

Information from the Career's Desk.

UMAT Testing

As mentioned in previous newsletters students who are considering in studying **Medicine, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy** at Monash University or **Dental Science, Physiotherapy, Oral Health or Optometry** at the University of Melbourne (or Medical courses at Interstate Universities) must complete a UMAT test. This test is on Wednesday 30th July and will be held at the University of Melbourne. **Registration for the UMAT test is now open and close at 5pm on Friday 6th June.**

Registration is available online only and students need to have access to an email address where all return information will be sent to. The cost of the test is \$160 and must be paid at the time of registration either by credit card or by money order.

Many private organisations offer testing courses or printed material at a range of prices but we cannot support or recommend any of these companies nor does the consortium that runs the UMAT tests. We do, however, recommend the preparation material that can be purchased at the time of registration. For further information and registration students should view <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

Are you interested in being an Engineer?

Engineering Australia has organised an Expo for current and future Engineering students. The expo will be held on Thursday 17th April at the Melbourne Town Hall between 3:00pm and 7:00pm. The expo will have free seminars about the different forms of Engineering as well as recruitment information. This expo is especially useful for students who are already studying engineering but it may assist students who are not sure about the type of engineering that they wish to study or about the job prospects in the engineering industry. For further information view <http://www.vic.engineersaustralia.org.au/events/expo.html>

Are you interested in becoming an Accountant?

An alternative to studying Accountancy full time at University is combining your studies with work in the form of a Cadetship. KPMG recruits Yr 12 students to participate in their Cadetship program. Their program provides students with the opportunity to combine work and study in the pursuit of becoming an Accountant. KPMG are conducting three information nights between 6:00pm and 8:00pm on Wednesday 14th May, Monday 26th May and Wednesday 28th May at 147 Collins Street, Melbourne. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. To register: gradmelb@kpmg.com.au or phone 1800 000 479.

Please note that applications for the Cadetship program close Wednesday 18th June.

If you are unable to attend but would like more information about the Cadetship program students should view www.kpmg.com.au

Are you interested in alternative Medicine? Have you considered Chinese Medicine?

RMIT is the largest educator of Chinese Medicine in Australia. On Wednesday 30th April at their city campus RMIT are conducting an information session about their course which is approved by the Chinese Medicine Registration Board, allowing graduates to practice upon graduation in both Australia and overseas. The lecture will offer students the opportunity to learn more about Chinese Medicine and to speak the RMIT staff about study and career opportunities. For further information contact Sandy Ebell on 9925 7746 or by email sandy.ebell@rmit.edu.au

Maths and Apprenticeships

Recently a student asked about what mathematics they should do in future years. When I inquired to what they thought they might like to do in the future the reply was “I only want to get an apprenticeship so I think I should only do the lowest level of mathematics.”

This student was incorrect. Firstly, mathematics is not compulsory after Yr 10. Secondly, if they wish to do senior mathematics, a student should always do the highest level of mathematics that they are capable. If students think that they don't need to do mathematics because they are going to be an apprentice they are going to be in for a big shock. RMIT offer an electrical pre-apprenticeship course and applicants need to pass a mathematics test to get into the course. If students want to see a sample of the mathematical aptitude test that is required by RMIT they should come and see us in the careers room. The test involves a lot of algebra, measurement, transposing formulas and unit conversion.

I would also encourage parents to ask their child's mathematics teacher about what level of mathematics they should continue with next year at the next parent/student/teacher night.

TIS Excursion for Yr 12

Students who were interested in attending the excursion to LaTrobe University on the 29th April were given permission forms during homeroom in the first week back this term. These forms need to be returned to their homeroom teachers by Friday 18th April.

Yr 12 Interviews

We will finish interviewing the Yr 12's in the first few weeks of this term. We would remind students that they do need to attend their interview and if they are unable to attend then common courtesy would suggest that students would let us know before their scheduled time. Parents are more than welcome to attend these interviews with their child.

If parents have any questions about career information you can now email us on careers@assumption.vic.edu.au

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