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What's Happening

New Talent



We are excited to announce that OTHM Qualifications will be expanding its family over the coming months! Read more to meet two of our newest members!

University Progressions



Since the start of 2025, OTHM has conducted 3 webinars with our university partners, and are looking forward to more on the way! We also have new partnership options! Read more now!

Partnerships Trips!



Read more about what our partnerships team has been up to! Between trips to Pakistan, to upcoming trips to Bangladesh!

Quality Assurance



Centre review visits, new centres, a new centre handbook and welcome pack! Read about the newest updates to our Quality Assurance!

A word from our COO

What a start the first quarter of 2025 we have had.

We came back refreshed after our Seasonal Christmas and New Year break to a busy schedule of working closely with our approved centres as well as supporting centres who have applied to become approved to deliver our qualifications. Sometimes it can seem to those new to partnering with OTHM that we ask a lot, but we are here to support all our centres to meet the requirements to ensure that students can be proud of their qualifications wherever their professional and academic journey may take them.

With our Chinese New Year Celebrations complete in this year of the Wood Snake, our programme of centre visits is well underway, our Head of Partnerships Andrew Rennie has already visited Pakistan in January and February which was very insightful. Additionally, we are visiting new and established centres in the UK and internationally too.

As part of our commitment to supporting centres we are continuing our series of standardisation events which have been very well attended indeed and the feedback from you has been that these are extremely valuable. These are open to ALL centres so keep your eyes open to dates and also links to our YouTube channel to revisit them.

We have also had tremendous interest in our series of webinars with UK universities who accept our qualifications as part of their entry criteria. We are delighted that they have been so well received and will continue to offer this programme throughout the year.

Finally we are delighted that our team at HQ here in the UK is growing with new members of staff joining us and this will continue as we grow and develop to meet your needs and the needs of students.

With many more exciting plans coming throughout 2025 it is clear that we are in for another busy year.

Don't forget we are here to support you so if in doubt ask us!

Patricia
Chief Operating Officer



Welcoming New Talent!

We are delighted to welcome two fantastic new additions to the OTHM family this quarter!



Faith Peddie

Faith joins our Quality Assurance Team, bringing extensive expertise in the health and science sectors. As an HCPC Registered Biomedical Scientist, Faith's meticulous attention to detail and research-driven approach will be invaluable in ensuring that OTHM maintains the highest standards in qualification development and assessment.



Elise Labram

Elise joins our Partnerships Team, bringing with her a wealth of experience in the education sector. Having taught across the globe - from London to Bangkok - Elise has a deep understanding of international education and collaboration, making her a perfect fit for strengthening our global partnerships.

We look forward to seeing the incredible impact Elise and Faith will have at OTHM!

Registrations

Dear OTHM Centres,

We appreciate your cooperation as we manage a high volume of registrations daily. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, please take note of the following important guidelines:

- Learner Registration: Kindly complete the Learner Registration Sheet as per the instructions provided on our website. This helps us process registrations promptly.
- Registration Confirmation: A confirmation email will be sent to both the learner and the centre once the learner registration fee has been received.
- EQA Invoices: Please note that the EQA invoice will only be generated 10 weeks after learner registration has been completed. This timeline ensures proper assessment and processing.
- New Centre Invoices: Centres must provide all required details in the Centre Agreement Form, including:
 - + Email ID where the invoice should be sent
 - + The billing address to be included on the invoice

Your attention to these details is greatly appreciated, as it helps us maintain an efficient and seamless process.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to reach out.

Many thanks,

Registrations Team



University Progressions

Since January we've hosted three informative webinars in collaboration with our University Partners: Cardiff Metropolitan University, the University of the Highlands and Islands, and Northumbria University. These sessions explored a range of possible progression routes and provided valuable insights for both learners and centres. If you missed any of these webinars, you can catch up by watching the recordings on our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/ @othmqualifications](https://www.youtube.com/@othmqualifications)

This month we're also excited to announce some new pathway options with the University of Staffordshire. Learners completing our Level 4 & 5 or Level 5 Extended Diplomas in Business Management or Cyber Security can now progress to undergraduate courses at the University of Staffordshire at level 6. Additionally, those with an OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership can progress to the Staffordshire MBA program with advanced standing.

To learn more about these new pathways, join us for an upcoming webinar on April 17th, where we'll be collaborating with colleagues from the University of Staffordshire to discuss the details and answer any questions. We look forward to seeing you there! For links to the programmes mentioned please visit our university progressions page on our website:

<https://othm.org.uk/university-progression>

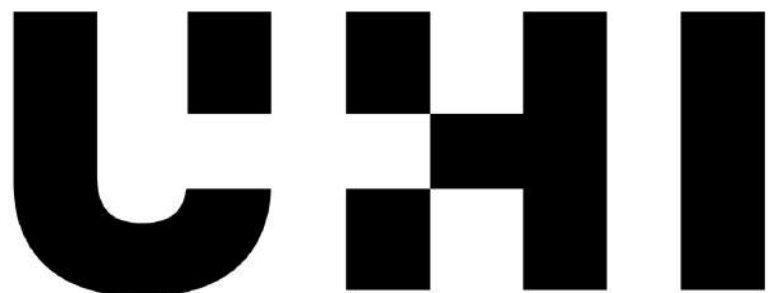


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Partnership Highlights

In February, Andrew Rennie had the immense pleasure to visit many of the OTHM Approved Centres in Pakistan, his trip included visits to Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Gujranwala, Bahawalpur and Karachi.



This trip was a good opportunity to meet with the staff and students, hear from the Pakistan market firsthand and to help where possible to promote the OTHM brand across the country. He also met with the Inter Board Coordination Commission (IBCC) in Islamabad. This is a governmental body responsible for recognising and equating international qualifications up to Level 3, to Pakistani standards.



Whilst in Karachi Andrew also met Ghufuran Abbas Naqvi from the UK government's Department of International Trade. It was a worthwhile trip, and Andrew would like to thank all those he met who made the visit so memorable and worthwhile.

In April, Andrew shall be in Bangladesh visiting more OTHM Approved Centres and attending a graduation ceremony.

Quality Assurance

Our annual Quality Review visits are well under way across all our Centres.

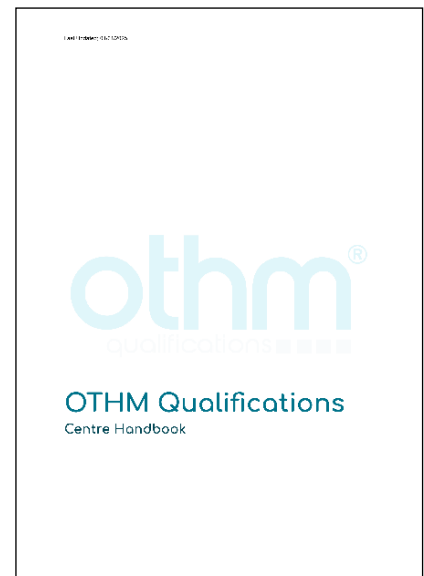


We are also looking forward to introducing Centres to our new Centre handbook in the coming weeks. This will be provided to all existing and new Centres to assist in answering a variety of questions in relation to OTHM and the delivery of our regulated qualifications.

Since our last newsletter we have undertaken two Standardisation events.

Attendance at the events was extremely positive and we will continue to offer these to our Centres throughout the coming months. If any of the attendees would like to share their feedback on these events, please email us at qualityassurance@othm.org.uk

Watch the replay;
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Protect your OTHM Qualifications and Certificates

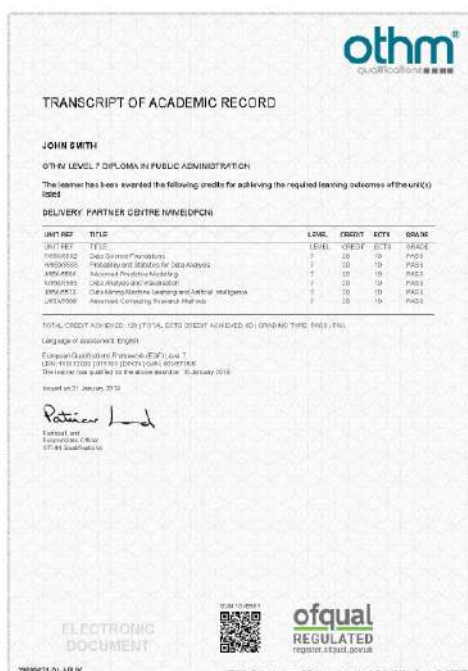
We know our centres and their learners take great pride in studying and achieving their OTHM Qualification and the award of the certificate and transcript is a lifelong achievement which is greatly prized as a passport to employment, relocation or as a route to the next steps in further and higher education.

The UK Government state that;

‘Anyone who has gained their qualifications fraudulently is potentially making a false claim about what they know or can do. Training providers who have committed qualification fraud may be at risk of prosecution.’



<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tackling-qualification-fraud> (published November 18 2024)



We take any attempt at qualification and certificate fraud very seriously indeed and will take all steps to prevent, investigate, report and prosecute offenders.

If you have any concerns or come across evidence of attempts at fake certificates or related fraudulent activity let us know immediately.

Together we will protect your hard work as an OTHM approved delivery centre and most importantly of all, the integrity of the OTHM qualifications you deliver and the Certificates awarded to hard working learners.

Events and Webinars

Centre Standardisation events

We are delighted at the huge attendance we have had at the Standardisation events we have been running over the last few months with many hundreds of centre participants attending.

These events provide a great opportunity to learn more about our qualifications and processes as well as exchanging ideas and questions.

Do keep a look out for future dates and we would encourage as many of your centre staff to attend as possible.

These EQA Webinars are part of our larger Quality Assurance video suite! If you missed these webinars, don't worry! You will be able to catch up with replays of these webinars on our Youtube page from the 20th April!

Subscribe to updates from our YouTube channel to hear when we release the suite!

www.youtube.com/@othmqualifications479



University Progression Webinars

Our University Progression Webinars have rapidly become one of the most impactful tools in our mission to connect learners with their academic futures. These sessions not only offer invaluable insights into the progression pathways available through OTHM qualifications, but they also open the door to direct engagement with our esteemed University Progression Partners.



Each webinar serves as a vibrant platform for information-sharing, giving our centres, learners, and alumni a deeper understanding of how to navigate their academic journeys with confidence. From entry requirements and course structures to visa guidance and scholarship opportunities, these events ensure our learners are well-equipped to make informed decisions about their next steps.

More than just webinars, these sessions have deepened our partnerships with universities across the globe. The positive feedback we've received has affirmed the value of this initiative—not just as a learning tool, but as a bridge connecting institutions, learners, and opportunity.



We're excited to announce that our next **University Progression Webinar** will be held in collaboration with the University of Staffordshire on Thursday, 17 April 2025 at 11:00am (UK time).

Mark your calendars - this is one not to miss!

Check our Social media for details!





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