

20 years of our Flying Start programme

2002 - 2022

Background

The Flying Start programme was set up almost 20 years ago in partnership with Newcastle University and ICAEW. It acknowledged the important link between employers and the University, in developing high calibre students with a range of academic skills and practical work experience. The programme consists of the following attributes:

- Four year honours degree in Business, Accounting and Finance
- Small class sizes with a family feel and community
- Three integrated placements in PwC's Audit business during years 2 to 4
- Students take 12 of 15 ICAEW ACA exams as part of the degree
- Around half the technical work experience is completed that's required to qualify as a Chartered Accountant
- Graduates are made a job offer to join PwC as a Senior Associate, with a 2:1 or above

Achievements

- Over 1,000 people have joined the programme over the 20 years
- More than 650 people have joined PwC after graduation
- Since the Flying Start programme began, 98% of our students graduated with a 1st or 2:1
- The first partner promotion from this degree took place in 2020
- Alumni who reached their own personal career milestones at PwC have gone on to have exciting high-profile careers at a variety of FTSE350 companies
- Roles achieved include Finance Director, Head of Group Finance and Head of Audit
- Some alumni have used their experience from the degree to run their own companies
- There are numerous ICAEW exam prizes awarded for various exceptional exam performance
- Luke Jones (2021 graduate) was awarded the Tattersall-Walker prize in the ICAEW International Order of Merit 2021

The Future

We are looking forward to hopefully another 20 years!

Continuing to focus on collaboration being the key to the success of the degree with all three partners the ICAEW, PwC and University focusing on delivering well rounded, ambitious and resilient professionals.

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September 2002
Programme Launch



First intake of Flying Start students join Newcastle University!

Students join PwC offices for first placement throughout the UK in the audit Line of Service



December 2003
First students on placement

July 2006
First students graduate



First students complete the degree and look to join PwC as full-time employees

Students complete final 3 ACA exams and are now fully qualified ICAEW chartered accountants



September 2007
First students to be ACA qualified

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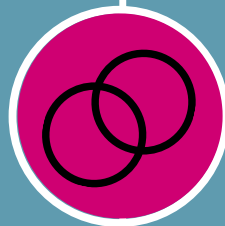
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September 2007
Five years of Flying Start!



First milestone reached with the degree hitting 5 years

The first couple who met on the Flying Start Degree tied the knot!



August 2012
First Flying Start marriage

September 2012
Ten years of Flying Start!



Newcastle Flying Start Degree reaches 10 years of the programme

First Flying Start couple have a baby (will the be an accountant too!?)



March 2013
First Flying Start baby

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September 2017
Fifteen years of Flying Start!



Newcastle Flying Start Degree reaches 15 years of the programme

First Flying Start partner into audit



July 2020
First student promoted to Partner

Newcastle Flying Start Degree hits and amazing milestone of 20 years



September 2022
Twenty years of Flying Start!