

## Our China Blog

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For the week of 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014, we were invited by the British Council to deliver three separate training events in Beijing. The first two days (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September) was designed for Principals from the top-performing colleges all over Beijing and this focused on the education system in the UK, work-based learning, delivery of apprenticeships, and quality assurance.

The next sessions (12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) was aimed at lead practitioners from the same colleges, where the focus was on actual delivery of work-based learning, looking at theories and practice of teaching and learning.

The following week was devoted to the delivery of the practical aspects of work-based learning and vocational education. Here we saw Principals and lead practitioners from top performing colleges throughout China and we taught them all aspects of work-based learning – syllabus creation, lesson planning, quality methods, and the practical application of actual delivery.

Some of the more unusual things we did with them included:

- a practical application of Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning using a wok, raw vegetables and a spatula
- a practical demonstration of work-based learning, creating paper aeroplanes – which proved conclusively that the Chinese people make much better paper aeroplanes than the British!

We enjoyed the trip – although it was very busy - and found a range of interesting foodstuffs including chicken's feet and hearts.