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We hope you are all wrapping up warm as this arctic blast descends on us. This is the last newsletter for 2017 and we hope you have enjoyed reading the monthly updates throughout the year and have found the information we include useful if you are currently studying with us.

Everyone at DistanceLearningCentre.com hopes you have a lovely Christmas and New Year



CHRISTMAS BREAK

Just a reminder to all Learners that our tutors will be on their Christmas break from

Monday the 18th December until Wednesday the 3rd of January.

During this time, your tutor will be unavailable for tutorials and will not be answering any phone calls or emails that you send. All learners will need to make sure that they have the codes they will need for the 2 weeks that the tutors are on holiday. Your tutor will contact you beforehand and should provide you with what ever code you are working on plus the next assessment or materials code you are due to have next.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but please remember, unlike a traditional college who are shut for up to twenty weeks a year, we only close down at the Easter and Christmas periods for a total of three weeks per year.

Student Services, will only be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and therefore will be on-hand, whilst the tutors are away, to answer your general enquiries as usual.

Please note - Student Services are unable to provide you with any passwords or codes so make sure you do contact your tutor before 5pm on Friday 15th December, so that is time to respond.

NOVEMBER MODERATION

We have had 193 students go through moderation in November 2017.

Grades were reported to Ascentis the week commencing the 27th of November. The external moderation, by Ascentis, is taking place this week, with the final awards board taking place on Friday 8th Dec 2017.

Although it is a very rare occurrence, any learners, whose grades may have changed during this moderation, will be contacted individually by their tutor before Christmas to advise of any changes.

What happens next?

- You will receive an email from our Exams Officer to confirm your grades.
- Your grades will not automatically be sent to your university as they would have for a summer moderation.
- If you require a letter of results to be sent to your university, please contact Zoe, our Exams Officer, on exams@distancelearningcentre.com before the New Year.



We anticipate delivery of your certificates, from Ascentis, in early January. These will all be individually checked for accuracy and you will then receive an email from our Exams Officer as they are posted out to you

UCAS APPLICATIONS

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You may have noticed via the [Distance Learning Centre \(official\)](#) Facebook Page that some learners, who have already completed their UCAS applications and had them submitted, are now starting to receive offers for interviews or conditional places at the universities they applied to.

Can we remind all learners wishing to apply and start university in September 2018 that if you wish to meet the 15th January 2018 UCAS deadline, you must have completed and sent your application to your tutor by **5pm on Friday the 8th of December** at the very latest.

As we strive to help you have the best possible university application, your tutors need the applications by this Friday so that there is time for you to make any suggested amendments to the form before the tutors go on their Christmas break.

We will accept applications after the 8th of December 2017, however, these applications will be sent after the 15th of January deadline and so will be classed as a late application by universities.

COURSE UPDATE

DistanceLearningCentre.com started out, in 1993, offering Health related Access to HE Diplomas, but as we move towards our 25th Anniversary in 2018 we have broadened our subject offering to include Access to Business, Access to Law and Access to Construction.



Access to Business

Gives you the opportunity to apply for a degree in a range of disciplines including business management, business & finance and finance & accounting.

Business with Law click [HERE](#)

Business with English click [HERE](#)

Business with Finance click [HERE](#)



Access to Law & Legal Professions

Gives you the opportunity to apply for a degree in the Law and the Legal Professions. This can lead to a career as a solicitor or barrister, a paralegal, or in education, research, the charity and voluntary sector, or publishing.

See course details [HERE](#)



Access to Construction

Gives you the opportunity to apply for a degree across a range of professional areas in Construction and The Built Environment. These include Construction Management and Construction Project Management, Quantity Surveying, Building Surveying, Commercial Management in Construction, Construction Design and Health and Safety amongst others.

See course details [HERE](#)

FAB 5 AWARD UPDATE



As you know, we always welcome a little update from our past learners to find out what they are doing after they completed their Access to HE Diploma with us. This month we have been contacted by Nicola Theaker who was one of our Fab 5 Award winners in 2015.

Nicola successfully moderated her Access to HE Diploma (Nursing, Midwifery and Health Professions) in June 2015 whilst balancing her studies with looking after her 3 young children.

"I am now a 3rd year midwifery student at the University of Central Lancashire. The course is interesting as it uses Case Based Learning (CBL) to teach, which means that different topics are introduced and a scenario including elements of the topic is 'revealed'. The course is 50/50 uni and placement time, arranged in blocks and I really love my time out on placements.

I'm loving it and the end of the course is in sight. Pursue your dreams - I have and so glad I took this path."



FUNDRAISING EVENT



As well as studying towards her Access to Allied Health Professions Diploma, Liis Wilson (Kiska) is also in full-blown training after securing a place to run in the London Marathon in April 2018.

Kiska will be running to raise money for [SOS - Sumatran Orangutan Society](#); a registered charity which exists to protect Sumatran orangutans, their forests and their future. Sumatran orangutans are critically endangered and without urgent action, they could be the first Great Ape species to become extinct.

"Being a military spouse and having lived around the world I have met some great characters, one of those being Gemma. Gemma made me more aware of the severity of rainforest destruction, due to the mass production and unnecessary overuse of palm oil and how much it affected us all directly."

"The destruction of the rainforests is what is pushing orangutans to extinction and if we sit by and do nothing, there will be no orangutans in the wild in 10 years time. I therefore chose to run the marathon to help raise awareness of the plight of orangutans and help raise much needed funds by supporting the SOS charity."

If you would like to support Kiska and donate towards this worthwhile cause then her donation page can be found at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KiskaWilson