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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ACCA EXAMINATION FOCUSED LECTURING TEAM AT DBS



JAMES BROWNE FCCA, Dip IFR, Adv Dip (T&D)
DBS ACCA Course Director
Paper Specialist: F2, F7 & P2
34 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Ireland with F7 & P2 students
achieving 1st places in Ireland in the June 2008 examinations

Prior to lecturing full-time, James gained valuable commercial accountancy experience in a range of roles from public practice to multi-national industry. James is an expert in his chosen fields of financial reporting and management accounting and has been preparing students for professional accountancy exams for 17 years. All this experience means that James knows what it takes to pass the ACCA exams.

Exam success requires work in class, study at home, a bit of luck on the day and the secret ingredient: the game-plan. James will help you develop your personal game-plan for passing each paper in a way that makes the subject come alive. James has taught many prizewinning students including a first place in the world, and his students have consistently achieved high pass rates. However, his teaching style is focused on ensuring all students are given the knowledge and techniques they need to achieve at least that magic 50%!



BILL KIRWAN BA, HDIP (Education), MSc (Mgmt)
Paper Specialist: F1
21 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Ireland

Bill has extensive industry and academic experience, working in a variety of senior management positions over the last 25 years. He also has lecturing experience in the areas of general management, strategic management as well as people management and its related disciplines.

Given the sheer breadth of the material on this syllabus, Bill encourages students to develop a systematic understanding of the syllabus. His interactive and focused teaching style and presentation aims at developing such an understanding whilst also allowing students to relate this to their own experience. All of the classes including the revision and QBR days incorporate exam material and simulate a real exam situation, emphasising that practice will lead to exam success.



PATRICK LYNCH: FCCA
Paper Specialist: F3 & F9
7 Worldwide Prizewinners & 6 Placings with three students achieving Joint 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Ireland in December 2008 examinations

Patrick has spent fifteen years lecturing ACCA and ACCA professional courses mainly in the highly competitive London market. Patrick has predominantly taught financial management and was the “Subject Specialist” for Strategic Financial Management at Kaplan Professional for over six years. In this time he has established a strong reputation for getting his students through their exams, and for them gaining top prizes in the ACCA qualification.

Over the years Patrick has honed his exam focused course notes for both F3 and F9, which he hopes will take a lot of the pain away from students studying these papers. He regularly publishes articles in the “Student Accountant”, the latest of which appeared in the June 2009 edition. Patrick is looking forward to giving students a solid foundation in Financial Accounting which will underpin their exam success and careers.



SHARON SHEEHAN BA, GDIP (BUS. ADMIN.)
Paper Specialist: F4
12 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd with two students achieving Joint 2nd & 3rd in Ireland in the December 2008 examinations and two students achieving 1st & Joint 2nd in Ireland in the June 2008 examinations

Sharon has held the position of senior lecturer with DBS for the last 12 years. Her lectures are very practically focused, encompassing real life examples of how the law applies to work undertaken by accountants. Every class encompasses discussion of sample questions and the provision of solutions – allowing the students to build up a bank of sample answers to facilitate exam revision and success. Her QBR day is solely focused on the essential primary revision topics for the next exam diet.



ADRIAN SYLVER BCOMM, MBS
Paper Specialist: F5 & P5
58 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd with one student achieving Joint 3rd in Ireland in F5 December 2008 examinations and students achieving top 3 places in Ireland on P5 in the June 2008 examinations

Adrian has held a senior lecturing position with DBS since 1995. During this time he has built up a considerable reputation for his style of delivery on ACCA programmes.

Adrian has lectured on F5 and P5 (and the equivalent papers in previous streams) for over 10 years. This experience gives Adrian a detailed knowledge of paper syllabus, examiners style and articles and previous exam papers. Added to this, Adrian’s exam and student focused approach has made him a very popular lecturer. His lectures are structured to maximise syllabus coverage, practice past exam questions and focus on any past examiner articles in the topic area. Adrian also places great emphasis on practicing exam technique and time management which are critical components of exam success.

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JULIE HAWKINS CPA
Paper Specialist: F6
47 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Ireland

Julie has been lecturing in taxation for over twenty years and has written a manual specifically for the F6 course, which she updates yearly for relevant legislation and exam focus.

Julie's delivery style focuses on the importance of you attending your classes, completing homework, and attending QBR day. She is always on hand to answer any queries you may have right up until the day of the exam. Her passion for lecturing Taxation is reflected in the fact that she is renowned as one of Ireland's top taxation lecturers. Her main aim is to ensure that at the end of your F6 journey you will enjoy this subject and ultimately achieve exam success.



CORMAC KAVANAGH ACCA, MSC FINANCE
Paper Specialist: F8, P1, P4 & P7
17 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd with two students achieving 2nd & 3rd in Ireland in P1 December 2008 examinations, and F8 student achieving Joint 1st in Ireland and a P1 student achieving 1st in Ireland in the June 2008 examinations

Cormac's focus on the practical application of theory, 'making it real' and relentless attention to exam performance techniques in pursuit of the magic 50% are repeatedly cited by students as the unique benefits of participation in his lectures. Lectures are peppered with examples drawn from his experience in practice and industry gained both in Ireland and Internationally. Students can therefore expect to profit from his first hand identification of current hot topics, and minimise the risk of exam hall surprise. Exam preparation is always entertaining with this popular and highly regarded member of the DBS ACCA lecturing team.

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PAT DALY BA, MSC, FICS
Paper Specialist: P3 & P5
29 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Ireland

Pat is an experienced and accomplished lecturer with a long-established reputation for high quality preparation and delivery of professional courses. He is renowned for his well-structured and systematic approach in the class room, supported by clear and concise lecture notes and study aids.

Due to his particular focus on the relevant examination syllabus and study guide, his students are exceptionally well prepared and can approach their examinations with well-founded confidence. Pat has the particular advantage of many years of familiarity with the style and focus of ACCA examiners, and uses this knowledge to greatly advantage students during their studies. Past questions and solutions are used extensively during both his lecture and revision programmes. Pat's revision technique makes use of innovative summation methods that greatly facilitate student learning of key examinable topics. With consistently high pass rates and a lengthy list of prizewinners and placings at both national and worldwide levels, Pat is considered by his students to be among the very best of ACCA lecturers.



DAVID CLANCY BBS, MBA, AITI
Paper Specialist: P6
8 Placings at 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Ireland

David Clancy is a Tax Consultant and a Director of Clancy & Associates. Previous to setting up his own tax consultancy business, David worked as a tax advisor in KPMG and BDO Simpson Xavier. David has lectured for both Dublin Business School and other professional accounting and tax institutes for 20 years. He has also written extensively on tax over the years for textbooks, journals and national media. As a tax consultant, David is at the "coalface" of tax and has great practical experience of the issues which the ACCA tax paper examines students on, and the key areas students need to know to pass the exams. David believes that the QBR is of critical importance to ACCA students in preparing for their exam.