test and they put me in Starter. I decided to start from the beginning and I really liked the methods for learning English. They are original and you can learn really fast and properly.

My experience at Ascend has helped to prepare me to go into the real world, to work abroad, and make friends with English speakers from other cultures. It has given me new experiences and opened doors for my future abroad.

Patricia (Paty)-Advanced
**ECA’s – December 2012**

**Trip to the National Museum – 10th December**

Thirty five of our students from different levels - Intermediate, Pre-Intermediate, Elementary and Starter - went to the National Museum of Singapore in the afternoon.

We left Ascend 3.40pm. To our surprise and joy we found out that students with Student Passes could get in for free - great start! We were all given a 'companion' - a listening device - which would tell us about the great variety of exhibits, in different languages.

The students enjoyed the visit. They enjoyed learning, discovering, recognizing some of the exhibits. They enjoy being out of the class room, talking to each other across the levels and just having fun together.

No, no….. We are not in Jail!

The 'Spice Gallery’

Look out for more interesting ECA’s this term!

ECA’s are a great way for you to meet more students, make friends and have an enjoyable experience at Ascend and in Singapore!

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**Our Friendly ‘Front Desk’**

**Belle**

Belle loves meeting people and has been working in customer service for the past few years. She is ever ready to lend a helping hand to students. So if you need any help settling down at Ascend, talk to Belle!

**Vari**

Vari is our Student Admissions Officer. Vari is outgoing and loves communicating with students. If you have any queries about applications, visas or passes, she is the one to look for!

**Jimmy**

As the Marketing Executive of Ascend, Jimmy believes in using the best of his abilities to assist and support the students during their stay at Ascend.

**Bala**

Bala is our Accounts Executive. He has been with us since 2010. He loves working with numbers and enjoys working in a multicultural environment!
Another fantastic term comes to an end. Students came in with mixed feelings .....There was excitement, laughter, tears and goodbyes!

Our ‘outgoing’ Advanced Class...

Our very own ‘Santa’

Hungry after all the excitement!

Surprise!! Students opening their ‘secret Santa’ gifts.

Celebrating the year gone by and looking forward to the New Year!
January 2013

Birthday List

4th Jan - Elsa (Int 1)
7th Jan - Christine (teacher)
9th Jan - Daisuke Kamai (Int 1)
18th Jan - Annie (Teacher)
31st Jan - Takamasa Seio - Int 1

Important dates....

14th Jan - Fire drill
31st Jan - Module 1 exam

TAKE 5 Film evenings

We screened the funny, British Christmas film "Love Actually" on 6th December at 5:15 pm.
A paper with a list of characters (there are confusingly many) and a short vocabulary list were given to interested students the day before.
24 students turned up and they seemed to enjoy the film and being together across class levels and countries.
Afterwards some of us discussed the film over dinner and drinks. All in all a good start to our monthly film evenings! LOOK OUT FOR MORE THIS TERM!!

Join us for a trip to Chinatown to experience the atmosphere leading up to Chinese New Year...

On: Friday, 1st Feb
Starting at: 11 am
From: Ascend

If interested, please inform Annie in room A
A wonderful opportunity to explore Singapore and interact with friends outside the classroom!