



## First Intuition Training Programme Prospectus

At First Intuition, we provide expert classroom courses and apprenticeship programmes in the heart of Maidstone, Canterbury and Gatwick.

# Introducing First Intuition

Whatever your ambitions, we have an accountancy pathway that fits.

We offer courses from entry-level introductions in accounting to AAT, ACCA and ICAEW qualifications and apprenticeship programmes. Our courses build the technical knowledge and real-world skills employers value.

Here at First Intuition, we understand the importance of high quality teaching using first class learning materials, a flexible online learning platform and providing complete out of class study support to our students.

## Apprenticeship Programmes at First Intuition

We offer apprenticeships across our First Intuition Maidstone, Canterbury & Gatwick centres. Apprenticeship programmes provide practical training and knowledge required for students to become an efficient and effective member of a team.

Apprentices at FI are supported by dedicated apprenticeship coaches and access our engaging impact skills programme designed to support a full learning experience.



## Our History


First Intuition South East is part of the FI Group – a nationwide network of accountancy training centres.

Our Maidstone centre opened in July 2011 by a team of experienced accountancy tutors. We shared a common set of goals to deliver professional education across the South East. We wanted to re-focus on the core values in accountancy training. This resulted in the provision of a first class, high quality experience both in and out of the classroom for students and clients alike. This was and continues to be our passion.

## Our Mission

**Our mission is two-fold.** Firstly, to help individuals develop their vocational skills and maximise their potential by achieving their educational and career goals. Secondly, to provide companies with qualified, motivated, well-rounded employees who can add value and contribute to the goals of the business.

We do this by providing excellent teaching, innovative learning and first class customer service that meets the needs of both learners and companies. Teaching is delivered by highly competent specialist staff using top quality learning materials within a high quality, safe learning environment.

 *Whoever you are and whatever you want to do in your life using accountancy as a platform, we are bound to have a course that is right for you.*



"Having specialised in the provision of accountancy training in the South East since 2000, I have seen many hundreds of students qualify. It is being a big part of these success stories that motivates us, provides us with our job satisfaction, and ultimately, why we love what we do.

Some of those students have then progressed in their careers, and in many cases gone on to become line managers or training partners themselves, sending their students to First Intuition to study with us - a circle of success.

We are always striving to ensure that every student receives the best learning experience and has every opportunity to succeed, with our support and combined with their own hard-work - a real team effort all round."

**- Ian Fidock, Managing Director**

## Testimonials

We obviously think that we're fantastic, but instead of taking our word for it... Please see below some of the comments made by our students.

"I am very happy with everything at First Intuition overall. I hugely appreciate all the time put into me and that it is as important to you as it is to me to pass.

It's the most comfortable I've ever felt with a training provider, where I actually feel like a person not a number."

**- First Intuition ACCA Student**

"The best customer service, by far, of all the providers in this field.

You can actually speak to a person, not a robot, who is prompt and helpful."

**- First Intuition Student, Abigail Grove**

"Very good course, Harvey was an enthusiastic tutor who made learning more interesting.

Good reference to exam questions."

**- First Intuition ACCA Student**

"The courses were great and of high quality, with the course notes containing a lot of detailed information, to then be simplified in the revision notes which I found very beneficial. The question banks were also perfect as they contained a great volume of questions and mocks to help me study.

The tutors were all fantastic too. Not only were they very knowledgeable and great at teaching the courses, but they were also very supportive outside of college and friendly on a personal level too. During tougher times with exam resits, they also went the extra mile for me by having either one-to-one sessions or helping me focus on areas I struggled with, leading me to build my confidence again and get through them."

**- Sam Bonnett, L7 Accounting and Taxation Professional**



# Your Study Options

## Classroom

Our classroom courses give you the very best chance of passing your exams first time. We supply all relevant study materials and tutor support right up until the date of the exam.

Our classroom courses can be shorter than those of our college competitors because we focus on exam requirements and our tutors are experienced, subject experts. We also use past exam questions from day one of the course.

We include full online resources with every classroom course so you can review, recap and re-enforce your knowledge.

Our tutors at First Intuition Maidstone, Canterbury & Gatwick are all locally based, qualified accountants – with many years experience teaching professional accountancy courses.

All courses will include our tutors contact information. This means students can contact tutors that are on hand with any queries they may have.

We also have a dedicated customer service team that are on-hand to help you with any enquiries you have.



## Tuition courses

Tuition courses cover the entire syllabus, teaching you topic by topic using exam standard lecture examples. We use past exam questions right from the start so you know what is expected of you in the real exam.

Our tuition courses are held in our purpose built classrooms providing the perfect learning environment.

## Revision courses

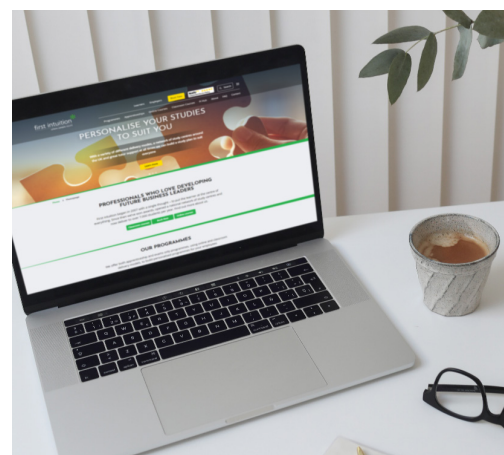
Revision courses focus on timed question practice and exam technique with full tutor debriefs. These take place about 1 month before the exams.

## Online

Our online courses are an alternative to a classroom course for those with limited study leave. Our recorded lectures cover the entire syllabus and include worked lecture examples.

All online content is accessed via our FI Learning Platform. We also provide a complete set of study material, including our own study guide and course notes.

For full details of what's included, please refer to the online course information on our website.



# Our Courses

## AAT

### Course Levels

Level 2, Level 3 & Level 4

### Duration

12 - 18 Months Per Level

The AAT is one of the UK's leading Accountancy body offering entry level qualifications. The AAT is open to all, regardless of age or experience, there is a place that anyone can start their accountancy studies with the AAT.

What's more, First Intuition is the UK's leading AAT provider, with outstanding student success rates.

At First Intuition, we're proud of our outstanding pass rates as well as the great learning experiences that our students say we provide.

**We are an Approved Assessment Centre.**

## ACCA

### Course Levels

Level 7

### Duration

3 to 3.5 Years for Full Qualification

ACCA has a worldwide reputation for excellence and their rigorous qualifications are recognised and respected across the globe.

Wherever your interests lie, a career in accountancy has you covered.

From business to beauty, film to fashion, every industry needs finance professionals. With an ACCA qualification from First Intuition to your name, you'll open the door to a world of opportunity.

**We are a Platinum Status Provider.**

## ICAEW

### Course Levels

Level 4 CFAB & Level 7

### Duration

3 to 3.5 Years for Full Qualification

ICAEW is a world leading professional membership organisation that promotes, develops and supports chartered accountants and students worldwide.

ICAEW offers qualifications that cover a range of specialist areas across accountancy, finance and business, which will help you develop and enhance your career.

We design our courses to not only achieve great pass rates (we consistently and significantly exceed Institute averages) but also to create great learning experiences.

**We have Approved Learning Partner Status.**

# Apprenticeships for Students

We believe apprenticeships offer a significant opportunity for apprentices. Our apprentices come from a range of backgrounds, vary in age and are at various stages of their careers.

We work with students to develop their individual technical and all-round skills that help businesses to thrive and grow.

We offer a range of accounting and leadership programmes with different entry levels and responsibilities that allow individuals and businesses to develop the skills they need.

We believe an apprenticeship offers a real alternative to the standard routes of work or higher education. Combining the best of both worlds, they give you the chance to develop skills and knowledge that are directly related to your chosen industry whilst also earning a salary.



## Reasons to consider an apprenticeship

### ► Earn while you study

As an apprentice, you'll earn a real wage whilst studying. With no debts to deal with once you've completed your training, you'll be financially better off.

### ► Specific training

Each apprenticeship is built for a specific job role ensuring you get relevant training.

### ► Development opportunities

As an apprentice, you'll receive investment from your employer to boost your career. With the emphasis on training in the skills employers want, you'll be ahead of the game.

### ► Value added training

An apprenticeship is all about personal development. With training targeting the specific skills your employer has identified as the most important to them, an apprenticeship will add real value to you.

### ► Structure & Coaching

As an apprentice, your studies will be fully structured giving you a clear study route complimented by a Skills & Development Coach. Your coach will act as a direct point of contact who will support and guide you through your programme.

# Apprenticeships for Employers

At FI Maidstone, Canterbury & Gatwick, we work hard with our employers on a personal basis to ensure your business has all the information to hand.

We have everything you need to know on accounting apprenticeships and how they can work for you.

## Apprenticeships Available



**Level 2 Accounts Assistant**



**Level 3 Assistant Accountant**



**Level 4 Accounting Technician**



**Level 7 Professional Accountant**

## Apprenticeship Funding

All our apprenticeships may be eligible for Levy and Non-Levy funding as well as other government incentives. This means whether you are a small business or a large business, you could receive funding that supports the cost of the training, as well as grants for hiring apprentices.

If you're not sure what any of this means or want to know if you are eligible, our team at FI are always happy to help with any information you may need.

## Why Hire An Apprentice?

We believe that apprenticeships are a great way to train and up-skill your teams for the challenges of the future.

Common feedback from clients regarding apprenticeships are:

- **Greater job satisfaction**
- **Positive return on investment**
- **Increased productivity**
- **Improved staff retention**
- **Tailored skill sets**
- **Increased productivity**



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## Our Locations in Kent and West Sussex

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