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High street banks to expand apprenticeship scheme

Three high street banks are to offer additional apprenticeships in 2012:

- **Barclays** - 1,000 new apprenticeships from April this year; trainees will get 12 months' training and support and then progress to a permanent position with the bank
- **HSBC** - 688 new apprenticeships, bringing the total number of apprentices to 1,000 by the end of 2012
- **Santander** - will launch an apprenticeship scheme offering 50 apprenticeships



Further news on apprenticeships: the Prime Minister has announced round two of the Higher Apprenticeship Fund which will support thousands of apprenticeships up to degree-equivalent level. He also said that small firms will be offered an incentive of £1,500 to hire their first young apprentices. For more information, go to:

http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/Detail.aspx?ReleaseID=423209&NewsAreaID=2&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+bis-news+%28BIS+News%29&utm_content=Google+Feedfetcher

Ernst & Young School Leaver programme

The Ernst & Young School Leaver programme gives students access to a combination of training and work experience, and could help them qualify as an accountant sooner than many graduates. Over the course of five years students will study for a professional qualification, for example Chartered Accountancy whilst working at Ernst & Young. At the end of the five years students will be professionally qualified with a considerable amount of experience of accountancy in the real world. Those in England will work towards their professional qualification through the ICAEW, and those in Scotland will do so through ICAS. For more information go to:

www.ey.com/UK/en/Careers/Students/Your-role-here/Students---Schools



Why study modern languages at university?

A frequently asked question, because English is an established global language. However, we live in a dynamic world where other European and Asian languages are increasingly used to communicate internationally. That is why modern languages are valued by UK industry and government as a subject in the national interest, and also why language students have a very high success rate in finding employment. Bright Knowledge has published advice and guidance for students interested in studying modern languages at university:

- Study a degree in a language already started at school
- Study two or more languages together
- Try learning an entirely new language
- Combine languages with other subjects
- Combine a year abroad with degree study in the UK



For more information, go to: www.brightknowledge.org/knowledge-bank/modern-languages/studying-modern-languages/language-learning-and-learning-styles/choosing-a-modern-languages-course?utm_source=weeklyupdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weeklyupdate13

The Peninsula medical school is changing

The two founding members of the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry (PCMD) have announced plans to expand independently, with an equal split of total student numbers:

- Exeter will create a new medical school (University of Exeter Medical School)
- Plymouth will create a new medical and dental school (the Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry)



Existing students, including those starting this year, will be taught under the terms of the current joint arrangements and will graduate with joint degrees of the two universities. From 2013, new students will study for University of Exeter or Plymouth University degrees. For more information, including open days, go to: www.pcmd.ac.uk/opendays.php

Volunteering opportunities for 16 to 25 year olds

Somewhereto is a nationwide project to help young people find the space they need to do the things they love within sport, culture and the arts. Volunteering helps young people broaden their skills, increase their employability and strengthen their CV and personal statement, as well as benefitting the local community. For more information, go to: <http://somewhereto.com>



It's who you meet: why employer contacts at school make a difference to the employment prospects of young adults

Amongst the conclusions from a recent study undertaken by the UK Education and Employers Taskforce are:

- There is compelling evidence that young people are especially attentive and trusting of first-hand information about jobs and career pathways received from employers
- UK research suggests that students from independent schools appear to gain most from experiences of employer engagement



To read the full report, go to: www.educationandemployers.org/research/taskforce-publications/its-who-you-meet

ISCO Careers Service Workshop – Work related learning workshop

A one day workshop for anyone responsible for the work experience programme or for providing work related learning within a school. The legal aspects of work experience will be covered by Anthony Johns, co-author of Work Experience and the Law.

10.30 – 16.00, 2nd March 2012 at The Friends' House, Euston, London

Fee: £160 (ISCO Careers Service member) £200 (non-member) To book a place, please contact Alison Short: A.Short@inspiringfutures.org.uk or 01276 687502



ISCO Careers Service IAG Helpline

Question: Is it possible to train as an architect by starting work after A levels and doing professional exams as you work?

Answer: RIBA confirm that it is possible to train as an architect without going full time to university. Students need to have 3 years practical experience in an architect's office and the same level of qualifications that would get them on to a degree course.

This way of training is The RIBA Examination in Architecture for Office-based Candidates, and is validated by Oxford Brookes University. For more information go to:

<http://architecture.brookes.ac.uk/obe/part1-2.html>

RIBA confirm that this is a verified way to train as an architect and suits students who for whatever reason do not want to go to university. Information from RIBA:

www.architecture.com/EducationAndCareers/BecomingAnArchitect/Alternativeroutestoqualification.aspx

The ISCO Careers Service IAG Helpline can be contacted on +44(0)1276 687515

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QS World University Tour

The QS World University Tour event at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London on Sunday 11th May 2012 gives students interested in studying abroad the opportunity to:

- Learn about studying at many of the world's best universities
- Learn about how to apply for international study
- Speak to alumni and current students
- Find out about life outside of university
- Identify the general entry requirements and other prerequisites
- Decide if studying abroad is a realistic option
- Consider the impact of studying abroad on career choices



For more information go to:

www.topuniversities.com/tour/london?utm_source=Times&utm_medium=Print&utm_content=&utm_campaign=WUT_S12_London&partnerid=1693

ISCO European Conference

The theme of the 2012 ISCO European Conference is preparing international students for an increasingly competitive future. The conference will take place in Maastricht, 23rd to 25th May. Conference goals are:



- to raise awareness of the range of academic bachelor's degrees taught in English available on mainland Europe
- to showcase Maastricht University and the range of English taught courses offered
- to raise awareness of English taught vocational programmes which often get overlooked by IB students
- guest speaker from industry to talk about what skills graduate recruits are lacking and what secondary school teachers can do to help address this problem

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University of Oxford: computer science and philosophy taster day

The day will combine lectures and practical hands-on sessions, as well as advice on the Oxford application process. Speakers will include Oxford University lecturers and there will be opportunities to meet current Oxford computer science students. 15th March 2012.

www.cs.ox.ac.uk/CSPhiloday



ISCO Careers Service Workshop – Oxbridge Preparation

A one day workshop designed for teachers who are involved with advising potential Oxbridge students. The workshop will examine how to identify, develop and prepare the students, including issues of realism and expectations. The collegiate structure, style of teaching, interviews and entrance tests will be discussed by speakers from The Oxford University Schools and Colleges Liaison team and a Cambridge University Admissions Tutor.



10.30 – 16.00, 9th March 2012 at The Friends' House, Euston, London

Fee: £160 (ISCO Careers Service member) £200 (non-member) To book a place, please contact

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