

PIONEERS OF THE BTS

Well done to our three young students in France who took up the challenging BTS Course last year! BTS, which stands for 'Brevet de Technicien Supérieur', is an advanced business course composed of six units, is highly valued by business owners and is officially recognised by the State and National Education. This year there's a real increase in numbers as more than one-third of our French school leavers are following their elders' example by taking up BTS Courses. We warmly encourage them! This is what our students say after one year of studying BTS –

'I chose the BTS AG PME PMI (Management Assistant for PME PMI) because it is well suited to my professional job. It is enriching, formative and interesting. Success is possible with a lot of hard work and perseverance. My programme is to work 17 hours per week, for 52 weeks in the year.'

'I am doing the BTS NRC (Customers Negotiation & Relations). I work 10-15 hours a week (2 to 3 hours a day) over 3 years. I enjoy all kinds of lessons, such as Sales, French, English, etc. Although the lessons are quite easy the tests are much more difficult, but I know that with patience and perseverance I do manage to get good results and good marks.'

'I am doing the BTS AM (Manager's Assistant) over a span of 5 years, studying about 7 hours per week. Some subjects are all right, others are more complicated – French for instance!! I do have two foreign languages: English and Italian. My advice to others is to be VERY organised and especially NEVER GIVE UP, not even for a short time, because it is difficult to get back into it. But it is really worthwhile and personally what I learn is helping me enormously in my work.'

Interested? Send an email to damian.bartolomei@ubteam.com for more details.

ENROLMENT FIGURES

The figures below show known enrolments so far of this year's school leavers. There is a way yet to go because the aim globally is 100%. Remember this advice? – **'In the current climate you will not achieve without doing postgraduate studies.'**

Europe	2014 Leavers	PGS Enrolled	%
Denmark	1	1	100
France	13	8	62
Germany	4	4	100
Holland	1	1	100
Italy	0	0	-
Spain	0	0	-
Sweden	7	4	57
Switzerland	0	0	-
UK			
North	67	20	30
West	88	40	45
East	96	55	57

LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE – LATIN?

In recommending effective Language Courses in Latin, French, German, Italian and other European languages we would like to repeat a recent comment from a French Tutor – *'My student has done much better since she started learning Latin.'* Classical Languages are well worth learning and often result in students improving their English grammar, comprehension, vocabulary and letter writing. We would encourage you to join the dedicated Latin learners with their very good resources. Email oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com for details of Latin and other Language Courses.

TIPS FOR 6TH FORMERS

This Bulletin is now distributed monthly to students in the top two years at school. The message to every one of those students everywhere is –

Prospective employers are looking out for the kind of person they would like to employ. You may not be aware of this, but employers are quietly watching and assessing the qualities of 6th formers **NOW**.

Academic prowess certainly counts, yes, but employers have been asked recently to say what they want. The consensus of opinion is that they are looking for **hard-working, conscientious employees who manage time well, are an asset in the workplace, who think ahead and are polite.**

We regard that as most valuable practical advice straight from business owners. Do you need to change your ways to fulfil a potential employer's expectations? Well, you have been told, and it's now entirely up to you!



THIS YEAR'S APPRENTICESHIP STUDENTS

The picture above shows College staff who attended the Induction Day. These are (L-R):

Patricia Barlow (Accountancy Tutor, Babington), Sian Scott (Quality & Standards Manager, Babington), Sam Allsopp (Operations Director, Babington), Carole Carson (CEO, Babington), Corrina Hembury (Head of Partnership Management, Babington), Kamilla Norrman (Operations Manager, Professional Academy), Martin Hutchins (Managing Director, Professional Academy).

55 of our 'ready-to-go' apprenticeship students, enrolled on a variety of apprenticeship courses, attended an Induction Day at Warwick on Wednesday 20th August, and met key staff from both Babington College and Professional Academy, as pictured above. The two colleges are partnering for the second year running to deliver the Level 2 ISMM Sales & Telesales Apprenticeship, which continues to be the most popular initial postgraduate choice amongst English school leavers. Besides ISMM, there are at least four other apprenticeship courses recommended for our students. If you wish to take up an apprenticeship but missed this first batch, a second Induction Day is planned at Warwick on Wednesday 24th September. **Any students who have already enrolled by Friday 12th September will be invited to this event.** Please email giles.bennett@ubteam.com or rowena.gates@ubteam.com for details.

"You don't just meet criteria, you go ahead of criteria. That's how you get ahead. We need to go ahead of criteria."