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Our students enjoy success

SUCCESS: From left, Tonia Conway-Hyde, Pitman Training directors Jazz Chateau and David Morris, Jenny Robinson, Jo Clements and Fred Davis. Picture by Paul Jackson 33282201



Do you want to improve your skills in a relaxed atmosphere, at your own pace and at times to suit you? The Pitman Training Centre in New Street, Worcester, offers all these things and with a 97 per cent success rate you can't go wrong. With their experience in education and business, directors Jazz Chateau and David Morris are on hand six days of the week to help people achieve their career ambitions. Ms Chateau said: "This is something that gets you somewhere. We feel this is the right avenue for us to support people and that is why our success rate is so good." Pitman Training offers a huge range of courses ranging from computer basics to secretarial diplomas. It also includes tuition in finance, book-keeping, accounts, Microsoft Office intensive courses, web design and personal self-development. Corporate

training includes bespoke courses tailored to employers' needs such as customer service and time management. After a one-to-one consultation with the directors a student's needs are tailored to a specific course. The courses start whenever the student wants them to, so there is no waiting around for the start of a new term and they are completed at a student's own pace. The centre is open until 8pm, two evenings a week and on Saturdays; so for working people or stay-at-home mums there will always be a slot they can find to study. There are no formal lessons. Students work through their qualification in a relaxed atmosphere but the directors of Pitman Training are always on hand to help. The success of this relatively new training centre has just been recognised by Worcestershire's acute hospital trust which has chosen Pitman

to train its staff. Ms Chateau said: "In addition we would like to introduce the management professional course aimed at those taking their first steps into management but don't have time to attend traditional management courses. "The aim is to allow them to choose and follow specific units which, when added to the core modules, will build into a post graduate qualification endorsed by the ILM and the Chartered Management Institute and developed with Edexcel and the University of Stirling. "The approach to learning is flexible with support of on-line tutors." Courses are offered at competitive rates so anyone considering getting a new skill or improving an existing one, should contact Jazz Chateau or David Morris for a free, no obligation chat and trial. For more information call 01905 20443 or visit pitman-training.com/worcester. **LUCY TATCHELL**

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Executive PA	7 Wks	Teeline Shorthand for beginners	60 Hrs

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TESTIMONIALS: STUDENTS' PRAISE FOR PITMAN TRAINING

After spending 11 years living in Australia, 36-year-old **Jenny Robinson** decided to return home to Pershore last year. She quickly enrolled on book-keeping and accounting courses and completed her diplomas within three months. She said: "It has got me into the British way of thinking and I came out of it more complete. My life is only just beginning."

After a long and varied career in engineering, 64-year-old **Fred Davis** lost his job when the company he worked for went into liquidation. He said: "I did not want to work for anybody else any more and I

was too old for the few jobs that were around. "My son-in-law wanted someone to do the books for his company so I thought I would take it on." Mr Davis has now completed the Pitman's essential book-keeping award and works as a freelance book keeper.

Experienced officer manager **Sandra Smith** was devastated when she discovered the office she worked in was closing and that she would lose her job. But before her last day, the 59-year-old had already started courses at Pitman Training. She said: "Coming here kept me focused. I met some lovely

people and it made me feel as if it was worth something and it kept the grey matter going." Mrs Smith completed several courses and managed to update her skills base. She has now found another job and believes without the help of Pitmans she would still be collecting job seekers' allowance.

Sian Williams wanted holiday employment before going off to university. She said: "I used the four weeks between receiving my A-level results and going to university to study for a fast-track Microsoft diploma. I achieved distinctions in all five courses in the four weeks."

Training contract won by centre

PITMAN Training Centre in Worcester has secured an important commission to provide Worcestershire Acute NHS Trust with training. Jazz Chateau and David Morris, both directors of the company in New Street, Worcester, said they were delighted after being successful in providing specialist administrative training and seminars for such a prestigious organisation. Mr Morris said: "We believe that this success has been achieved because, during the negotiations we listened to

what the trust wanted for its staff and how it would benefit the organisation. "Pitman Training, nationally and the Worcester centre, take great pride in providing courses using high quality staff with professionally produced materials at a clients' convenience." Pitman Training in Worcester has worked closely with staff in different departments to facilitate the skills training necessary which enables administrative staff to provide an even better service to the medical teams and members of the public. After 170 years

Pitman Training is well-experienced in providing bespoke and tailored training to corporate companies and individuals, alike. Mr Morris said: "All of our courses lead to nationally-recognised qualifications, this, along with our flexibility of learning are the key ingredients to our success. "Since we started the branch in Worcester we have ensured that through out high standards we have been able to secure accredited status for OCR, IAB and other national examining bodies."

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Taster course for men who want to teach primary pupils

FIGURES revealed in March through the Freedom of Information Act show that one in four primary schools have no male teachers at all.

In an attempt to close this gender gap the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) has launched a campaign to encourage more men to train to become primary school teachers. Practical measures include teacher tasting courses specifically aimed at men thinking about primary teaching.

Evidence suggests that boys in particular benefit enormously from positive male role models at school, both in terms of future behaviour and academic attainment, and research

carried out by the Training and Development Agency for Schools shows that both pupils and parents want to see more male teachers in the classroom.

A poll carried out by the TDA last year found more than 35 per cent of boys felt having a male primary teacher challenged them to work harder at school. About 50 per cent said they were more likely to have asked a male teacher for help over bullying or problems with school work.

Local teacher training company the Robert Owen Society is encouraging more men into primary teaching by organising a three-day teaching taster course on October 12-14. The course, which is funded by the Training and Development

Agency for Schools, aims to give men an insight into the teaching profession and to find out what it's like working in a school. The course intends to support the appropriate representation of male class teachers within primary schools.

John Turrell, director of learning at the Robert Owen Society, said: "Education is not only about academic achievement but it is also about preparation for adulthood, and with just over one in 10 primary school teachers being male, there is a need to attract men into primary teaching to create a mix of role models in the classroom."

For more information e-mail info@robertowen.org or telephone the Robert Owen Society on 01568 615510.

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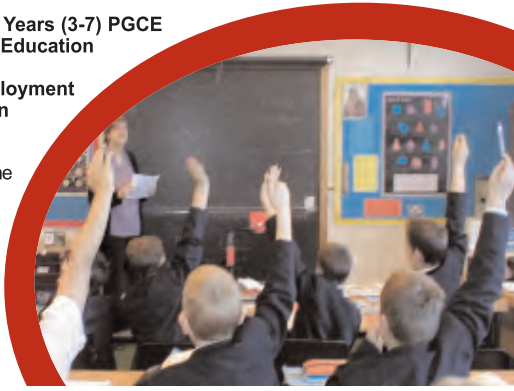
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New bus company will be offering a diamond service

BUS passengers in Worcester will have a long-awaited alternative when Red Diamond hits the streets on September 1.

The company will launch two commercial routes, including weekend night buses, on service 30 (Dines Green) and 31 (University, Henwick Park and Warndon) as well as operating tendered services on behalf of Worcestershire County Council.

Diamond is looking for dynamic people to help the operation grow and give the people of Worcester an excellent bus service.

The company will be needing qualified bus drivers and mechanics.

Potential drivers should hold a category D on their driving licence, be smart in appearance,



VACANCIES: Bus drivers and mechanics needed at Diamond.

have an outgoing friendly personality and not be afraid to

go the extra mile. Mechanics interested in vacancies at the company's new depot in Droitwich should be skilled or semi-skilled but experience in HGV/PCV is essential.

Operations manager Stephen Bryce is looking forward to launching the new network in September.

He said: "With the current economic climate many companies are cutting jobs but here at Diamond we're expanding our network, providing local jobs for local people and contributing to Worcester's economy at the same time."

For an application form telephone 0121 5577337 or go to the company's website at diamondbuses.com.

The Diamond Bus Company is a leading operator covering an area from the Black Country down to Redditch and into Birmingham.

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Salon moves and needs more staff

ONE of Worcesters longest established hair salons, The Cutting Edge, has moved and can now be found at Reindeer Court in the heart of the city centre.

David Ching, the owner, is looking to add great and talented self-employed staff who want to exceed their current income and expand their creativity.

Mr Ching has had a successful salon for 21 years and his unrivalled reputation means clients travel from miles around.

The new salon is 2,500 square ft in size has exposed beams and rafters and is one of the largest in Worcester.

Mr Ching said it was too good an opportunity to turn down. The Cutting Edge will

continue to offer the best hair design and service in the most characteristic of settings.

Plans are underway to create a competition-style team ensuring the salon is the place to be during the coming months.

If you want to make more money then this is the one for you so give Mr Ching a call on 01905 613200.

the cutting edge salon

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