#### **INTERNATIONAL TOURISM**

# The Department of Intercultural Communication and International Tourism

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#### What's new?

On November 2–3, the Department of Intercultural Communications and International Tourism organized a series of professionally oriented English-language events "Linguistic Holidays" for high school students in Gomel and the Gomel region, motivated to learn foreign languages. More than 70 students took part in the events.

High school students, together with undergraduates of the specialty "Language support of intercultural communications (international tourism)", had an opportunity to participate in training in the disciplines "Theory and practice of intercultural communication", "Practice of oral and written speech", "Written translation" and "Principles of public communication". Classes were held in an entertaining and interactive way using different methods, video materials and game techniques. Students under the guidance of teachers prepared a range of creative tasks, bright presentations and educational quizzes. We hope that the time spent at the Gomel State University at the Faculty of History and Intercultural Communication will serve as an additional motivating incentive for high school students to study hard and make the right choice of a future profession.





### **NOVEMBER 17**

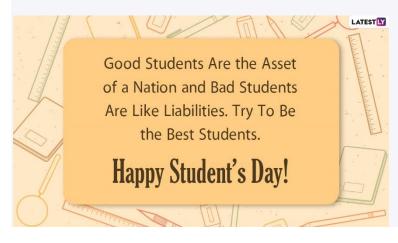
### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY



Students are the future. These are the people and the minds that are going to take our countries forward. No matter their background or their field of study, we should always celebrate those who want to further their knowledge, with a lot of students going to great lengths to do so.

## History of International Students' Day

International Students' Day is a celebration of multiculturalism, diversity and cooperation among students across the globe. Though originally a day of commemoration of the more than 1,200 students from the University of Prague whose lives were taken in WWII, International Students' Day has become an occasion for universities the world over to boast their masses of international students, and the good they do for the local community.



## How to celebrate International Students' Day

Students display and celebrate their acts of social responsibility and have gatherings on campus to showcase the causes they volunteer for, take part in gleeful competitions, indulge in student food, gossip about the student unions and complain about their student fees. Although decidedly not as elevated or as relevant to mankind as the activities of the forefathers of International Students' Day, these gatherings attract a good deal of involvement, donations and attention for organizations and charities.

There are a number of different ways that you can celebrate International Students' Day if you are a student yourself. You can spend some time with other students and lift one and other up. Make sure you let them know that you have noticed how much work that they have put in! It is always good to be there to support one and other. After all, you know better than anyone else the struggles that they may be going through in terms of their revision and their exam preparation.

If you know any international students, it would be lovely to make an effort to make them feel at home. You could decide to put a hamper together with traditional gifts and treats from their home country. This could include different sweet treats, local drinks, and even a local magazine. Anything that you can get your hands on!



You could get in touch with their home friends and family members and ask them to put together a letter that you can put into the hamper as well. Of course, making this contact depends on how well you know the person. If you don't know them very well and they are private, they may feel like you are prodding around in their personal life, so make sure you judge the situation appropriately.

If you are a teacher, university professor, or you work with students in any way, you can use this day as the celebration that it should be. Make sure that your students feel special, and also look for ways to encourage them to be the best that they can be.

You may want to look into different ways that you can help international students. For example, you could decide to be a host family? This is a family that essentially takes in a student as a member of their family for the duration of their studies. You

will give them shelter, food to place, and somewhere to call their own. This can make a massive difference.

It Is Not Easy To Be a Student, and There Is Nothing More Fun Than Be a Student.

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# Happy Students' Day to You

Not only does it help the student in question to get established in a new environment, but it also makes the settling in process a lot more comfortable for them. When they get home after university, they aren't going to be alone. They will have people to turn to. You can also help the student with their English and understanding the nuances of the way of life in the place that you live.

You could also decide to fundraise or raise awareness for charities for students that have learning difficulties. After all, everyone should be able to have an education, yet for a lot of people, it is not that easy! Some people find it more challenging than others for a whole host of different reasons.

There are disabilities and learning struggles, yet there are also cases whereby people do not have access to education or their family life prevents them from reaching their full potential. You could spend International Students' Day looking into the different ways that we can help these people so that they are able to get the education that they have always dreamed about. There are charities out there and volunteering your time, money, or both will be a massive help.

To be continued

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