

# Postgraduate Bulletin

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## YOUR LOCAL POSTGRADUATE COORDINATOR

It has come to light that some postgraduate students, both existing and potential, do not know the names of their local postgraduate coordinators (PSCs). The current PSC lists for the EUK Region are therefore being sent out with this Bulletin and we would urge students to keep in regular contact with their PSCs, to report all significant progress and consult their PSC if in need of guidance, support or general encouragement.

## AAT CHANGES

AAT students may be aware that, in order to remain current, the AAT qualification is to be updated as from 1st September 2013 and new learning material made available. This is a regular triennial exercise set on by AAT themselves. There is no need to worry because AAT students currently enrolled **who have registered with AAT or will register before 31st August 2013** will have until 31st December 2014 to achieve the existing (2010) qualification and even after that there will be transitional arrangements for any who haven't completed the 2010 course by then. (Registration with AAT is of course necessary in order to take AAT exams). Also, new AAT enrollees do not need to wait until 1st September 2013 to enrol. Eagle Education & Training, the distance learning college used by most of our AAT students, strongly encourage and welcome student contact, so please address any queries about the above to Eagle, either by telephone to 01978-722511 or by email to [info@eagle-education.co.uk](mailto:info@eagle-education.co.uk) and they will gladly answer your questions.

## IMPROMPTU COMMENTS

It's so refreshing when students write in expressing their thoughts without being asked to do so. Here are some impromptu comments recently received from all over the Europe UK Region –

21-year-old hard-working student writes: *'Very worthwhile disciplining yourself with study. Remember to be consistent in the hours/time you put aside to make sure you study every week and achieve the targets you set yourself. Keep in contact with other students to motivate you and set joint goals.'*

Another successful student's comment: *'I have finished my Level 3 Diploma in Accounting and have passed all my exams. I would certainly recommend it to anyone in an Accounts/Admin role or wanting to study Accounts.'*

And this is from a student who is singing the praises of motivational meetings: *'We are now actually having PGS meetings, have got our 3rd one coming up next week, and they are certainly proving to be very worthwhile! I think it's about 30 of us that come every week so a pretty good turnout. It's so entusing putting your time and energy into something you know the CEO fully endorses and supports.'*

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PGS = Postgraduate Studies  
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## TUTOR CONTACT IS A 'MUST'!

More than one of the distance learning colleges we use have expressed surprise (and some disappointment) at how few of our students get in touch with their college tutors for professional guidance and support. They have asked us to spread the word that college tutors not only encourage contact and consultation but also enjoy keeping in touch with their students. There is absolutely no need for any students to struggle and fret on their own over something they cannot grasp or understand when help is available and already paid for upfront when the learning material is purchased! So could we encourage students not to ignore the professional help that's available, but to make full use of it? Contact can be by email, telephone or by whatever other means and at whatever times may be mutually agreed between tutor and student.

## ANOTHER WORKSHOP

We are sorry that the Double-Entry Bookkeeping Workshop planned to take place in Cambridge last month didn't happen. The next one-day Workshop is likely to be run by Eagle Education at a fairly central venue, making it more accessible for more students. Assuming a minimum of 15 students attending the 50% discount will still apply, at a cost of only £60 (instead of £120) per head. Eagle are writing an advanced double entry bookkeeping workshop which should be of particular interest to many more students. To set the ball rolling and to register your interest in this workshop please send an email to [geoff.holding@ubteam.com](mailto:geoff.holding@ubteam.com). Also please contact Mr Holding if you are located somewhere in central England and could offer suitable classroom accommodation for one day, eg conference room, school classroom, etc.

## NO DISTRACTIONS AND NO GAPS!

A message to secondary students in their last year at school: We wish you every success in your final exams! Remember – **LEARN, PRACTISE, REHEARSE**, using every precious minute you have (see poem below). These vital weeks in your life can never be repeated so there are to be no distractions from putting **everything you've got** into exam preparation. After the exams there is to be no gap – valuable guidance received is to proceed straight on to a postgraduate course, reaping maximum advantage during the fertile learning years after age 18.

## TIME CAN NEVER BE REPEATED!

We published this poem in a Bulletin over a year ago but, being what we are, we need reminding again and again and again not to waste time –

I've got just a little minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me – can't refuse it,  
But it's up to me to use it.

I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it –  
Just a tiny little minute –  
But there's vital profit in it!

*"It's been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste." – Henry Ford.*