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## All Nations is going Beyond Easneye!

For 60 years, as All Nations Christian College we have had the privilege of operating from our beautiful campus at Easneye. Over the last couple of years, the leadership and board have been prayerfully discerning how best we fulfil our mission of 'cultivating biblically rooted, hope-filled, and culturally relevant engagement with God's mission by training and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ in partnership with the global church'. The leadership and trustees of All Nations Christian College have prayerfully decided that to better fulfil this purpose in the changing global context, God is calling us to leave and move beyond Easneye.

Our conversations with the global church have highlighted that they are yearning for the intercultural, biblically rooted training that we provide, but that this needs to be delivered in more accessible and flexible ways. The emerging missionary workforce is not necessarily looking to relocate to a campus for three years for residential training, but they still want to learn in community in person. As a college we need to focus on how we enable learning to be done in community nearer to the places where missionaries come from or where they are going, including in the Global South. This is an exciting season as we learn how to regularly recreate intercultural learning communities not just in one location, but with partners around the world.

In recent years we have made significant changes to how students learn together, including enabling onsite and remote learners to study together. In the last nine months we have been taking that further by developing digital learning resources to enable the face-to-face time between tutors and students to be focused on helping them truly grasp and apply the learning to their lives. Similarly, we have been collaborating with partner churches and seminaries around the world, to work with them to deliver mission training in community in their context. Our plan is to accelerate both of these programmes, getting better at listening to the global church and working alongside them to deliver biblically rooted, hope-filled training through intercultural communities.

The college is moving and looking to pass the stewardship of Easneye to others. We plan to continue delivering our BA, MA and Enroute family of courses even as we make the transition away from Easneye. The move is so that we can do more, not less!

It is going to take us a few years to fully transform into who God wants us to be in order to fulfil the purpose that he has given us, and to work out our specific role in equipping the global church for mission, in partnership with others. In the next year we will build capacity

in our teams whilst preparing to leave Easneye by autumn 2026. We don't yet know where we will base ourselves next, but since most of our staff are well rooted around Easneye we are expecting that our first move won't be far. Once we are in our new location, we plan to sell Easneye and focus on our core mission, helping the global church equip itself for God's mission.

Easneye has been God's provision for the college for 60 years. It is not just that it is a beautiful home where God has met us, it has also meant that we have been part of the broader community, the churches and people that have given us so much support, encouragement and fellowship. When the Buxton family moved to Easneye in 1869, Hannah Buxton prayed that it would be a "fountain of blessing in the church and to the world." It has been our privilege to be part of the fulfilment of her prayer. So, the College's call to go beyond Easneye to the world Hannah was praying for gives all of us mixed feelings. Because it has been a place of blessing for so many years, there is sadness and loss, but we are a missionary people, with a missionary call so we choose to celebrate what God has done and look forward to what He is still to do. Thank you for being part of the journey so far. May God give us all the delight of finding new ways to continue to demonstrate His glorious grace together.

This is the start of a new journey for us and in your relationship with college too. If you have insights, questions or concerns, then please talk with us. We have set up a dedicated email address <a href="mailto:BeyondEasneye@AllNations.ac.uk">BeyondEasneye@AllNations.ac.uk</a> for you to use, but you can also chat with those you already know at college. We may not have all the questions, let alone all the answers, so let's listen to God for this journey.

There will be lots of challenges as we move away from Easneye and continue to transform how we deliver excellent learning in intercultural communities. Please do prayerfully consider how you might support the college during this significant time. Has God given you finances, skills, insights or relationships for such a time as this? On our website <a href="https://www.allnations.ac.uk">www.allnations.ac.uk</a> you can offer resources or donate to our 60th Anniversary appeal. Our prayer and our heart is that we will all be faithful stewards with all that God provides.