



## Newsletter Introduction

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Varndean e-Learning newsletter. It seems that Audit Pro may be coming along at just the right time. With the announcement in January that the Key Stage 3 online tests were no longer compulsory and the introduction in 2008 of Functional Skills in Key Stage 4, there is a growing need for a software package that teaches, assesses and benchmarks ICT skills. Enter Audit Pro: we think you will be impressed with what it has to offer and I would urge you to take a look at it before the end of term. We have free online seminars coming up for this and for Advantage National, so visit the website to book a place.

DiDA is in a state of flux at the moment and it will be interesting to see how many of you decide to switch to the OCR National next year. Don't forget that you can swap to our Advantage National at no extra cost if you are currently using one of our subscription packages.

## Varndean News

Our team of 5 has recently become a team of 4!

Andrew Hancox, our programmer, has moved on to bigger and better things. We would like to wish Andrew the best of luck in his new position.

If you have any technical queries for any of our products please contact Andy Leggett on 01273 244314

## Seminars

John will be hosting a series of online seminars beginning at the end of May. If you wish to take part in one of these sessions, please check our website for booking details.

Advantage National Seminars are held every Wednesday at 4pm

Audit Pro Seminars are held every Thursday at 4pm

Both sessions last approx 1 hour

To book on to these sessions please visit our website <http://www.varndean.net> and click on the seminars link.

## Training

We have decided to change the way we operate our training for next year. In the past, you were entitled to 2 free sessions in your first year and then nothing in subsequent years. From next year we will be moving all of our training online and will offer free introductory sessions to anyone who needs them. These sessions will run regularly throughout the year. Other training, for example marking units, will be offered online for a nominal fee.

To book on to the training sessions please visit our website <http://www.varndean.net> and click on the training link.

## Accounts

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## advantage National

There will be two more National Units available to you by the end of the month.

Unit 3— Digital Imaging and Unit 21—Creating computer graphics are going through the final stages of testing and will be released as soon as possible.

We are working on development of Unit 2—Web creation and will then begin planning of Unit 22—Creating sound using ICT.

Please make sure you check your software regularly for update notices.

## audit Pro

The development of Audit Pro is going extremely well. The functionality list keeps growing as more suggestions come in from our Alpha Testers.

Our current release will enable you to trial the software with your teaching group on a test database. Also, create your own skills lists, groups and link groups.

The following release will allow you to add your own users and create archives of the data collected.

If you would like to join the Alpha Testing group please email Kate on

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