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La Réussite
Westford Felicitation Ceremony - 2023



WESTFORD University College

# La' Reussite WESTFORD FELICITATION CEREMONY 2023

estford University College hosted La' Reussite, the institution's annual felicitation celebration, on March 18 and 19, 2023 in Mina Al Salam, Madinat Jumeirah, UAE. The event featured five distinct ceremonies honouring the institution's undergraduate, postgraduate, M.Phil., and DBA graduates. The felicitation ceremony celebrated academic achievement and marked the start of a new chapter in the lives of our students.



Mr. Hanil Das, Co-founder & CEO of Westford University College opened the ceremony by spotlighting the highlights of the event and emphasizing the awe that the students earned for their efforts and accomplishments. Over a thousand individuals attended the two-day celebration, including graduates from the class of 2022, their families, patrons, and guests from partner universities. The event was live broadcasted on Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn, with over 5000 views globally.



Mr. Firoz Thairinil Founder & CEO of Westford Education Group

"Remember, success will follow if you follow your passion and failure is not an unwanted guest, it is a part of who you are. Without

failures, there cannot be success. And always be grateful to your family, society, and the people around you. It took a team of people to get you to where you are. So, look for opportunities where you can give back and be the support system that someone else needs. Lastly, always believe in yourself."



Mr. Hanil Das Co-founder & CEO of Westford University College

"The challenges you faced during your academic journey have prepared you well for the real world.

Success is not just about achieving personal goals; it's about making a positive impact on the world around you. I encourage you to use your education and experiences to become leaders who inspire change and create a better future for all."



On the morning of 18 March 2023, Saturday, Westford students graduating with their bachelor's degrees from Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) walked in through the gates of Madinat Jumeirah, UAE. This was not your usual Saturday morning shenanigan. The students, accompanied by their friends and family members, were there to celebrate the success of the graduating students at La Réussite–Westford Felicitation Ceremony 2023.

More than 80 students walked up to the stage to receive their congratulatory testamurs and over a hundred loved ones applauded the graduating students. These testamurs and special mementos were awarded to the students by the honourable representatives of LJMU- Dr. Julia Wang, Director of International Relations, and Dr. Emma Roberts, Associate Dean Global Engagement and Faculty of Arts, Professional and Social Sciences.

The event featured live music, a formal procession, followed by speeches from delegates of Westford Education Group and Liverpool John Moores University, release of Westford's annual book – Westford Rewind, testamur distribution ceremony, as well as an awards distribution ceremony recognising the Valedictorian and the Student Leader of the Year 2022.



#### **Dr. Julia Wang** Director of International Relations, LJMU

"You are members of the faculty of Business and Law. The world of business is changing rapidly. However, thanks to your exceptional course and the team of expert academics who you've been working with, we know that our graduates have the knowledge, the skills and the confidence to tackle the challenges of today's international workplace."





The Student Leader of The Year, Lydiah Ann Adoyo Ogutu walked up to the stage with utter surprise and tears in her eyes. She was awarded for her exceptional contribution and participation in her class. Followed by this proud moment was the announcement of the Valedictorian and the LJMU graduate, Nêhal Anesh Jayantilal Soni, who has not only showcased outstanding calibre in academia but also public speaking, having represented Westford in various competitions. In his valedictorian speech, he congratulated and encouraged his fellow batchmates to continue forth towards progress.

"I am so grateful to Westford and LJMU for giving me the opportunity to speak as your Valedictorian, today we're all here to celebrate our greatest achievements and I know for certain that all graduates seated here today, are going to remember this monumental experience as the fire or fuel to start off their new chapter in this game we call life."

#### Nehal Soni,

Westford University College Valedictorian from the LJMU undergraduate batch of 2022.



"I am so grateful to Westford for accepting me and to its faculty members for helping me achieve all that I have in the past three years. This award that I have won is a result of all the support I have received form Westford, my family and friends. I used to think that I'm a strong woman, but receiving this award brought tears to my eyes. See you all in MBA!"

#### Lydia Ann Adoyo Ogutu,

Westford University College Student Leader from the LJMU undergraduate batch of 2022.



Following the ceremony was a buffet and students received the opportunity to get photographs clicked donning their graduation robes and hats, with a scenic backdrop of Burj Al Arab and Madinat Jumeirah. The new graduates mingled with their fellow classmates and received an opportunity to network with representative of LJMU. They took their time to savour this special moment that will forever be etched into their memories as one of the most prominent highlights of each of their lives.



**Guzla Mukhtaramin** BA (Hons) in Business with Marketing

"I'm so proud that I received my bachelor's degree at Westford University College. Despite having a full-time job and a family with children, I could never have imagined getting my degree in due time, much

less from an accredited university. Westford made it possible with their evening and weekend classes, and with their faculty support. I have been able to balance all aspects of my life with such ease. What Westford has done for women like me who have multiple responsibilities as a mother, a wife, and an employee, is a feat in itself."

Liverpool John Moores University has been one of Westford's oldest and strongest partners in the institution's 14+ years of journey dedicated to delivering exceptional education. Such partners have made it possible for Westford to follow through its mission of building a community of learners and leaders. From over 13,000 alumni that have graduated from Westford, so far, over 5,000 students pursued a degree course that was offered by LJMU. Westford looks forward to shaping more unique futures with this ever-growing partnership.









## UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA SAN ANTONIO DE MURCIA, SPAIN

estford University College (WUC) has established itself as a trailblazer in providing top-notch business education throughout the GCC region. In partnership with UCAM, Spain, WUC offers an extensive range of programs, including the highly coveted Master of Business Administration (MBA) across 12 specializations, as well as the esteemed Doctor of Business Administration (DBA). These programs are tailored to the needs of working executives who strive to achieve a fulfilling career while balancing work and study.

Recently, Westford University College celebrated the tremendous achievements of all UCAM graduates on March 18, 2023, with a grand felicitation ceremony called La Reussite, held at the prestigious Mina Al Salam, Madinat Jumeriah in Dubai, UAE. The ceremony commenced with a splendid procession led by distinguished delegates from UCAM, including Mr. Jose Luis Mendoza García, Mr. Samuel Mendoza García, Dr. Gonzalo Wandosell Fernández de Bobadilla, and Mr. Ernesto García Rodríguez, followed by the esteemed management and program leaders of WUC.



During this momentous event, all awardees received their "Testamur," with special mention and applause given to the "Distinction Holders." Over the course of two events held on the same day, 180+ graduates from MBA, Executive MBA, MPhil, and DBA programs attended the event and celebrated their success.

Furthermore, awards were presented to exceptional students in recognition of their outstanding work, including Verna Ndongeni, who received the "Best Dissertation- Master of Business Administration" award, and Tracey Rodrigues, who received the "Best Performer Postgraduate Extended Diploma in Business – CIQ" award. The most distinguished honor, the "Valedictorian" award for the Master of Business Administration, was bestowed upon Ms. Tess Pereira, Ahmad Ibraheem Ahmad Shraway Al-Ghamdi received the "Valedictorian" award for MPhil, and Fazela Sahib-Smith was honored with the "Valedictorian" award for DBA.



Participating in the UCAM program is an unparalleled experience that fosters strong bonds, positive energy, and creative ideas, leading to team debates, solid partnerships, and new business ventures. Learners gain contemporary management skills, as well as essential soft skills like leadership, communication, and presentation skills, through successful implementation of online learning pedagogy throughout the program. This highly accomplished batch serves as an exemplary example of how live case projects, lectures, seminars, and workshops can augment learners' skills and competencies.

The UCAM team congratulated the awardees with great enthusiasm and vigor, and the day was celebrated and captured forever in the memories of all those who attended. If you aspire to achieve greatness in your career, Westford University College can help you attain your dreams.



**Dr. Abhijit Ganguly** Senior Faculty and Programme Head **(DBA - UCAM)** 

Our deep commitment to believing in ourselves and to being the best in whatever we do at Westford encourages us to excel with undiluted vision, commitment, and impeccable executions. The spectacular graduation ceremony at Westford University College is a watershed moment and a mega event for all Westfordians. This event has not only celebrated the success of the graduating students but also germinated the aspirations of existing students and future generations. The

feelings of students and other participants including dignitaries were filled with happiness and joy as reflected in their recollection of the event with superlative comments. As a Program Head and, member of the Doctorate in Business Administration Team, I take this opportunity to thank members of Team Westford for their tireless efforts with determination to organise the best event under the leadership of our visionary CEO. We also thank our students and all the distinguished guests and dignitaries for their unending support and encouragement in their august presence. Hearty Congratulations, Batch of 2022!



Dr. Liza Macasukit Gernal

Course Co-ordinator (Mphil Program - UCAM)

Graduation is not an end but a beginning of your

very exciting journey. You have played a variety of roles in the society and have created a contribution to the body of knowledge. You have survived the challenges, celebrated the highs, learned from the lows, but always remember to keep your feet on the ground. Congratulations Dear Graduates!



**Dr. Arpita M.** Course Leader (MBA Program - UCAM)

It was fulfilling to witness the plethora of emotions from families and faculties on the achievements of our students. The

day celebrated their hard work, persistence, and dedication! Moments were captured as a mark of success for the journey of managing multiple tasks, work and studies. Many more milestones to come. "World is your oyster" now, congratulations! We wish them best for future endeavors.



Fazela Sahib-Smith – Valedictorian

Doctorate of Business Administration – UCAM

My relationship with Westford began in 2017 when I enrolled in the MBA – Healthcare Management program. Even though it was my first online course, I remember being astounded by how "doable" the program was. I was greatly motivated by the positive attitude of the Westford team and faculty members. After the successful completion of my MBA, I felt as if I have reached my highest point. However, the DBA caught my attention and eventually I decided to 'jump

into the deep end without hesitation' and it has certainly paid off. With continuous guidance and support from Westford Faculty and Team, this intense experience became the greatest feat of my academic journey.

I am grateful to the Almighty for not only granting me this title of Doctorate in Business Administration but also for being the first recipient of the Valedictorian Award from this partnership. Being a woman, a mother, a wife, and a working professional, among other roles, I have proven that it can be done. If I can be an inspiration to just one person out there, then my academic journey has not gone in vain.









My association with Westford University began in 2019 when I enrolled in my fourth master's degree program. Since then, my experience with Westford has been exemplary. Today, after obtaining my M.Phil., a step away from my doctorate, I am convinced that my decision to associate with Westford was one of the best decisions of my academic life. The faculty's unwavering support, guidance, and passion is what makes this institution special. Even during the most difficult phase of my personal life due to the death of my father, my role model and my hero, Westford was there to support me with genuine empathy to deal with the loss. I was able to complete my M.Phil. with flying colors and I am now just an arm's length away from fulfilling my late father's wish for me to earn a doctorate degree. Thanks to Westford!



As the Valedictorian of M.Phil. Batch 2023, allow me to say that although life is full of inevitable adversities, the perseverance, and hardships we endure to overcome them will eventually make us stronger and better, ready to take on the world. So, aim high and fly higher!!

**Ahmad Ibraheem Ahmad Shraway Al – Ghamdi** UCAM – MPhil. (Master of Philosophy)



**Tess Pereira** MBA in HR & Organizational Psychology - UCAM

My MBA experience with Westford has been fantastic. I am indebted to the wise professors for their unwavering support especially while I was running my business and raising my family. I am

proud of how much I have grown, learned, and evolved during my time in the MBA program. I have honed my business and management skills like a strategic mindset, improved leadership skills, analytical skills, greater adaptability to change as well as my development of my character and values to become an outstanding business leader. Westford University College has encouraged me to showcase and develop my innovative disruptor qualities, because in the business world, it is often the courageous, not necessarily the intelligent, who succeed! I highly recommend this MBA program at Westford University College to any working professional looking to take the next step in their career and to become leader who leaves a legacy of excellence, integrity, and compassion. Thank you very much, Westford University College.



Ernest Mamphey UCAM – MPhil. (Master of Philosophy)

My M. Phil. journey has been a challenging and interesting one. Although combining studies with a highly demanding job was

not easy, I am extremely proud of myself for persevering. The diversity of the modules broadened my thinking as a leader and had a great impact on my daily work life as well. I would like to present a special appreciation to the faculty and other Westford staff for their massive support to me throughout the journey. This great experience with Westford has gummed the grounds for my DBA expedition. Eleanor Roosevelt said "When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out." I, therefore, wish all the great happiness as Westford continues to embark on this joyful journey of academics in the life of students. .



#### Rahul Deo Gupta

Doctorate of Business Administration – UCAM

Being a student in the Doctorate of Business Administration program at Westford University College, I have, had an outstanding time here. The caliber of the teaching faculty, supervisors, and support personnel at the university has left a lasting and profound impression on me. The teaching staff is comprised of seasoned professionals who are well-versed in their respective fields and offer a wealth of knowledge and experience. The advisors and support personnel were extremely helpful in guiding me through

my research as well as readily lending assistance whenever required. The support from the Westford team has been indispensable, and as a result, I believe that I am now well-equipped to take on any research endeavor that may come my way in the future. I would strongly suggest this university to anybody who is interested in furthering their education and excelling in their respective industries since the quality of the teaching faculty, supervisors, and support personnel is unmatched.







#### Heba Mahmoud

UCAM - MBA in Sales and Marketing

Earning an MBA degree

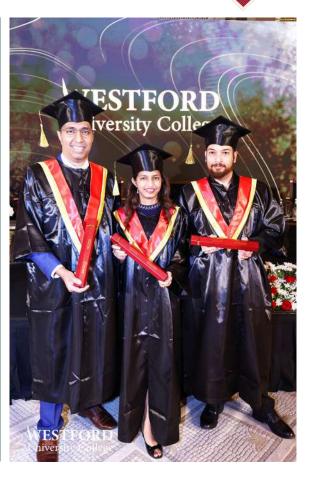
while maintaining a full work schedule and many other life commitments had always seemed like a huge challenge to me. Hence, believing in my capabilities and inspiring myself was essential to my success. The MBA with Westford and UCAM has been a crucial part of my development as a person, student, and professional. Since graduating from Westford University, I have undergone a radical transformation that has made me a better person in every possible way. I highly believe, "If you can dream it, you can do it". Do not miss an opportunity and start now!



Verna Ndongeni (Best Dissertation) UCAM – MBA in International Business

Planning my next career move, I knew I needed to include an MBA as part of my skill set. After a thorough research of many universities that offered

an MBA suitable to my work schedule, affordability, and family life, I came across Westford University College and before I knew it, I started my MBA program with the university in partnership with UCAM. The accessibility and convenience of lecture timings along with highly supportive faculty and non-academic staff, I have been able to complete my MBA while continuing my work travels. The thought provoking and out of the box thinking modules and lectures provided me with such an exposure that I opened my own company producing natural skincare products. I would therefore always recommend Westford and I am looking forward to completing my further education with Westford and UCAM.















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UCAM, Spain in partnership with WUC offer Master of Business Administration (MBA) across 12 specializations and a Doctorate Program. The courses include –

**COURSES OFFERED BY UCAM, SPAIN** 

- ★ MBA in Business Leadership,
- ★ MBA in Financial Management,
- ★ MBA in Engineering Management,
- ★ MBA in Project Management,
- ★ MBA in Data Analytics,
- ★ MBA in Sales & Marketing,
- ★ MBA in International Business.
- ★ MBA in HR & Organizational Psychology,
- ★ MBA in Information Technology,
- ★ MBA in Healthcare Management,
- ★ MBA in Supply Chain, Shipping & Logistics,
- ★ MBA in Quality Management
- ★ Doctorate of Business Administration







# CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, UK

he La' Reussite felicitation ceremony hosted over 100 MBA graduates as well as the PG Diploma students in their pathway leading to MBA awarded by SQA and EDSML, with their friends and families along with guests from Cardiff Metropolitan University and the Westford University fraternity.





Prof. David Brooksbank (Senior Dean) inspired the gathering with his address and congratulated them for their accomplishments. The ceremony proceeded with the testamurs being presented to the exemplary graduates followed by Ms. Layal Kazan's valedictorian award. The ceremony culminated with group photos, lunch and networking with loads of memories to carry back to the next phase of a well-deserved professional and personal journey.





**Dr. Soofi Anwar** Associate Dean, Westford University College

The graduation day is a much-awaited event in every student's life, as it gives the returns to your efforts put in throughout your academic endeavour. It is a day full of joy, a day about pride and accomplishment, a day of celebration. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, know that your achievements today are just the

beginning. With great pleasure I congratulate you all on your successful graduation from the prestigious Cardiff Metropolitan University at Westford University College.



**Layal Kazan** MBA - Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK

Reflecting on my MBA journey and the past challenging two years, I can only feel empowered, fulfilled

and immensely proud of myself knowing that I have pursued and accomplished my personal and professional career goals, not only with a distinction but also as a Valedictorian of my cohort at Westford University College. This enriching and rewarding MBA have provided me with a well-rounded education while engaging with passionate and experienced faculty and fellow students from different backgrounds. The coursework has given me a practical and holistic perspective on business challenges and deeper understanding about the evolving business world. I want to extend my gratitude to the remarkable Westford and Cardiff Metropolitan University faculty and administrators who guided me throughout my learning journey and a special salute to my caring family who unconditionally supported and stood by me along the way. I deeply cherish the memories and valuable friendships I have made during my MBA journey, and I am excited to see what the future holds.







#### Jerry Mathew

MBA - Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK

"To do an MBA or not do it" was a concern in my mind for quite a long time. While researching for reputable universities that can provide me with a Master's degree I came across Westford as I interacted with the staff who guided me to select the right coursework with a seamless registration process. The entire curriculum at Westford and CMU was designed and structured in a very systematic manner allowing me to balance my work and studies. The guidance and support I received from the faculty members

and other staff were great as they were highly approachable for even the simplest of doubts. Attending the graduation ceremony was a dream since I joined the MBA program at Westford and the university made my dream come true in the most beautiful way. The La Reussite ceremony was well organized that me even my family members felt welcomed and accommodated throughout the day. Thank you, Westford.

A Master's degree in Business Administration was essential for me to develop and improve my professional skills as well as provide more opportunities to grow in my career. Finding an online MBA course that fits my requirements was a tedious task till I came across Westford University College and the MBA International with CMU. My journey with Westford has been an exciting one as I got the chance to engage with fellow classmates from diverse backgrounds. The graduation ceremony organized by Westford was a momentous event and I am glad to have been a part of it. The event marked a day of achievement and success as I witnessed my hard work being paid off. I would like to thank my family for their unconditional support. I am grateful to have been a part of Westford and CMU while learning from the best in the industry.



#### Safwan Mohammed Hasan Abdulwali

MBA - Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK



#### Vignesh Ramasamy Chandrasekar MBA - Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK

My MBA journey with Westford has been one of the most challenging yet motivating experiences of my life! Despite the uncertainties caused by COVID-19, with the support of Westford University College, I navigated the challenges of online learning and stayed on track with my coursework. The program allowed me to collaborate with a diverse cohort of professionals from around the world, gaining invaluable insights and forging relationships

that will benefit me for years to come. I am proud of my accomplishments and grateful for the opportunities that have arisen as a result of my MBA degree. The graduation ceremony was eagerly awaited and an unforgettable experience, organized flawlessly by Westford University College. Being surrounded by classmates, professors, and family members, I felt a sense of pride and accomplishment as I walked across the stage to receive my degree. My MBA journey with Westford has been enriching, and the graduation ceremony was the perfect way to cap it off. I am grateful for the support and guidance I received throughout the program and look forward to exploring the opportunities that lie ahead.

#### Abdulkader Zrekat

MBA - Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK

The MBA at Westford University College with Cardiff Metropolitan University has been an amazing experience as I learned how to be a successful distance learner with self – discipline and ability to work freely. The program has prepared me well for my future endeavours making my dream of obtaining a reputed Master's degree from the comfort of my home come true. I have no words to express the level and kind of support I obtained from the Westford Team. I would like to thank you for all the assistance and contribution to completing this program with flying colours. The graduation ceremony was a remarkable event that showcased the hard work of all the students and inspired us to keep moving forward. I am proud to be called a Westfordian! Thank you, Westford, and CMU.





















## GIRNE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, CYPRUS

he La' Reussite ceremony welcomed several graduates accompanied by their friends and families to celebrate their achievement of successfully completing their MBAs with the prestigious Girne American University and Westford University College.



Our reputed guest Dr. Ismet Esenyel, the Vice Rector and Director of Global Strategy and Partnerships at the GAU, addressed the gathering with his wise words and congratulated the students for achieving this milestone. The graduates were then presented with the testamurs followed by the felicitation of the guests with mementoes by the Westford leadership team. The MBA valedictorian speech by Taurayi Gwande was the tipping point of this grand ceremony as the academic excellence and valedictorian awards were presented to honour the exemplary achievements of the students. With loads of memories to carry to the new phase of life, the ceremony culminated with group photos, lunch and networking.





Prof. Dr. Ismet Esenyel Vice Rector, Director of Global Strategy & Partnership

Attending and addressing the graduation ceremony of Westford University College on behalf of Girne American University was a great privilege. I would like to thank Westford for making me a crucial part of this amazing experience. My gratitude goes to all the lecturers for their commitment and sacrifice to sustain the integrity of the institute and assist students to achieve great things and grow both educationally and spiritually. We look forward to our student's bright future and remember our teachers, families and friends who have helped in harmony to pursue our student's goals.



#### Taurayi Gwande

Westford University College Valedictorian from GAU MBA batch of 2022.

As a public health professional with over 15 years of experience in development aid projects, I required further qualifications to understand the transformation in leadership, management, and innovation in the 21st century. Pursuing

the MBA program with specialization in Public Health Management offered by Westford University College in partnership with Girne American University was one of the best decisions of my professional journey. It was the answer to my concerns about managing a busy professional schedule while studying for my course. The program was well structured, delivered online over weekends, very affordable, interactive and was taught by experienced and professional faculty members. The coursework, assignments and case studies were relevant and challenging, but with the complete support of the faculty and non-academic staff, these were seamless. I am honored to be the Valedictorian and I would like to thank Westford for recognizing my efforts. I believe after my MBA I am ready to deliver







#### Rabia Amer

MBA in Digital Marketing - GAU

I have been a firm believer of the quote "You educate a woman; you educate an entire generation", Westford University College made it possible for every woman to get a quality education while balancing other aspects of daily life. Being a working woman, I could not imagine completing my MBA with the busy schedule but due to the diligence and support of Westford team, this dream came true in the best possible way. The faculty members made this journey incredibly seamless and memorable for me. I am proud of myself for being associated with Westford and Girne American University. All I can say is

its never too late to focus on your dreams and goals as there is no right age to stop learning.



Sanjive Sockalingampillai Arunasalam

MBA in Management Information System – GAU

I am thrilled to have completed this milestone with a well-deserved graduation ceremony after a long and challenging year. As we move forward, I would like to express my gratitude to Westford University College and Girne American University for providing me with an outstanding education and unforgettable experiences. Pursuing my MBA with specialization in Management Information was one of the best decisions I made, as I am confident about the skills and knowledge, I gained during my time here will help me advance my business and achieve my goals. To all my fellow graduates, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future. With great excitement of what's coming ahead, thank you so much to everyone involved in this successful venture

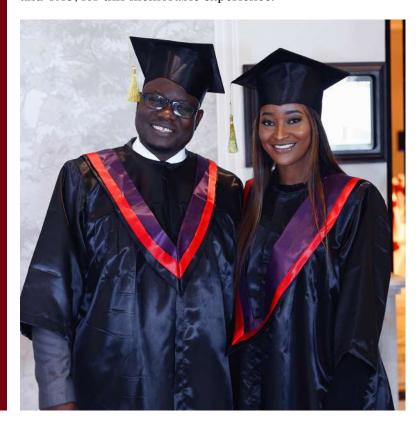


#### Aminath Husama

MBA in Digital Marketing - GAU

My journey with Westford University College have been absolutely enlightening even in the midst of the pandemic. Pursuing my MBA with Westford and Girne American University while working at a full-time job enabled me to culture a discipline of consistency,

which I believe will be the key to my success in all endeavors of life. So here I am packing my bag with confidence and gratitude for I believe sky is a Westfordians limit. Thank you, Westford and GAU, for this memorable experience.









### CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY, UK

estford University College is extremely proud of its partnership with the prestigious Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) in the UK. Our strong relationship with the CCCU team and consistent open communication between colleagues from both institutions have fostered a robust partnership, ensuring a seamless educational experience for all our learners.

The university has been a major part of the Kent community for over 50 years, offering education that positively impacts people's lives. The university's mission is to pursue excellence in higher education by transforming individuals, creating knowledge, enriching communities, and ensuring a sustainable future. The university was awarded a silver rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), exceeding national quality requirements for UK institutions. Nearly 90% of their research submitted to the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) was assessed as world-leading, internationally excellent, or internationally recognized. They are also in the top 20 in the UK for Qualified Teaching Staff, and 79% of their academic staff hold a teaching qualification in addition to their academic and professional qualifications.



The felicitation ceremony, La' Reussite 2023 was a glorious time for us as we celebrated the hard work, sacrifices and accomplishments of our graduates from the MBA International and BSc (Hons) in Business Management programs. Prof. Annie Lu, Dean of International, Dr. Lorna Thomas, Director of Partnerships and Mr. Richard Pole, Academic Link Tutor graced the ceremony with their presence. Prof. Annie Lu addressed the graduates and presented them with the Testamurs. A total of 13 undergraduate and 25 MBA students received their testamurs in the presence of their families, friends, and faculty members. It was an exciting day for the graduates, as months of hard work had finally paid off and they were able to realize their dreams. We are immensely proud of our graduates and wish them the very best of luck in all their future endeavors. At Westford, we remain committed to providing an exceptional educational experience that empowers our learners to achieve their goals and make a positive impact in their communities.



Prof. Annie Lu Dean of International Canterbury Christ Church University

As the Dean of International at Canterbury Christ Church University, it brings me great pleasure to be here extending a warm welcome to everybody and a heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates today. We celebrate your hard work, dedication and accomplishments. Congratulations on this momentous occasion and we wish you all the best for the future.



**Dr. Lorna Thomas**Director of Partnerships
Canterbury Christ Church
Business School

It was a pleasure and an honor to be part of the delegation at the La'Reussite 2023. The organisation and setting were exemplary. To

see so many Canterbury Christ Church students graduating was a very proud moment for both institutions. Witnessing each student receive their award to rapturous applause from fellow students, family members and staff proved to be a little emotional at times. It was evident that some inspirational students won prizes, and we will eagerly watch their transition into successful business owners, industry leaders



Mr. Zawahir Siddique Dean & Head of Blended Learning Westford University College

We are so happy to see you celebrate this moment that you have waited for a very long

time. You have put in hard work, made a lot sacrifices and spent time away from friends and family. Your learning doesn't stop here as it is a lifelong endeavor to grow and do more, not just for yourself but for people around you. I hope you have more accomplishments as you go forward.



**Ms. Sufia Munir** Assistant Dean and Course Leader (CCCU MBA International) Westford University College

To all our graduates, I offer my warmest congratulations on your academic successes – the culmination of many months of dedication and hard work. Education is about growth, not just about grades and you have adapted and grown tremendously!! Your family, friends, and all of us at Westford are extremely proud of your achievements as you are graduating from Canterbury Christ Church University which is one of the best universities in the UK, renowned for excellent teaching, research and innovation. I wish you all the best for the future.

Congratulations to all our graduates, their parents, faculty members, distinguished guests from CCCU and colleagues from Westford. We have gathered to celebrate the hard work and perseverance of all our students and nothing fills us with more pride and joy than to see our graduates accomplish their dreams

**Ms. Anam Shahid**Faculty & Course Leader (CCCU, Undergraduate Program)
Westford University College





**Mohammad Ahzan Khan** MBA International – CCCU (Valedictorian 2022)

The Westford Felicitation Ceremony was truly a memorable event. I was overwhelmed with joy to receive such an esteemed recognition for my efforts.

It was a humbling experience to join the ranks of so many distinguished alumni. I am proud to be graduated with an MBA from Canterbury Christ Church University as a Distinction Holder and the recipient of the Best Business Project Award, as well as the Valedictorian Award. The experience at the university has been incredibly rewarding. and I am thankful for the opportunity to have grown as an individual in a challenging yet supportive academic environment by improving my professional and leadership skills, while being able to develop a deeper understanding of the ever-changing business world. I am thankful for the support and guidance from the faculty members and staff at Westford University College and Canterbury Christ Church University. I am confident that the knowledge I have gained through the MBA International program will allow me to take on new challenges and excel in my future endeavors.



Sachitra Rowlo
BSc (Hons) in Business Management
-CCCU
(Valedictorian 2022)

My university life has been very eventful like a rollercoaster ride, filled with many ups

and downs. It was like a dream come true as attending university, making new friends, and getting out of my comfort zone were some aspects I never thought I would experience. Westford University College has provided an amazing experience for its students, from having classes with a practical understanding of a wide range of business activities in the corporate world to having WeConnect events by inviting real industry business leaders so that we as students can have broader corporate exposure. These allowed me to grow and develop new skills and adapt to unprecedented circumstances and challenges of the life ahead. I have achieved a lot through my university journey, and the best way to end this chapter was the graduation ceremony- La Réussite. Graduating and achieving a big academic milestone as a valedictorian from Canterbury Christ Church University all has been a blessing and I am really grateful that I had these three amazing and memorable years of university life.







**Seema Vimal** MBA International – CCCU

I remember the day when I was skeptical about pursuing an MBA after almost two decades of completing my bachelor's degree. When I look back today, I couldn't be prouder. I have completed my master's degree with distinction from Westford. Today, I know this was one of my best decisions to get associated with the Westford community and to graduate from the Canterbury Christ Church University in International Business. I learnt a great deal, expanded my horizons, and established the foundations for success in my career. I also

gained valuable experience, having been elected as Team Lead for the group I was assigned to and to have made friends for life.

Nothing but deep gratitude to all the faculty and staff members at Westford who have taken the time, put great efforts in building a comprehensive curriculum, and managed it efficiently. Wishing Westford good luck in their journey to pave successful paths to future students.



**Sarah Al Omari** MBA International – CCCU

I was searching for a program that would not only teach new concepts but also develop my practical and research skills and indeed that is what I experienced

through my MBA journey at the university. The faculty is extremely qualified as they have strengthened and improved my capabilities to think outside the box and apply ideas with high skills. I am very proud to have joined Westford University College and be associated with the faculty members and my peers. The graduation ceremony has become an unforgettable day with wonderful memories as the ceremony was well organized with great professionalism. Thank you, Westford, and everyone who has contributed to this successful journey



**Khush Navani** BSc (Hons) in Business Management - CCCU

Today, I'm not only a graduate but I'm also a student leader in the 'Class of 2022' and I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my undergraduate

program. The faculty members and learning resources at Westford provided me with approachable, knowledgeable and inspiring sheer guidance with mind-opening perspectives. I believe Westford University is the epitome of learning that allows students to move one step closer to their goals as it is not just a place to earn a degree but to be groomed holistically and step into the world as confident professionals. Closing this chapter of my life and hereby opening the doors for a new one.









Neha Rehman BSc (Hons) in Business Management CCCU, UK

Studying at Westford University College has been a huge honour. From

the coursework to industrial visits, and global events such as Expo 2020, I had the chance to develop knowledge of the corporate world both theoretically and practically. The coursework at Westford and CCCU was catered to keep the students conversant with corporate trends and maximise practical learning required to achieve success. My time here was marked by growth and opportunities as my time here was marked by acquiring skills that'll further my professional career and portfolio. Thank you, Westford.



**Lynette San Juan** MBA International CCCU, UK

My MBA journey has been a challenging one as juggling between my work and the classes was not an easy task. However, the faculty and other staff members at Westford

University College made it a seamless experience. The faculty members were versed and provided clear instructions, inputs and guidance with constructive criticism on our projects and assignments that allowed me to create a whole different perspective beyond my knowledge and experience. At Westford I have built strong relationships with my peers that I will cherish for a lifetime. The MBA coursework helped me gain deeper understanding of business concepts with their real-life applications in the corporate environment. I learned that "no one is too busy to study and learn; it is just a matter of deciding if you want to empower yourself or not." Thank you, Westford, and CCCU.







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