

# STUDY LINKS NEWSLETTER

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## A DAY AT THE RACES

THIS is the time of year for athletes to don their sports kit and head for the starting line. The Boat Race in London took place on 31st March, the Grand National in Aintree will be held on 4th to 6th April and the London Marathon is on 21st April.

The Boat Race is a race along the River Thames in London between crews from Oxford University and Cambridge University. It is one of the oldest sporting events in the world and has been held since 1829 - this year's race being the 159th race! The race covers a course between Putney and Mortlake and is 4 miles long. This

year the race was won by the Oxford crew. Oxford have won the race 77 times, Cambridge have won 81 times and the race was a draw once in 1877.

The Grand National is a three day horse racing event held every year in April. Over 154,000 visitors are expected to attend the event this year. The second day is famously called 'Ladies' Day' and this is the day that people dress up in their glad-rags to show off their fashion sense.

The London Marathon has been held for 32 years, since 1981. Two runners were inspired to



organise the race having run the New York Marathon themselves and felt the great atmosphere in the city on race day. They decided that the UK needed a similar race, so they spoke to the Greater London Council, the police, the City of London, the Amateur Athletics Association and the London Tourist Board and secured Gillette as a sponsor. 7,747 runners were accepted to run that year. The course takes in lots of sights around London including Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. In 2013 there have been 35,000 successful applicants including our very own Sophie Richards who is running to raise money for Diabetes UK.

You can sponsor her at [www.justgiving.com/sophielaura](http://www.justgiving.com/sophielaura).

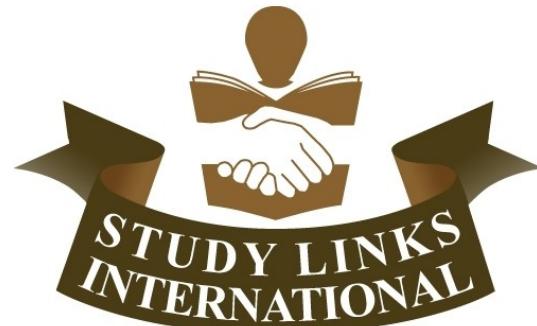
## MARCH'S SLI STAR PUPIL



THE Study Links Star Pupil for March is Sasakorn (Cutter) Chaimongkol from Giggleswick School. Cutter is from Thailand and came to study in the UK in September 2012. As well as studying in Year 8 at Giggleswick School, Cutter races in the World Series Karting Competition in races in many different countries including in Italy, Spain and Belgium. After his first race he was ranked in 5th place - in the world! Cutter has a karting coach in England, John, who accompanies him to his races.

Lynsey, from Study Links, who visits Cutter at school, said, 'Cutter does miss a few days of school to travel to his races, but despite this, his recent school report was excellent! At only thirteen years old, being able to juggle two huge commitments, racing and education, is a great skill and we are very proud of his

achievements to date. We are sure he will go very far in his racing career - good luck in the rest of this competition! All SLI Stars receive a present and card in the post to say well done for being fantastic! We hope you like them.'



## BEIJING SUCCESS

STUDY Links recently held a successful event at the British Embassy in Beijing to celebrate our 15th birthday. The event, Education in the UK, highlighted the benefits of study in the UK for students, dispelled myths about student visas and gave insights from parents and educational agents about the UK and Study Links.

A film and a book were created to accompany the event. The film can be watched at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHPqJ0eN7lw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHPqJ0eN7lw). If you would like a copy of the book, written in both English and Chinese, please contact us at [office@studylinks.co.uk](mailto:office@studylinks.co.uk). A TV programme about Education in the UK and Study Links will be aired in China soon. Watch out for more details about when and where you can see it.

If you would like to find out more about our work in China, or study in the UK, please get in touch or see [www.studylinks.co.uk](http://www.studylinks.co.uk).



## VISA RENEWALS

STUDENTS, if your visa expires in the autumn, please make arrangements to renew it over the summer holiday because renewing in the UK can take a long time, especially in the autumn. While you are home for the Easter, please send us a copy of your photo and visa pages from your passport to update our records. Email us at [office@studylinks.co.uk](mailto:office@studylinks.co.uk) Thanks!



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