

This Bulletin's Theme: The mind **MUST** be trained

If you get trained early enough and well enough, you have a chance of survival.

WE ARE UNDER ORDERS!

Promising potential is often not realised because we do what we want to do and forget that **we are under orders!** Please consider the following –

- **Every young person** should have a basic training in accountancy.
- You will never be the same age again, so act **NOW** to avoid regrets later.
- Guidance received is to study 6 to 8 hours per week.
- Take up **one** subject and become an authority on it.
- Prove that having a purpose works and is satisfying when fulfilled.

A human ill is to do what I want to do and fit the rest in only if I can. It follows, therefore, that if I **WANT** to do postgraduate studies I will find the time to do it. Conversely, if I'm not really interested I will almost certainly waste my precious potential. The answer is to become **CONVINCED** that postgraduate studies are not only of immense value but are a **MUST** because **we are under orders!**

RECOMMENDED COURSES

To assist students in selecting the most suitable postgraduate course a list of recommended courses is issued on a separate sheet with this Bulletin. Students should either approach their local PSC for course details and guidance on how to enrol or send an email to onesupport@ubteam.com

DOUBLE ENTRY BOOKKEEPING

Another one-day double entry bookkeeping workshop at £60 per head is being arranged to take place at Shrewsbury on Thursday 25th October. Similar workshops held at Eagle Education in April and May this year have been highly acclaimed by our AAT students who attended. Students interested in attending the October workshop should email geoff.holding@ubteam.com in order to book their place. As before, classroom accommodation will be limited so places will be allocated on a first come, first served, basis. The workshop is open to all students, not just those enrolled with Eagle.

ABM AND 3MAC COURSES

The above courses are not normally suitable for students who have just completed their secondary schooling. The ABM Course is aimed at those who have left school for 2 or 3 years and who have gained some experience in the business world. The advice is to do an accounts or business related postgraduate course first. 3MAC is for persons who are already in business and who need to increase their knowledge of accountancy. For further information about ABM or 3MAC courses please refer to the article at the foot of Postgraduate Bulletin Issue 8.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Seven students have all passed their final exams in the Health & Social Care Course and two gained distinctions. Some students are continuing with similar courses in Autism, Diabetes and Dementia. More enrolments for these courses are encouraged as there seems to be no let up in the amount of skilled care needed for the elderly and also for afflicted younger ones both at home and at school.

A SHOT IN THE ARM FROM SWEDEN

Inspiring comments from a Swedish student committed to postgraduate studies –

For future achievers: do you want more money in your pocket? Why don't you do something about it? **GO AHEAD** and register for one of these brilliant courses that will organise and prepare you for the future! Business owners need well-trained staff and they will no doubt reward you well!

LEFT SCHOOL AND STILL UNDECIDED?

Universal guidance is clear – students who have completed their secondary schooling are encouraged to do some basic training immediately by enrolling on an Accountancy or Business course to set them up for the future. Management and Sales & Marketing courses are all regarded as business courses. This is rather like being in the army – whatever role you are going to fill you still need to do your basic training. Accountancy and Business courses provide a very valuable springboard from which to build your career.

ISMM INTRODUCTION DAY

It is in mind to hold an FOC Introduction Day once again for recent and would-be enrollees on the ISMM Sales & Marketing Course (Levels 2 and 3). Please see Bulletin 12 for a picture and feedback on the previous highly successful day. These Introduction Days are valuable opportunities to find out more about the ISMM courses without any obligation. CPA, the provider of the courses, will host the day at Welcome House, Coventry, on Monday 1st October and as space is limited it will be on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in attending please send an e-mail to giles.bennett@ubteam.com.

CIMA EXAMS FOR NON-UK CANDIDATES

We have good news for CIMA students outside the UK! To save candidates having to travel to the UK or to go a long way in their own country to take CIMA exams, many of which are computer-based (CBEs), CIMA are improving the way they deliver online exams internationally. As from 31st August 2012 CBEs can be arranged via Pearson Vue, a large international organisation which has Test Centres all over the world. A student wishing to sit a CIMA CBE should go to www.pearsonvue.com and either ask the question 'Are you running CIMA exams?' or search for a local Pearson Vue testing centre and ask them the same question. Some centres may need first to contact CIMA for approval but there is no reason why they should not be able to run a CIMA exam. If any difficulties arise send an email to geoff.holding@ubteam.com.

YOU DON'T LOSE ANYTHING BY ASKING

.....but sometimes if you don't ask, you don't get!
Some students have missed out on the CIMA special money-saving offer mentioned in last month's Bulletin because they never asked for it! The offer is still current, and we would urge all potential CIMA students that **NOW** is an **EXCELLENT** time to enrol if you want to save some cash. It's normally easiest to telephone CIMA's London branch on 020 7323 9636 when enrolling as they know us best there. Tell them that you are a Focus student, that you wish to enrol for the CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting Course and wish also to take advantage of their special offer of the first module free.