News in brief

Manchester Business School has launched a new part-time Global Executive MBA (GEMBA). Participants on the 20-month programme study at a number of locations around the world, including Manchester, Dubai, Shanghai and Miami. The programme aims to balance academic theory with real world business practice. There is also an additional element - GEMBA+ - a ‘customisable suite’ of extracurricular experiences that includes CEO panel debates, executive and personal coaching, personal brand enhancement and site visits. The first cohort starts the programme in July, with the final date for applications on May 5.

By 2015, MBA students may well be high achievers: Warwick Business School has submitted a planning application to locate its London base on the 17th floor of the Shard, right, London’s tallest building. The plans include two lecture theatres. WBS intends to offer its Executive MBA at the London Bridge site, as well as masters in finance and human resource management.

Satya Nadella has been appointed chief executive of Microsoft. Nadella, a long-time Microsoft employee and an MBA graduate of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business was appointed on February 4.

L’Institut Superieur du Marketing du Luxe (Sup de Luxe) in Paris is launching an MBA in global luxury management in September. The one year, full-time programme will be delivered in English, and complements the institute’s long running luxury brand marketing and international management MBA.

BNY Mellon, the global investment firm, is teaming up with Cambridge Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge to offer scholarships on the business school’s MBA and Master of Finance programmes. The firm is providing two merit-based scholarships covering a £10,000 contribution to the tuition fee. Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit a 500-word essay.

Imperial College Business School has announced details of its Imperial Global MBA, a new flexible, two-year part-time, online MBA. Most of the programme will be delivered via the school’s online learning platform, The Hub, which enables students to interact with their peers and tutors during live lectures and via online chat forums.

Surrey Business School has launched a new mentoring scheme for MBA students, designed to enhance the students' business skills and support them through their MBA. To date, 20 mentors from a range of business backgrounds have been assigned to the 22 MBA and EMBA students.

The skills I learnt helped me to see the bigger picture

Me and my MBA

Emma Shaw runs a small security firm, but it has a global reach, writes Stuart Crainer

Emma Shaw is proof that there is no standard route to an MBA. She joined the Army at 18 and became a member of the military police. She served around the world, including Cyprus, Northern Ireland and Germany. She was there when the Berlin Wall came down and was the first military policewoman to serve in the United Nations in Cyprus.

It’s a jungle out there

To survive and thrive, you need to be ahead of the pack. Warwick Business School will equip you to be just that.