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★Your CIPD course

★Your career





Why am I telling you all this?

Why me?



- ★Coventry & Warwickshire branch committee
- ★Student rep
- ★Level 7 Advanced Diploma 2016-2018
- ★No previous academic background





Why me?





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Why me?

- Some of this is 'official advice' and echoes what you'll hear from CIPD
- ★Some of this is definitely unofficial don't tell CIPD!
- **★All** of this will help you





Your course

Getting through the course with the best results for the least effort

- ★Study time
- ★ Your text books
- **★**Writing assignments
- ★Getting feedback
- ★The exams





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Finding time to study

- Finding time to *"I'll do it in my spare time"
 - ★How much spare time do you actually have?
 - ★ You fill every minute
 - **★**You will not **find** time
 - ★ You must **make** time





study

- Making time to ★Why are you taking this course?
 - ★For work!
 - ★When should you be studying?





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 - ★When should you be studying?
 - During the working day!





Making time to study

"But I'm too busy"

- Why are you taking this course?
 - ★For work!
 - ★When should you be studying?
 - **★**During the working day!

"But my boss expects..." "But I don't have the authority"

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Do you still want to be here in another 10 years?





If you're doing this to benefit your job...



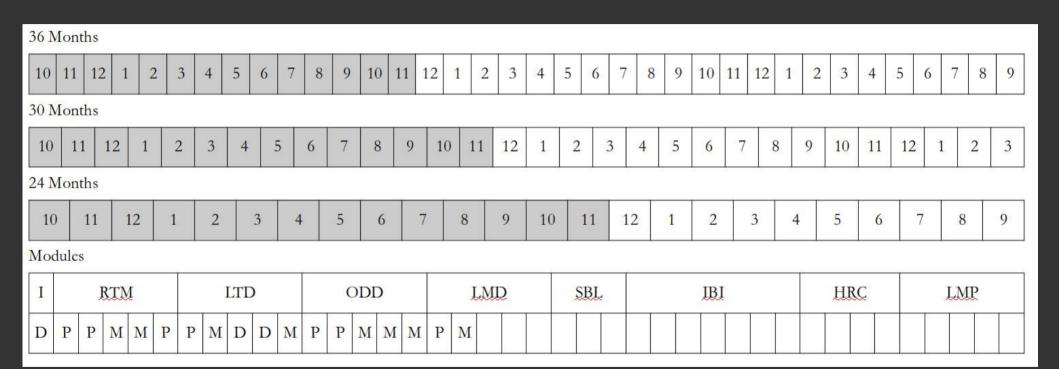


Then this IS your job





Make a study schedule







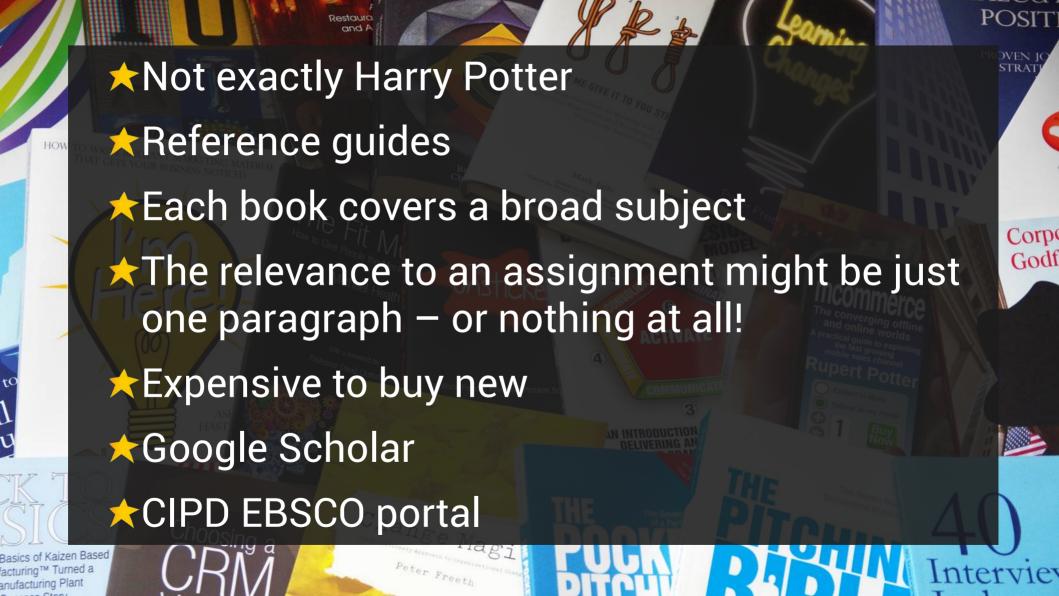
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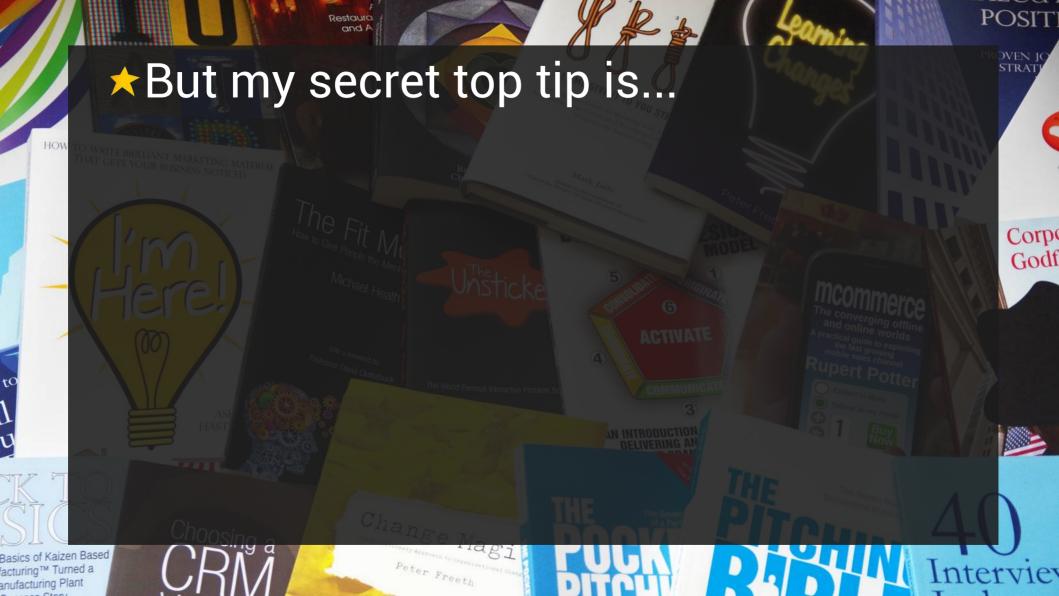


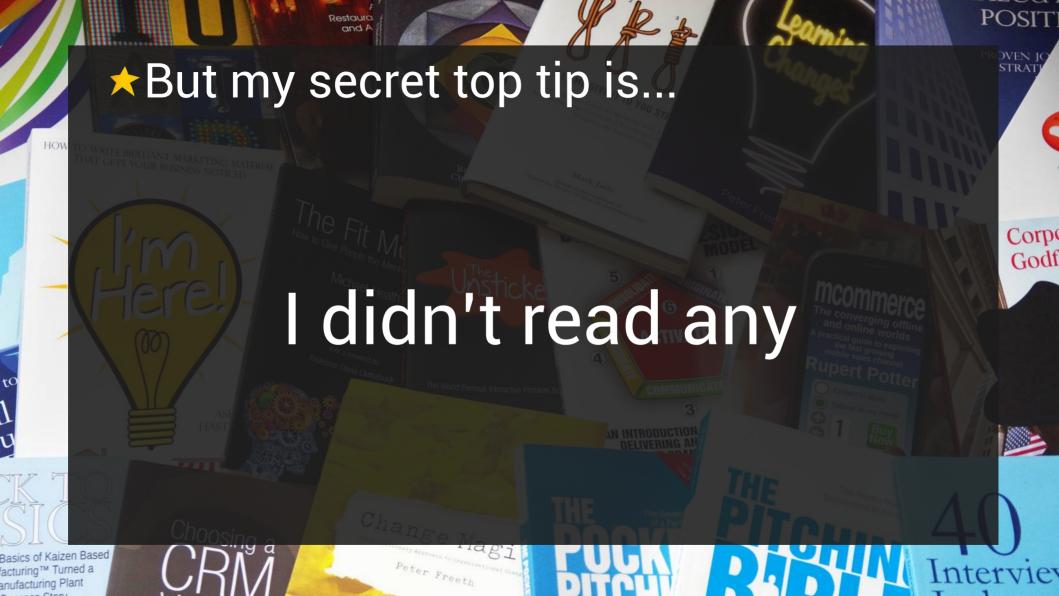




Textbooks







Assignments

The first rule for assignments





Read the question





The second rule for assignments





Read the question





Assignments are easy

(If you read the question)

- ★Everything you need to know is in the question
- ★Stop every 2 3 paragraphs and check the question
- ★Be ruthless with yourself
- ★Are you wandering off topic?
- **★**You don't get points for that!





Assignments are easy

(If you read the question)

- ★If you're trying to make your assignments perfect then you are missing the point
- ★You don't learn by being perfect first time
- ★You're not marking the assignment





It doesn't matter what you think







The certificate has no grade!

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has been awarded the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development

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Assignments are easy

(If you use the feedback)

- ★Use the formative assignments for feedback
- ★Write anything!
- ★Rewrite based on tutor feedback
- ★They will help you to pass!





The third rule for assignments





Demand feedback





Assignments are easy

(Although some are strange)

- Most modules follow the same assignment format
- ★ Some are different
- ★SBL and IBI seem to cause the most trouble





★"What should I include?"

SBL tips





★"What should I include?"

SBL tips

Everything





SBL tips

- ★You don't lose points for putting in too much
- ★You gain points for showing that you have a personal development plan
- ★Include reading, online research, work training, CIPD branch events, meeting notes



"What topic should I choose for my project?"





"What topic should I choose for my project?"

It doesn't matter





- ★You're not being assessed on your choice of subject
- ★You're being assessed on your approach

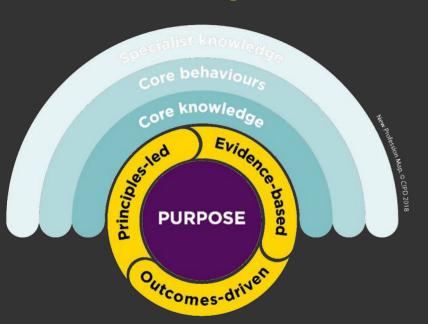




- ★Choose any subject that you can connect to HR
- ★Keep the subject as narrow as possible





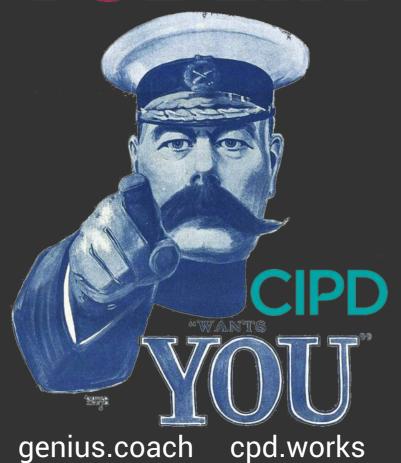


- ★Identify a problem
- ★Gather relevant data
- ★Interpret that data
- ★Compare to research
- **★**Balanced conclusions
- ★Informed recommendations
 - Cost and impact



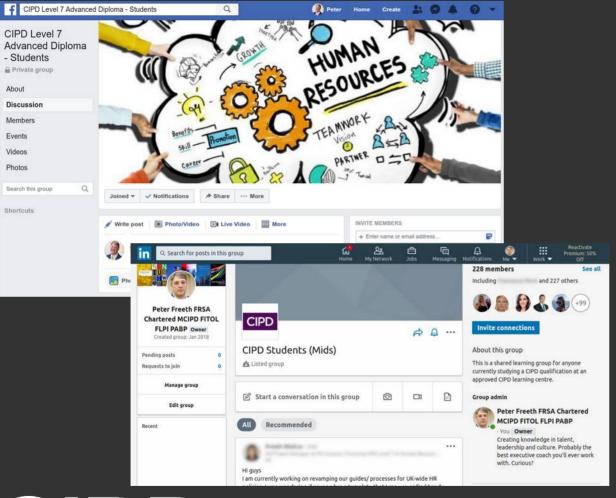


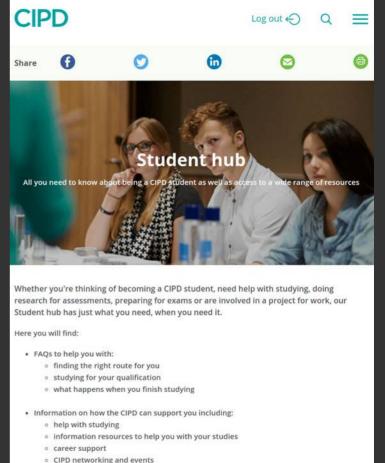
Use the resources



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The exams

The exams are easy!

(If you prepare)





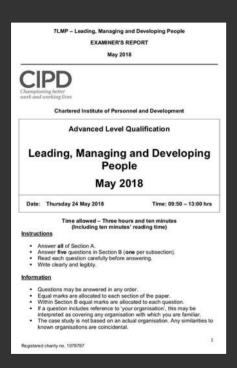
Exam prep webinar

- ★The CIPD wants you to pass!
- ★The webinars are run by examiners
- ★They will basically tell you how to pass the exam
- ★Sign up even if you can't attend





Past papers



- Exam questions are recycled
- ★Practice writing your answers
- ★Review against the examiner's report





Time yourself



- ★Time yourself exam conditions
- ★You don't know how fast you can hand write
- ★You don't know how much you can write in the exam
- ★Pace yourself in the exam
- ★Work out how long to spend on each answer



Case studies

- ★You'll receive your case studies ahead of the exam
- ★They contain all the clues you need for the exam
- ★You won't know the questions
- ★Research your facts & stats
- ★Look up recent case law



References and statistics

- ★An easy way to gain extra points
- ★Remember as many as you can
- ★Not easy when they're meaningless...





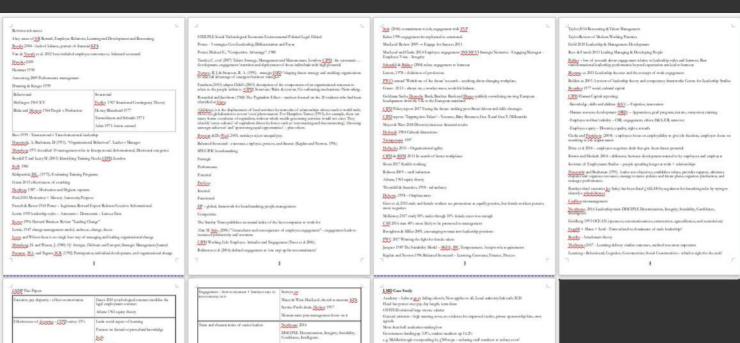
References and statistics



- ★Make a list: Subject/Name/Year
- ★Categorise your references
- Rewrite, recite, repeat
- Record on your phone and sing along
- ★Print blank sheets and rewrite as often as you can
- **★**Multiple memories

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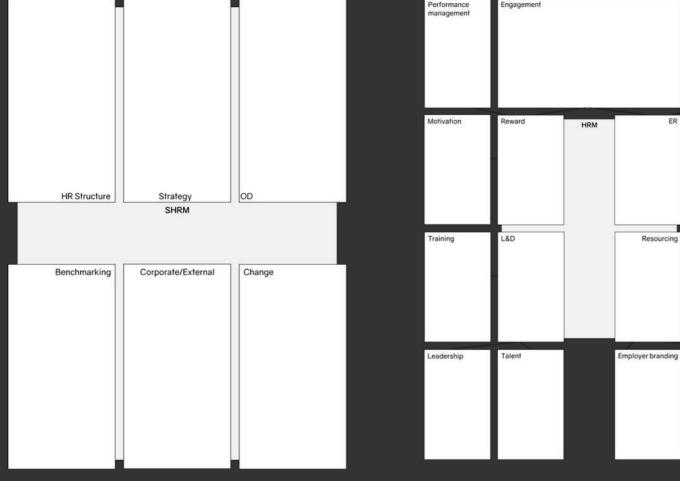


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Recruitment

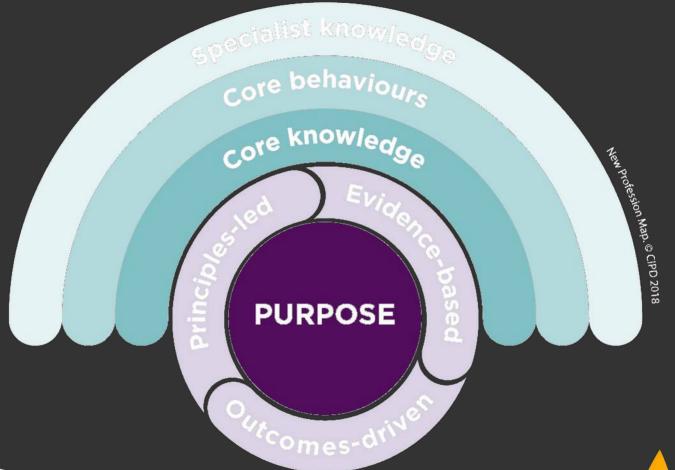
Diversity

References and statistics

- ★Keep reviewing up to the moment you enter the exam
- ★Use your 10 minutes reading time to write them on your note paper
- ★Use them as often as you can
- ★They will jog your memory
- ★Are they even checked?



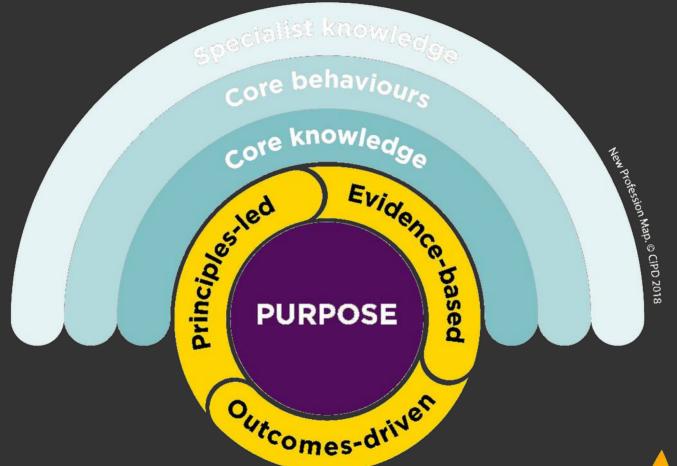






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Your career

So what?

- ★Your qualification will not open doors
- ★It will put you on a level playing field
- **Apply your knowledge**
- ★Demonstrate your value



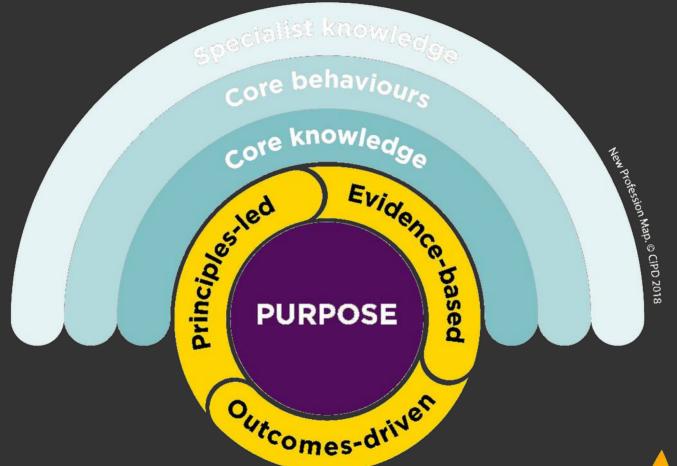


So what?

- ★If "we can't do that here" then why bother doing the qualification?
- ★Make a difference
- ★Measure your impact
- ★Write about your experiences
- ★Talk in terms of impact, not activity









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The experience trap

- ★At the start of your career, qualifications are more important
- ★Later, experience becomes more important
- ★How do you get the experience?





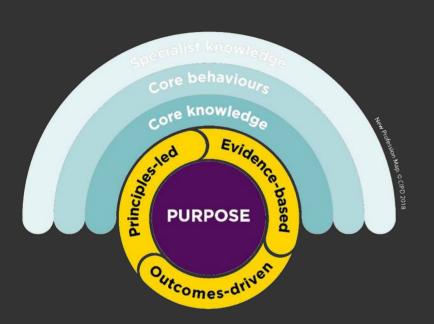
The experience trap

- ★Experience is a lazy way to predict performance
- ★Time served is not knowledge gained
- ★Don't be led into the experience trap
- **★**Focus on impact





Impact



- ★I implemented a new HRIS
- ★I saved £x
- ★I managed attendance records
- ★I increased retention and productivity by x%
- ★Push recruiters to use the new profession map



Network

- **★**Contribute to online forums
- **★**Attend branch events
- ★Network with other HR professionals
- **★**Define your identity
- ★Focus on your target role





Network

★"Ah, well, at the moment I'm a HR administrator but what I really want to do is move more into OD or maybe L&D because..."

 \star Zzzzzz

★If you don't want to do it, don't talk about it





Network

- ★"I am building my network to move into an OD role. Who can you introduce me to?"
- ★Where are you going?
- ★Who will help you to get there?
- **★**Ask them to help you





Get involved

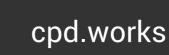
- ★Join your branch committee
- ★Be a student rep
- **★**Go to HR events
- ★Use the CIPD career hub
- \star Enter the PM awards (26/3)
- **★**Network
- **★**Upgrade

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