



JET SET



➤ **Welcome** to the latest issue of the JET SET newsletter. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and are raring to go with JET SET in this new school term!

We are delighted to report a record number of entries for the last school year. Existing centres have increased their entries and many new centres have registered and taken JET SET for the first time from all around the world. It is rewarding to know that JET SET is reaching more and more students and helping them to achieve a greater understanding of the English language.

Thank you for your feedback on the new look newsletter and JET SET branding. The response has been very positive and we are encouraged that this new look will continue to further reflect JET SET's global reach. Please remember that the JET SET team are always happy to hear from our centres and welcome your news, comments and feedback on any aspect of the JET SET experience.

Sue Lewis



➤ **JET SET receives ISO9001:2000 accreditation**



AQA's Director of Strategic Planning and Development, Carolyn Adams, said: "This internationally renowned accreditation will be familiar to JET SET's worldwide customer base and will further enhance the JET SET brand value. Achieving this accreditation demonstrates AQA's continuing commitment to customer service through the systems and procedures used to administer the Certificate in English Language Skills (ESOL), JET SET."

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*Carolyn Adams,
AQA's Director of Strategic Planning*

ISO9001:2000 is an internationally recognised Standard which defines the elements required by a company to operate and maintain a **Quality Management System**. It acts as a measure of reliability, consistency and commitment to quality.



► JET SET in South America

Our JET SET representatives in Argentina and Brazil have been working to promote JET SET and to increase the number of entries in their regions.

Brazil

Michael Smyth has been promoting JET SET at language schools and EFL events over the last 12 months. The 4th BRAZ-TESOL Children and Culture Special Interest Group (SIG) Symposium in May proved an excellent opportunity to meet with existing JET SET centres and to make new contacts.

Over the last 5 years, ELT in Brazil has grown at a phenomenal rate with new schools opening up all the time. We are finding that JET SET is proving to be very popular.

As Michael says, "Schools are finding that JET SET really motivates students to study further and by offering this quality service, they are helping students achieve internationally accepted standards in English."

Argentina

AQA's two representatives, Fabian Wallace and Laurie Sullivan, have been working hard to raise awareness of JET SET. Some of their activities have included visiting existing and prospective centres (for example in Cordoba, San Luis, Rio Cuarto, Villa Dolores and Villa Maria among many others), attending events, (including APIBA in Buenos Aires and AR- TESOL in Tandil) and producing regular newsletters including a new on-line version.

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Michael Smyth, JET SET Representative

JET SET has been well received by the ELT community in Argentina. This is reflected in the increasing numbers of centres registering for JET SET. Fabian reports that, "Centres not only value the flexibility in the administration but also the high quality of JET SET tests."

The network of registered examination centres grew considerably last year and a significant increase in entries is anticipated by the end of the academic year in South America.

▼ Fabian Wallace at the AR- TESOL 2003 exhibition in Tandil, Argentina.



➤ IATEFL Conference and Exhibition

AQA exhibited at the **37th International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) Conference** held at the Brighton Conference Centre, UK in April. The conference hosted 1 400 delegates from over 100 countries and included plenary sessions, workshops and an ELT resources exhibition.

A presentation, "AQA's Certificate in English Language Skills (ESOL), JET SET", was given by Vicky Lywood-Last, one of AQA's JET SET oral assessors. The presentation highlighted the key features and the numerous benefits to both candidates and centres of entering JET SET.

➤ JET SET's new look Specification

The Specification for the **Certificate in English Language Skills (ESOL)**, JET SET has been reproduced in line with AQA's standard publications. The *Administration Guidelines* will follow shortly. Both documents have been produced to provide you with all the essential information about AQA's Certificate in English Language Skills (ESOL), JET SET and how this suite of tests should be administered.

The Specification presents the Aims, Objectives, Scheme of Assessment and Subject Content for each level of JET SET, from Pre-Entry (JET Foundation) to Level 1 (SET Two).

The *Administration Guidelines* provide information on how to register as a JET SET centre, entering candidates, teaching JET SET and how the tests should be conducted.

The Specification is available in print and can also be downloaded from the AQA Website at www.aqa.org.uk/qual/esol

For further information, please call +44 (0)1483 566 067 or e-mail jetset@aqa.org.uk

➤ AQA in Asia

AQA is pleased to have appointed Educational Resources Pte Ltd as Marketing Representative for Asia. Founded in 1994, Educational Resources (ER) has extensive experience in this area, managing and developing examination services for the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examination Board (LCCIEB) throughout Asia.

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*Sean Leslie,
Educational Resources General Manager, Asia*

Sean Leslie, Educational Resources General Manager, Asia, has said, "ER's wide-ranging knowledge of Asia and our extensive Asian network complements the outstanding benefits that JET SET brings: top quality and completely flexible English tests produced and assessed by the UK's largest Unitary Awarding Body. Asia is seeing a strong and growing demand in this arena and we are very excited both by the opportunity that JET SET itself represents and by our collaboration with AQA."

Educational Resources role is to recruit and support new centres and increase entries for JET SET examinations, making the suite of tests more widely available across Asia.

Centres have already been recruited in Indonesia, Japan and Hong Kong!

➤ Diary dates

12 - 14 September 2003

San Luis English Teachers' Conference
Argentina

October 2003

JET SET Presentations
Cyprus

8 - 9 November 2003

BRAZ-TESOL Fortaleza
Brazil

➤ New arrival

We are pleased to announce that Tracey Shrimpton, JET SET Development Officer, has a new addition to her family. I am sure everyone would wish to join the JET SET team in extending their congratulations and best wishes to Tracey and her family on the birth of her daughter.



➤ JET SET support

- There is now a new dedicated e-mail address for placing your JET SET orders. Send your orders to **jetsetorders@aqa.org.uk**. If you would like help with completing your order form, please contact a member of the JET SET team who will be happy to help.
- It is important that orders are received at least **four weeks before** the intended test dates.
- Order forms are now available electronically for both UK and non-UK centres. This means that **orders can now be sent via e-mail** or printed off and faxed. Please contact jetset@aqa.org.uk to request your order forms.
- **Certificates will not be issued** until all texts, listening cassettes and unused papers are returned and payment has been received. For further clarification refer to the *Regulations for the Conduct of On-Demand Tests*, or contact a member of the JET SET team. Please note that UK centres can be invoiced and do not need to send payment with the order.

➤ JET SET team



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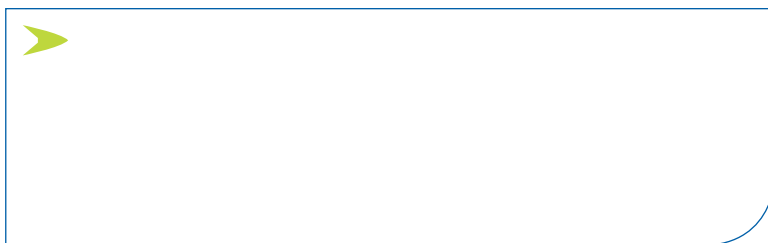
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