

2 READING

a Read the leaflet about becoming an international student 'buddy' in London. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is a 'buddy' and what does he/she do?
- 2 What are the advantages of becoming a buddy?
- 3 What kind of person are they looking for?

BE A BUDDY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CLUB



Are you curious about other cultures? Are you eager to get to know and meet new people from all over the world?

Volunteer to offer assistance and friendship to international students as a 'buddy' at your university or college.

Responsibilities

After an international student has been assigned to you, you will show them around during the first weeks of their stay. You'll give them an insight into the student life in your area and generally help them out.

What we offer you

- free membership and benefits of belonging to the International Students Club
- free training courses which will look great on your CV (a certificate of participation awarded)
- the opportunity to get a wide range of cross-cultural experience



English 4D

Dear Sir/Madam,

¹I saw the information about international student buddies on your website and I am writing to apply for the role.

²I am a Brazilian student at Birkbeck College, London, where I am studying international law. I am fluent in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese, which would help me to communicate with students from different countries. I am also very sociable and good at communicating with people, which I am sure would help me to establish a good relationship with new students.

³As a foreign student in London myself, I am in an excellent position to understand the needs of students coming from other countries. I have a thorough knowledge of the city and the student life here. I am confident that I would be able to help students to feel at home and find their way around.

⁴I have always been very keen on learning about other cultures and my own circle of friends in London is completely international. I strongly believe we should encourage people from different cultures to come together to help promote intercultural understanding.

⁵I would be more than happy to give up my free time to work as an international student buddy and I'm certain I could make a valuable contribution to your programme.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Paulo Figueiredo



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Write the email. Include:

- an opening sentence, explaining why you are writing
- two or three paragraphs, explaining why you are suitable

Opening sentence...

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

