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# “Enhancing the International Student Experience”

## International Student Mentoring

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- Why international student mentoring?
- UG Business Mentoring Scheme
- Enhanced Buddy Scheme
- Questions and discussion

# Why mentoring for International Students?

- To help students adjust to UK culture
- To address culture shock/homesickness
- To help students improve their English
- To enable new arrivals to meet UK students
- To provide accessible social activity

# UG Business Mentor Scheme

- The basis of the current scheme
- How students use the scheme?
- Why mentors apply?
- What mentees gain from the scheme?

# Enhanced “Buddy” Scheme

- Starting earlier in the year
- Working with “Involve”
- Matching students
- “Re-branding” – Buddy scheme
- Online booking for new students

# Questions and Discussion

- Getting new arrivals engaged
- Recruiting mentors – incentives?
- Start small – pilot scheme
- Terminology – mentors or buddies?
- Contact with buddies before arrival?
- Duration of mentoring schemes