

*'If you commit yourself to **OLH** (Obedience, Loyalty, Honesty) you'll always pay your way.'*

THIS IS THE WAY

The time is approaching for this summer's school leavers to decide on their postgraduate courses of study, and it could be that **you** are looking for some direction which way to go. Our advice is to talk it over with someone. This could be your parent, your prospective employer, another postgraduate student who is studying a course that interests you, the campus CEO, the school careers adviser or your local postgraduate studies coordinator. It is a well proved fact that to discuss a matter with the right person really helps you to reach the definite decision that **'this is the way'** for me. Every school leaver should by now have seen and read the list of recommended courses, but there's no substitute for consulting someone who knows what's good for you or who has actually studied a particular course.

One more point: the courses recommended are not necessarily the only ones suitable for our students. Direction received is to be broad-minded, not too prescriptive and to stretch yourself in order to increase your levels of learning and intelligence. Furthermore, business owners need to work with new employees to find courses related to their job roles. So, if you wish to pursue another subject and find a course that seems appropriate, send an email to oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com for the course to be checked out for suitability.



**KEEP
CALM
AND TAKE UP**

**POSTGRADUATE
STUDIES**

TAX QUALIFICATION WITH LETTERS

In last month's article headed 'TAXATION IS **NOT** TEDIOUS' we were reminded that *'Every young person needs an understanding of **Accounts, Tax and Law**'*. As an alternative to ATT study you could qualify as a ICAS Tax Professional and, without any membership problems, use the Designatory Letters ITP, giving recognition. Study through the Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland (ICAS) and achieve this high level qualification over 2 years. Contact oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com for further details and costs.

WISE COUNSEL

Here are some gleanings and valuable tips from a student who has finished his Course with distinction -

*'Inspired by the message **'Project Management applies to everyone'** and, due to our type of work, I decided on this Course. As well as being a good, enjoyable and manageable Course over a span of 12 months, going through the stages of a project life-cycle, it was the thrill of finishing on time and knowing that I'd given it my best shot, with absolutely no regrets, that produced intense satisfaction! You need to be self-motivated, to have the end in mind all the time and to set yourself to be a high achiever. I would emphasise the importance of being persuaded that the Course is right for you, and that you are going to go for it, right from the start. Then go for it! If you don't feel quite right about doing it you're likely not to make a go of it, and it can be quite a set-back to start something and then be a drop-out.*

When you have enrolled on the Project Management Course my advice is to take full advantage of the Learning Resource Centre on Stonebridge College's website. I went through this thoroughly before I started the Course, which I would recommend doing, as it teaches you how to learn and how to answer questions. I found the best way to learn was to scan a lesson quickly, then come back and go through it, taking notes as I went, then go on to the questions in the test paper. I got on much better when I spent a good chunk of time on study rather than half an hour in the evening. Whatever your situation you can work whatever hours you like as it's a very flexible Course.'

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Acquiring necessary nursing intelligence to care for the aged and afflicted is an ongoing need. This was last mentioned in Bulletin 30, November 2013. Since then another more reasonably priced Course has been researched and is recommended. This is a well-respected BTEC Certificate which can be achieved through four modules of study covering individual rights, needs, and care services, to obtain Level 2 certification over 12 months. Enquire of oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com for more information.

A SOCIAL CATASTROPHE

Have you ever questioned why distance learning is recommended for our students? Just read on. Figures released from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills show that the total cost to a student of attending a UK university could actually exceed the extra earnings generated during the student's whole working life for having had a university education. This means that there could be nothing to show for three years of university attendance and there is every advantage, financially at least, in pursuing a postgraduate course by distance learning. Furthermore, research suggests that just one out of the top nine occupations expected to create the most jobs requires a university degree. This is why graduates with degrees cannot find jobs to match their expectations and are obliged to work as taxi drivers, or behind the counter in coffee shops, or in other jobs where a degree is not necessary. At the same time they are crumbling under large student debts which will take most of their working lifetime to clear. That's why **'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'** is our slogan. It works and it pays! Convinced?

Benjamin Franklin: "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."