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GERMANY shows the way



Musicians and singers in full swing at Düsseldorf

Our friends in Germany organised and completed an outstandingly successful event on Saturday 12th December at Düsseldorf, attended by hundreds of parents and other dedicated supporters of education in Germany. The aim of the day was to raise funds to reinforce the ongoing tuition of young people, to prepare them for their future careers and give them a lasting advantage. The motivating catchword for the event was 'Germany's Got Talent'. This proved a powerful stimulus for both performers and audience, so much so that the declared target of funds required was well exceeded. What clearly emerged from the day was a live demonstration of that well-known precept **'Unity is the Key to Success!'** Together in total support of the event's purpose were old and young, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, grandparents, friends and many others, not to mention the unmistakable harmony seen and heard amongst all the musicians, actors, performers, caterers and behind-the-scenes organisers who had worked so diligently to produce such a vibrant session. May all students, whether in or out of school, take note of the immense system of support and unity that lies behind the provision of their education!

LISTEN to this

If any student is still unconvinced that positive results can flow from following valuable guidance received, then please read on. A postgraduate student wrote to us to say that he had begun applying the counsel to read 5 pages of the Bible each day from 1st January and also the references to purity in Timothy. *'Whilst I have missed some days it is since I have been doing this that my understanding of the topics in CIMA has increased and scores in my mock exams have risen from around 24% to averaging at 64% with some at 83% and 94%.'* That simple yet gripping statement speaks for itself!

Change of NAME

You will notice the change from 'Postgraduate Bulletin' to 'Postgraduate & CAP Bulletin' in the title above. This is because the Bulletin's main aim is to encourage a commitment to business-related and other courses for career advancement, and this now applies as much to in-school as to post-school students. As senior students at school are committed to the Career Advantage Program (CAP), it has become necessary to re-name the Bulletin to reflect its broader scope.

Don't give up on MENTORING!

Why is it that good habits and healthy routines so easily tail off and become a thing of the past? We sometimes succumb to unhelpful influences and then need to experience a revival and fresh committal to excellent original guidance. Let us not forget that valuable counsel given in the Meadowbank Orientation Address in 1994. We quote: **'We would look and hope and expect that the students will be able to help one another. There is really no better person to learn from than somebody who is just ahead of you. The whole thing is fresh in their minds, they will be conscious of the certain unknown factor that confronts you when you are presented with new material, they have accepted the challenge and they have met it and they will very often be the best ones to help.'**

The unquestionable benefits of regular and active mentor/mentee contacts have been proved again and again. The mentee becomes accountable, is encouraged, does not feel isolated and thus progresses more rapidly. The mentor's support could include some or all of the following:-

- General methods and organisation
- Preparation of a study programme
- Set goals and dates by which those goals should be achieved
- Agree on follow-up times, eg twice a week, weekly, fortnightly, etc
- Be available to support, guide and encourage to keep going
- Take a particular interest in exam dates and results.

NEW COURSE: CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE & FINANCE (CITF)

This useful new course leads to a professional qualification for students who need to gain and demonstrate a thorough understanding of key procedures, practices and legislation in trade finance at international level. Studying CITF:

- Enables you to advise appropriately on international trade and finance
- Improves your understanding of the processes involved in each type of international trade product
- Helps you to appreciate the risks involved in international trade and how to mitigate them
- Enables you to understand the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in international trade products.

Assessed by a 2-hour multiple choice paper, exams are held in London and Manchester in April and October. Course cost including exam fee is £490.00.

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"Where there is unity there is always victory"