

Postgraduate Bulletin

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“18 TO 20: POSTGRADUATE STUDIES”

Many of you will have heard the above well-known words again and again. They were repeated at the recent Student Achievers Seminars and must be heeded. This is an ideal opportunity to remind ourselves of two extracts –

- Every young person should have a basic training in accountancy.
- Take up one subject and become an authority on it.

DON'T BE THE ODD ONE OUT!

We are pleased to announce that we have received reports from some campuses in our region (Europe/UK) where **every one** of this year's school leavers has followed guidance given and enrolled on a postgraduate course. We are aiming for **100% take-up** so please don't spoil the figures by being the odd one out! Guidance received is that young people should do postgraduate studies after leaving school, and **we must take this seriously**. With this Bulletin we are once again issuing the Recommended Courses leaflet showing courses available, enough to match almost every aptitude.

PRACTICAL ENGLISH COURSE

Never mind if you are not endowed with a high level of academic prowess. It has been said many times that **'EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING'**. If you have not yet enrolled on a postgraduate course it is suggested that you tell your local Postgraduate Studies Coordinator what you are good at and enjoy doing, and he will find out which course suits you best. As everyone must learn how to write a good letter we recommend a distance learning tutor-assisted Practical English Course which has proved most helpful to all who have enrolled, whether or not English is your native language. This Course aims to upgrade your vocabulary, comprehension, conversation, letter-writing, reading and spelling skills through an inexpensive programme with proven results. If you have left school and cannot yet communicate accurately in English then this Course is definitely for you. Non-English students have taken up this Course with successful results. For further details send an email to oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com.

NEW ACCOUNTANCY COURSE

Newly available to our students is an opportunity to qualify for an excellent Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (CFAB) provided by the Chartered Institute of Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). The ICAEW is a respected Accountancy Institute, globally recognised as of superior quality and **there is no membership issue**. The Certificate can be achieved by online learning within 12 months, anywhere in the world, with professional tutor support, and consists of six modules: Accounting, Assurance, Management Information, Law, Principles of Tax, Business & Finance. More details can be obtained from oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com.

APPRENTICESHIPS IN DEMAND

Enrolments for Apprenticeship Courses continue to gather pace in England, with a total to date of 131 students enrolled, of whom 107 are 2013 school leavers. This is over 50% of our 213 school leavers this year. It has exceeded all our expectations and those of the College provider, and demonstrates not only a healthy commitment to learning but also an astuteness to go for the best bargain financially, as most of those enrolled will receive full Government funding for their first year of postgraduate studies. The Apprenticeship Courses offered are Sales & Telesales, Business Administration, Team Leading and Accounting. If you are in full-time employment, resident in England and if your employer is prepared to support you in taking up an Apprenticeship, which must be related to your job role, then please drop a line to giles.bennett@ubteam.com.

THE NEW-LOOK EAGLE!

Eagle Education & Training, where most of our AAT students are enrolled, has launched a brand new website on www.eagle-education.co.uk. Click on 'refresh' to ensure you are viewing the new website. It contains short videos, quizzes, a podcast and a questionnaire, each of which assists potential students to select the AAT Level most appropriate to their capabilities.

BASIS TO BE THANKFUL

Official figures recently released show that this year's university leavers in the UK face an almost impossible task to find work. Every 85 graduates will be competing for one job. This throws into clear relief the huge benefits of subscribing wholeheartedly to our **'Earn while you Learn'** programme, where students find a job on leaving school or shortly after, hang on to their jobs by making themselves indispensable to their employers and take up a postgraduate course in order to give them a lifelong advantage and equip them with skills that will enhance performance in their career paths. Compared with the dilemma facing university leavers, it's worth mentioning that 99.6% of our students who left school in June 2012 are in full-time employment, and this year's pattern is looking similar.

LATIN AND GREEK SCHOLARS NEEDED

Scholars are needed who can handle and understand Latin and Greek. It is widely acknowledged that the study of classical languages - especially Latin and Greek - is particularly formative and provides benefits never to be regretted for the whole of our lives. A foreign language course should be regarded as parallel to, not in place of, other recommended courses. To find out more send an email to oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com who will be pleased to introduce you to suitable distance learning courses with excellent material and professional tutor support.

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