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Heads down at the Apprenticeship Induction Day

FIRST CLASS AND FREE!

Wednesday 21st August 2013 will be remembered as a significant date in the unstoppable progress of postgraduate studies in the UK. No fewer than 78 students from all over the country eagerly converged on Exchange Place in Warwick, the home of UBT's impressive new offices, for the Apprenticeship Induction Day. The picture above shows the quality of concentration and committal from our students, the first major group to seize this new opportunity of government-funded postgraduate studies. Most of the group were this year's school leavers aged 16-18, and are therefore in line to benefit from **100% funding** of their courses. The day focused on three Apprenticeship options – Sales & Telesales, Business Administration, Team Leading – and was designed not only as a 'launch-pad' for the students into their 12-month Apprenticeship but also as an opportunity to meet the staff from Babington College and Professional Academy, the course providers, and to network with their fellow apprentice peers. "Absolutely brilliant", was the comment from one enthused student, "as part of an excellent organisation that is always progressing it makes you feel totally supported and that everything is so worthwhile!"

MISSED YOUR CHANCE? HERE'S ANOTHER!

Applications for Apprenticeship courses are still pouring in so it has been decided to host a repeat Apprenticeship Induction Day at Warwick on Wednesday 25th September. Any applicant who wishes to attend should email rowena.gates@ubteam.com, not forgetting that these Apprenticeship courses are only for students in England and only for those who are in full-time employment.

A REQUEST FROM FIRST INTUITION

First Intuition would be grateful if enrollees for their Accountancy courses could now always **book online** on www.fi.co.uk. Select First Intuition's London Study Centre for the booking process and use the code 'FOCUS' at the online checkout in order to claim the discounted price.

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ACCOUNTANCY FUNDING AT LAST!

As money is such a powerful force and so much is needed in so many areas we must say that students who have opted for Apprenticeship courses have made a wise choice and should be congratulated. However, UBT has not forgotten that valuable guidance - **'Every young person needs an understanding of Accounts, Tax and Law.'** Negotiations are now complete to offer AAT Accounting as an added Apprenticeship Course. The conditions for funding are the same as for the three Apprenticeship courses referred to in the 'First Class and Free' article in this Bulletin, i.e. 100% for students aged 16-18 on enrolment and 50% for 19-23 year-olds, resident in England and in full-time employment. Students wishing to apply for the AAT Apprenticeship course should email derek.hall@ubteam.com who will provide enrolment guidance.

THE ADVANTAGES OF TRAINING

Last month's article about the ATT student who had learned about corporation tax relief and thereby saved her boss £12,000 has inspired another student to disclose a similar story provided it is kept strictly anonymous! "Thanks to my studies I was able to help another person save **£35,000** in tax following the sale of his business. This was achieved mainly by checking the tax calculations line by line which threw up an incorrect split between stock and goodwill, but also by the prudent placing of funds to minimise the gains from selling the business. A pension fund was opened, capital gains claims were maximised and on top of this he was able to make a sizeable gift to a charitable trust." This so clearly demonstrates how a commitment to accountancy studies not only benefits the student but can be of immense financial value to others.

JOTTINGS FROM GERMANY

"I am currently studying CIMA, an English-based accountancy course, as a non-English! CIMA gives a complete knowledge of different sectors in business and greatly helps with understanding the valuable training and advice we receive from UBT's online coaching and seminars. Self-discipline is certainly needed when following a course. But we've been encouraged to be **FINISHERS**, which is what I focus on. Every little step ahead brings you closer to your **GOAL!** CIMA exams can be taken in several Exam Centres across Germany although personally I prefer to take my exams in London at First Intuition, the course provider. But just a word of warning – **MIND THE STEPS!** When I took my first CIMA exam my brain was filled with good stuff and I couldn't wait to start. When I finished I hardly dared to click the 'submit' button in case I had failed, but it turned out to be a **PASS!!** Absolutely dazed I went flying out of the exam room and landed in a heap on the steps – humbling experience! Back to day-to-day life, **BUT** it makes all the difference with CIMA accounting knowledge!"

Out of approximately 52 postgraduate students in Germany 31% are enrolled on English-based courses such as ABM, Marketing, 3MAC and CIMA. Overall more than half of the students are doing accounting-orientated courses, 30% on Sales, Marketing and Administration and a few on other courses like Caring for the Aged. If you wish to study a specific course it is best to contact your local postgraduate studies coordinator.

'Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.'