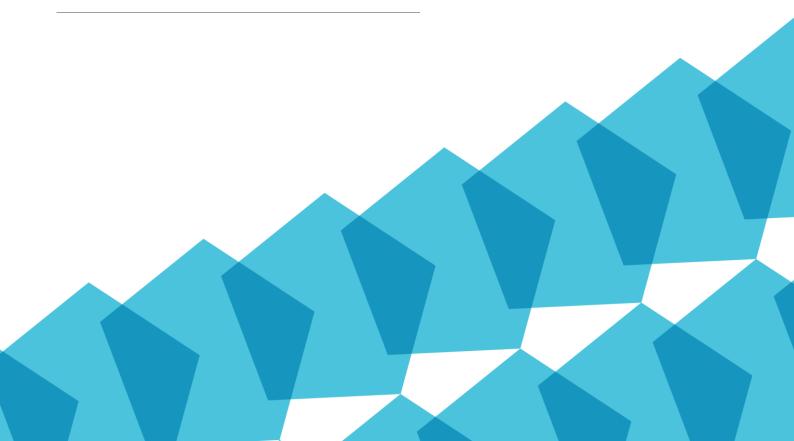


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MY BRITISH COUNCIL TALE

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Giving my IGCSE O-levels on Art is something that I never thought I could achieve. It was a dream that was set into motion thanks to the help of the British Council in Bangladesh. My school does not offer Art as a subject, and though I requested them to allow me to register from school, it was to no avail. An angry frown creased my forehead. I am a candidate for O-level 2015, but I wanted to give my Art exams earlier, as I thought it would be to my best interest. A paralyzing fear struck me as the last date for registration was drawing closer and I had no idea how to register. My eyes flashed with anger and dark clouds seemed to loom over my heads. And that's when the British Council came as my knight in shining armour.

The moment I entered the doors of the British Council, I was greeted with warm smiles. I was impressed to see that everything was so organized and well maintained. I walked down the hallway and found two officials who were there to help me to register and guide me. It seemed as if a smile was plastered on my face. As it was my first time, I had many questions and doubts, which were happily answered by the officials.

After my registration was done, just on the last date, I was relieved. Then I mingled in the library, admiring the generously stacked British Council library, which offered books from a vast category. The interior of the library was quite beautiful and the staffs were very welcoming.

On the actual date of the exam, there was a political boycott and the exams were postponed. I was happy to see that the British Council kept touch with those of us who were sitting for the exams and kept us updated constantly. This shows that the British Council is closely engaged with those who require their excellent services.

On the day of my results, I was over the moon to see that I had gotten an 'A'. My eyes glittered with tears of joy, and it was all thanks to the British Council, who provided me with a platform to sit my O-levels. They truly connect people with learning opportunities and creative ideas.