

## Sage Qualifications and globalbridge: the future of connecting to education.



In response to the impacts of COVID-19 for students, schools, colleges and employers alike, Sage Qualifications has partnered with globalbridge to revolutionise engagement with education and early talent.

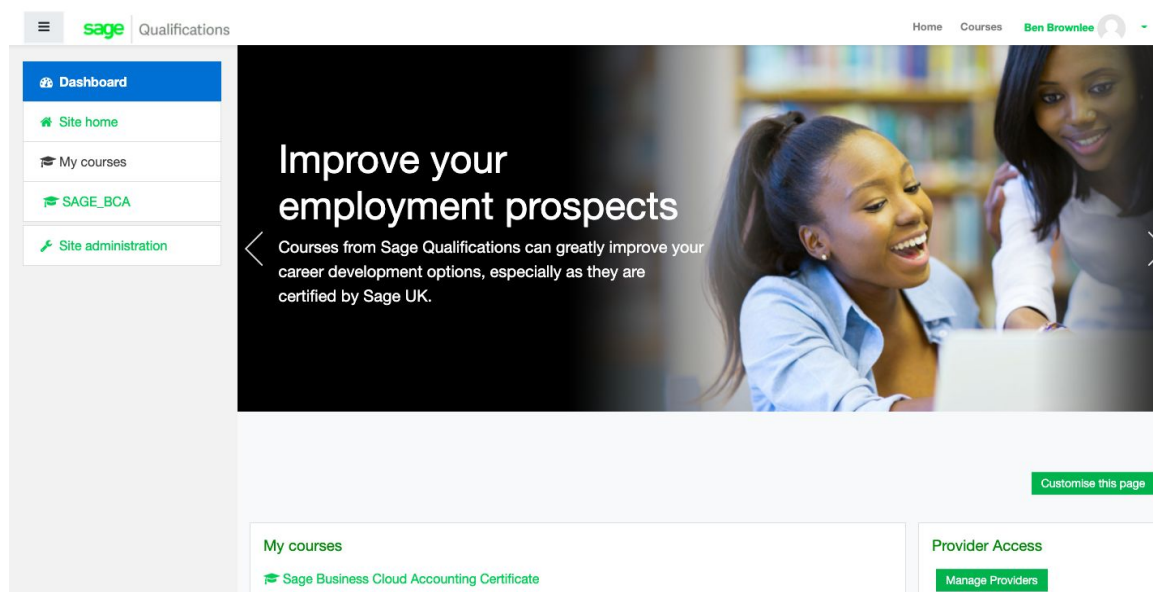
Using a dedicated course which is **free at the point of access** and exclusive to globalbridge members, the Introduction to Sage Business Cloud Accounting Certificate gives young people hands-on experience with Sage's market leading software.

This simple course has been developed as direct preparation for a career in modern day accounting and will help tens of thousands of talented young people on globalbridge to begin exploring their future careers. The digital course can be studied independently and remotely, through a variety of exciting rich media, involving informative video content and engaging activities that provide invaluable real-world experience following based on typical business activity.

*“Last year, Sage – through globalbridge – invited a number of schools located close to its Newcastle HQ to be involved in a pilot programme of its accounting software. My sixth form economists jumped at the opportunity to study beyond the taught curriculum, enhance their UCAS applications, and acquire an accountancy qualification. At that time, distance learning for school aged children was relatively unheard of; however, during Covid-19, it became the norm, and completing the online Sage Accounting qualification before lockdown gave the*

*students a head start in terms of their self-discipline, determination, and IT skills. The practical knowledge and experiences gained from completing the online qualification have subsequently enabled the students to make informed decisions about their next steps.”*

*Gavin Clarke - Head of Economics, Emmanuel College*



The Introduction to Sage Business Cloud Accounting Certificate course will ensure talented young people of every background get a real taste of the tools that they will need throughout their career. Completion of the course leads to a recognised award to celebrate achievement, which students can evidence on their globalbridge profiles, providing a flavour of accounting in a real-world context.

*“Sage Qualifications has created this course, which has been supported by funding from Innovate UK, and offers free Sage Business Cloud software supplied by Sage UK. The online resource has been produced in partnership with globalbridge and it is aimed at school and college students.*

*The course is delivered online and features online assessment giving immediate results. It is simple to use and is offered completely free-of-charge with the aim of increasing entrepreneurship, business skills and raising financial awareness generally among young people and to make these subjects more accessible, interesting, and engaging.*

*In developing these skills in younger people we will help to tackle some of the challenges we face together as a Global Britain, to move forward and recover from COVID-19 - where business and entrepreneurial skills will be increasingly important in driving a growing post-Brexit economy.”*

*Fiona Bradley-Barlow -Director Sage Qualifications.*

globalbridge is a pioneering EdTech platform that connects talent to opportunity. Built by teachers, globalbridge connects young people & education with employers, apprenticeships,

and universities. 16,000 new students have been added to the platform during the COVID period, connecting schools across the entire country to businesses and employers. With globalbridge, Sage Qualifications has been able to respond immediately to the need for quality, industry-led experiences, and career insight in a safe and secure digital environment.

*'Sage are proud to be helping in supporting this program with globalbridge which will encourage the entrepreneurs of the future to take their first steps'*

*Tim O'Reilly Qualifications Manager Sage UK*

**Employers - Get started with globalbridge and supercharge your engagement with early talent. Visit us at <https://www.myglobalbridge.com/employers>**

**Are you a *school or college* interested in offering the Sage Certificate to your students? Get in touch with us now – visit us at <https://www.myglobalbridge.com/schools> or email the team on [hello@myglobalbridge.com](mailto:hello@myglobalbridge.com)**