Impact of international students on the UK

1. International students help sustain the UK's research base especially in science, technology, engineering and mathematics: they account for over 40% of UK postgraduate students, 50% of those doing full-time research degrees.

2. The money they spend also sustains thousands of jobs across the UK economy, both in colleges and universities, and in local economies.

3. There is no direct link between the numbers of places available for 'home' (UK and EU) students and 'overseas' students. However there is a cap on the number of 'home student' places available due to the limited funding available from the UK government.

4. The UK benefits from the global connections which international students generate. Many of the main source countries are also key export markets including China, India, the USA.

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