

Student Webinar – 22nd April 2020

Hosted by David Malthouse and Ben Bullman

Guest Speaker – Daniel Winterburn from the AAT

Update on Qualifications

ACCA

- Some students have experienced problems in booking exam slots for September. Anyone affected is urged to contact students@accaglobal.com with details of the issue they are experiencing.
- Students are encouraged to complete their Ethics and Professional Skills Module and work on their PER if they have capacity to do so during lockdown.
- F.I will be hosting a PER workshop. Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible and may include a representative from the ACCA.
- In the meantime, the ACCA will be holding a workshop about EPSM on Friday 24th April. Students can register using this link:
<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&partnerref=markets&eventid=2293801&sessionid=1&key=2F05EF06D63D4EEF44AB1130B507012F®Tag=&sourcepage=register>

CIMA

- Exams via remote proctoring are now available to book.
- Some students have experienced problems booking and are asked to contact CIMA via Twitter or email.
- Prior to booking an exam slot, students are encouraged to check the compatibility of their home equipment using this link:
https://home.pearsonvue.com/cima/questiontutorials?utm_medium=email&utm_source=SFMC&utm_campaign=coronavirus_March2020&utm_content=270154
- Students should also check that their calculator is on the list of those approved for CIMA exams. <https://cima-planner-production.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/8de02473eded4f8baef2a5ed88cc524c.pdf>
- Students who had an exam booked at a centre may need to cancel this booking before they can book an exam via remote proctoring.

ICAEW

- An update on exams is expected on Friday 24th of April
- Recent exam results across FI Cambridge and Chelmsford were very good. Students should contact their tutor if they need any help with next steps.

AAT

- We were joined by Daniel Winterburn from the AAT.

Daniel shared links to the AAT's coronavirus hub <https://www.aat.org.uk/about-aat/coronavirus-update> and their resources hub <https://www.aat.org.uk/about/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>

- Assessments are suspended until further notice, but Daniel assured students that these will be restarted as soon as it is safe and government advice allows.
- The AAT have announced a free three-month extension to their membership terms for many of their students who have been unable to sit assessments due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- The AAT are discussing alternatives to in-centre assessments with their regulatory body OFQUAL. Any solution will need to work across all types of students including those who may wish to use their qualification to gain entry to university. An OFQUAL announcement is imminent.
- Daniel confirmed that the AAT are considering the impact of increased demand, continuing social distancing requirements post lockdown and availability of synoptic windows, as part of their ongoing discussions.

First Intuition Update

- First Intuition are offering AAT revision sessions aimed at students who wish to maintain their knowledge while assessments are suspended.
- Students should contact their Tutor or benbullman@fi.co.uk or davidmalthouse@fi.co.uk for more details about these revision sessions.
- Students who have already sat modules can also use the online material available in their My FI account in ROGO. We can extend access if necessary.
- Students who are close to the end of their level and wish to discuss options for moving on are encouraged to contact Ben, David or their tutor.