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Students reaping the benefits of the SDL Suite

The POWER of self-directed learning (SDL)

What is happening in our schools globally is a radical change of culture. SDL symbolises OneSchool's aim to foster creativity, to foster entrepreneurialism and to inject a clear sense of direction into students so that they can really thrive in the economies of a fast-changing world. We quote the very recent words of a Head Teacher from a school where SDL has been established:

'It works, it works well, it works exceedingly well and is proving extraordinarily successful! Its success is founded on teamwork, underpinned and supported by teachers, parents, trustees and the students themselves. It is 1/3 teacher-led, 1/3 onus on students and 1/3 suitable forms of assessment.'

'SDL is in a class of its own both in terms of its scope and its dynamic momentum. It's a journey without parallel!'

The following impromptu student testimonials also provide clear evidence of the value of following the unerring guidance received:

'SDL has taught me self-discipline, mainly through the quiet room. It has changed my attitude, which will change my characteristics, my mind, my actions, my constitution and will change my future!'

'I am certain that this project-based way of learning is the future of our schools.'

'Greater personal effort, success and achievement are all thanks to SDL. It's change, not adapt! Adapt is improvement within given circumstances, but change is a pure and fresh outlook on something new, not a new way to do something amazing, but an amazing way to do something new!'

'SDL helps you to find the bigger picture and soar from 6 out of 10 to 9 out of 10!'

TIPS on writing your CV

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of meticulous CV preparation in readiness for your job interview. This is of course particularly relevant to students who are nearing the end of their secondary education, but also applies to anyone who is looking for a job. Your CV is your sales pitch to a potential employer and you need to stand out from the competition. Our advice is –

- Certainly write yourself up, but always be absolutely honest.
- Ensure no spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors, because first impressions count!
- Advice from a well-known recruitment agency is that CVs produced in Arial are less likely to be disregarded.

SHORTHAND

Far from something in the past, Shorthand is still very much in demand. It has been proved to be quicker, more efficient and much more versatile than most technical recordings. Our excellent provider tells us of 85 students benefiting right now from interactive online learning, and some of our own post graduate students have recently achieved distinctions in their shorthand exams. Why not join them?

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DISMISS the doubts

If you doubt the value of enrolling on a business-related course, whether you are still at school or are now working, please take note of this student's story:

'I started studying for the ATT corporate taxation exam and learned about a particular provision for corporate tax relief that I didn't know about before. I was then asked to check over some draft accounts for a local business and noticed that this relief had not been claimed. After several weeks exchanging emails with the Senior Corporate Tax Manager of a well-respected local firm of chartered accountants they finally agreed that they'd got it wrong and accordingly reduced the company's tax liability by approximately £12000!'

This strongly highlights the indisputable value of the ATT taxation course and underlines that oft-repeated statement: 'we need the best tax accountants we can get to get the best tax deductions that we can get'.

TAXATION - Do you understand it?

If not, go for free-standing Certificates in Competence in 6 subjects with ATT, the leading professional body dealing with UK Tax Compliance. Then go further, to Chartered Tax Advisor exams. Remember - 'Every young person needs an understanding of Accounts, TAX and Law'. Contact oliver.woodcock@ubteam.com

SPECIAL OFFER - About to end

First Intuition, the Distance Learning College which specialises in accounting courses and is used by many of our students, has advised us that their offer of a free CIMA course for all new students will expire on 31st December 2015 and will not be renewed in 2016. Students who are intending to enrol on a CIMA Course with First intuition should therefore act quickly in order not to miss this deadline. However, First Intuition will continue their special offer to Focus students of 10% discount for home study or online courses. Enrolees are reminded to enter 'Focus Student' at the online checkout in order to qualify for the discount.

MEMBERSHIP of Accountancy and Taxation Institutes

We would like to pass on a reassurance that our request for public recognition of qualifications for non-members is still very much alive and, although progress is slow, we can now report a breakthrough and a little encouragement in one quarter, which hopefully will create sufficient precedent for a successful outcome with the Institutes.

Always do your best. What you plant now you will harvest later.