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Welcome to the newsletter (take 2...)! We apologise for the mistake sent out in this months newsletter earlier today- we had in fact missed out the information about Christmas closure. This has now been added.

This is our monthly newsletter that gives you some news and updates about what is going on with DistanceLearningCentre.com, our staff and our learners.

This newsletter contains important updates about the November Moderation period and closures over Christmas.

We would like to wish all of our learners a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021!

[Click here](#) for some great Christmas ideas and activities that can be done whilst keeping safe this Christmas!



Christmas Closures and Tutor Information

Just as a reminder to all learners, that tutors will be on their Christmas break from:

5pm on Friday the 18th of December until 9am on Monday the 4th January

During this time, your tutor will be unavailable for tutorials and will not be answering any phone calls or emails. All learners will need to make sure that they have the passwords for the 2 weeks whilst the tutors are on holiday.

- Your tutor will be able to provide you with the assessment password for your current unit (if you are working through the materials), plus the materials password for the unit that you are due to study next, according to your Individual Learning Plan (ILP). Or;
- If you are currently working on a unit assessment, the next materials and assessment password (according to your ILP) can be provided.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but please remember, we remain open for most of the year, apart from the Easter and Christmas periods for a total of three weeks.

Student Services will only be closed on **Christmas Day, 28th December (Substitute bank holiday for boxing day)** and **New Year's Day**, and therefore will be on hand as usual, whilst the tutors are away, to answer your general enquiries.

Please note - Student Services are **unable to provide you with any passwords** so you will need to

contact your tutor before **12pm on Friday 18th of December** to ensure you get the passwords before we close.



Coronavirus Updates

Remember to visit our Corona Virus News Page for updates!

We are constantly reviewing the impact coronavirus is having on our services, and putting in place appropriate measures to help our learners succeed.

Visit the updates page by clicking [here](#),

November 2020 Moderation

A big well done to all the learners who are currently in November Moderation, your hard work will all pay off!

The Final Awards Board, where your grades will be finalised and confirmed, is scheduled to take place in the first half of December.

We will email you once this has taken place to give you confirmation of your final grades. In the event of a grade change this will be communicated to you at this point.

In early **January 2021** Ascentis will issue your certificate and transcript of achievement to us. The documents will then be checked and dispatched to you. Your certificate will come to you by registered 1st class post (meaning it will have to be signed for) to whatever address is listed on your account.

Please make sure the address listed on your account is accurate and the address you would like your certificate to be posted to.

You can make any necessary changes by going to the 'my Account' tab on your account hub and selecting 'my Contact Details' from the drop down menu. This **MUST** be a UK address.

If you did not check your details and your certificate is sent to the wrong address there will be a reissue fee to pay in order for us to release the certificate once it has returned to us. If this is the case for you please contact exams@distancelearningcentre.com and we will explain the procedure.

If you have applied to university via UCAS it is important to remember that your grades will not automatically be updated on that system. It will be up to you to inform the university admissions team of your grades once you have received your certificate and transcript of achievement



New Tutors!

A big welcome to some new tutors who joined the DistanceLearningCentre.com team!



Hi, my name is Vicky and I am a tutor of psychology, health and social care and criminology. I have worked as a teacher and tutor of social sciences for fifteen years in a wide variety of settings, including online learning platforms and sixth form colleges. I love my job and enjoy meeting new people and helping them to achieve their goals.

In my spare time I like to surf and go on trips in our campervan! I have a young family and this keeps me busy, along with a puppy too, who keeps me active!

~Victoria England

Hi, I'm Jennifer.

I have worked in 6th Form Colleges for nearly two decades teaching Biology. I'm really enjoying now working for DistanceLearningCentre.com and the variety within my tutoring role. The learners are amazing and it's great playing a small part in their journey to a new career.

Outside of work I love to travel and go walking with my best friend and new home working buddy Buzz (my black Labrador). I also like to go trail running and last year completed my first ever trail marathon around Coniston Water. Since then I've completed a 55km ultra trail run and in July 2021 will complete

a 50mile/80km 24hr endurance challenge across
The Lakes!

~Jennifer Burgess-Thomas



My name is Jodie, I live in Todmorden- near to the DistanceLearningCentre.com office! I have a 9 year old daughter and I am getting married next year. I enjoy long walks on the hills with my family and dog.

~Jodie Jowett



Hello,

My name is Saima Latif, I'm a new science tutor at DistanceLearningCentre.com. It is my first time teaching distance learning course, and I am going to enjoy it.

I am hoping my teaching background, in Science, Engineering, Maths and ESOL (English speakers of other languages), will help my learners progress successfully through their Access course and onto university to further their field.

~Saima Latif



Who has their Christmas decorations up already?

Decorating for Christmas early makes you happier!

Psychologists have found that decorating your house for Christmas early can improve happiness, as it prompts a spike in dopamine (which makes you feel good!).

According to psychology, chromotherapy (or colour therapy) attributes this happiness to the bright lights and colourful decorations.

On our Facebook Group poll, the start of December was the most popular time to put up Christmas decorations.



Read more about how Christmas decorations can improve mood [here](#).

We need your reviews!

Please send us your reviews!

We are always interested in hearing about your experience studying with DistanceLearningCentre.com. You can give us a review or send us some feedback in a variety of ways:

- You can write a review on our Facebook Page.
- You can email us. One of the ways we like to celebrate your achievements is our Hall of Fame! If you would be willing to be involved please let your tutor know.
- You can send us a testimonial. You may have looked at these when you were deciding to study with us, so perhaps you would like others to hear about your experiences.
- You can like and share our [Facebook Page](#).

We rely on word of mouth and personal recommendations, so please consider giving us a review.

It is also important for us to constantly improve our services, so if you have any suggestions or feedback about your experiences, do let us know.



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We want to celebrate your achievements, and help other potential students find out about what its like to study with Distancelearningcentre.com. We also like to hear your stories about how you have worked hard to achieve your goals!

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