

# ISSofBC Language College

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES E-NEWS



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## ***Hello students and graduates of ISSofBC!***

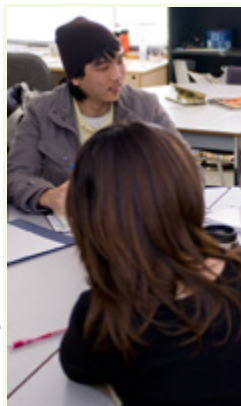
This is our first newsletter and we are very excited about it. We want to keep you updated about what is happening here at the ISSofBC Language College.

We will include tips to improve your English, helpful idioms and things that may be of interest to you.

Please contact [Roxanne](#) with feedback and suggestions!

## Featured Program at ISSofBC

**Study and World Diploma Program (SAW):**  
Want to gain experience in the Canadian workforce but need to improve your English first? Our SAW program is perfect for you! Students take various courses such as Intensive English, TOEFL, speaking and listening classes alongside the Business Diploma Program. After your period of study you will be well-equipped to find a job. This program is an excellent way to gain work experience and earn money while staying in Vancouver!



### **Student Testimonials:**

"The fact that I can study and work in Canada at the same time is very appealing. I decided to register for the SAW program and I've had good results so far."

-Clara, Korea

"I got my 18 month work and study permit by joining the SAW program. I look forward to working and studying in Canada."

-Nana, Japan

"When I am (at ISSofBC), I feel at home. The school, the people, are wonderful! Good is not the word (for ISSofBC), excellent is."

-Edwin, Colombia

"I've noticed that people often congratulate me on speaking English so well. I came to ISSofBC with bad English habits and left



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## Fall is Here!

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with great knowledge. My self confidence has increased."  
-Kushtrim, Germany

## News around ISSofBC

**Sean's** (TOEFL) partner is expecting a baby! He is busy cleaning his house to get ready, getting rid of all the dust bunnies under the beds. He is excited and trying to get some extra sleep before the sleepless nights arrive.

**Chris** (General English & IELTS) has returned after being away for 4 months on a bike trip. He biked through Spain, Portugal, Belgium, France and Holland. He had many amazing adventures and has hundreds of photos of his journey. Many of us wish he could have taken us with him in his luggage, but no luck.



**Jennifer W.** (General English/Let's Talk/Grammar) has a fabulous new pair of red shoes. I want them!

**Sam** (TOEFL/IE) goes between sporting facial hair and no facial hair, but looks handsome no matter what!

**Jane** (General English) has a co-op radio program at 102.7FM on Saturday mornings from 9am to 12pm, lots of interesting topics.

## ISSofBC BBQ

We had a BBQ at Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park on August 17th. It was pouring with rain in the morning as we looked out the window from ISSofBC classrooms, but by noon the sky had cleared and it was clear skies from then on. Students and teachers had a good time playing frisbee and volleyball. Jennifer and Roxanne were taught some new card games by the students and we all had fun. Sam took students on a walking tour. Some new friends were made and we hope to do something like this again very soon.





## The Entertainment Edition

This newsletter and the next one will focus on entertainment and movies. Hopefully you will have fun learning the following idioms and vocabulary. Check out the cool websites listed. Teachers suggest movies you must see and movies you shouldn't pay to see.



### Movie and Entertainment Vocabulary and Idioms:

**A chick flick:** a movie that is particularly popular with women, example: Pretty Woman, Titanic

**A smash hit:** a movie that has great success and makes a lot of money.

**The movie bombed:** the movie was unsuccessful, made no money.

**The movie flopped:** the movie was unsuccessful, made no money.

**A blockbuster:** a very successful movie, example: Avatar

**A tearjerker:** a movie that makes you cry, you try hard not to with no success. Example: Titanic

**A makeout movie:** a movie that is helpful when you want to sit close to (maybe kiss) your boyfriend/girlfriend.

**Paparazzi:** photographers that follow celebrities and take their

picture.

Check out our next newsletter in November to learn some more idioms related to entertainment or try **What's on TV**, a class on Friday mornings at ISSofBC that focuses on listening by using popular TV shows and movies.

## Celebrity, Fashion & Movie websites

### Popular Fashion Blogs

[Citizen Couture](#)

[JAK & JIL BLOG](#)

[Atlantis Home](#)

### Celebrity Gossip

[Perez Hilton](#)

[Zimbio](#)

[Hollywood Grind](#)

### Movies & TV

[Rotten Tomatoes](#)

[IMDb](#)

[TV.com](#)

### Useful phrases when talking about movies:

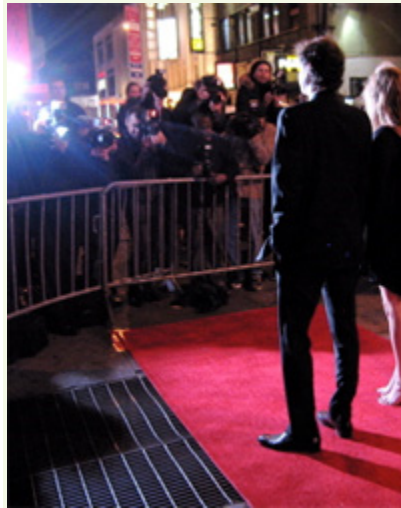
What's it called?

Who's in it?

What's it about?

What's it like?

Who's it directed by?



## Instructors' Reviews

### Favourites

#### Sam:

*Juno*- About teenage pregnancy with Canadian actress Ellen Page

#### Chris:

*Chinatown*- A classic movie and see a young Jack Nicholson

#### Barbara:

*Cinema Paradiso (Italian)*- Winner of best foreign film in 1989, so you will have to read the english subtitles.

#### Sandra:

*Wizard of Oz*- A classic! Love the wicked witch of the west.

#### Camilla:

*Amadeus*- A fictionalized story about Mozart and Saieri- great acting.

#### Orsolina:

*Pulp Fiction*- Brilliant movie and John Travolta becomes cool again!



### New Movie Reviews

**Jenniver W.:**

*Scot Pilgrim vs. The World*- Loved it!

**Sean:**

*The Expendables*- Terrible! Wait or not wait for the DVD, your cash is not expendable.

*Death at a Funeral*- Great! Two versions, American and British. Watch both and compare the humour.

**Orsolina:**

*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*- A bit gruesome, however it is fabulous and a nail-biter. (Orsolina has a trend going on here!)

