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## What's new at DistanceLearningCentre.com?



Welcome to the March 2020 newsletter!

We hope you have stayed safe during the terrible weather we have had- let's hope spring is on its way soon!

In this newsletter we will be telling you about some changes we have made to our Facebook Group, some interesting news and an introduction from our new Chemistry and Physics Tutor!

### New use of the Facebook Group

#### **New way of using the Facebook Group**

You may have noticed some changes that have been happening in the DistanceLearningCentre.com's official Facebook Group for current students.

We are aiming to use the group to pass on information, improve support for students and to build a sense of community among students.

The group's admins will be seen posting and replying more frequently with this change.

We are hoping that you will get on board with the new topic system for posts. This can help categorise what your post is about. Students who have similar questions or issues can then use these topics to quickly find information within the group.

Group rules are remaining the same, so please be aware and follow these.



### Harps at a Pantomime

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Pam Leach recently directed a panto in her local village: Sleeping Beauty, featuring all the panto classics: both good and bad fairies, plenty of singing, and of course a pantomime Dame.

She also plays the harp, and enjoyed providing music for the show with fellow harpists from the Transpennine Clarsach Society.



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It was amazing news when this year The Growth Project were chosen by Co-op's Local Good Causes scheme! The funding is provided by the Co-op store, with causes receiving 1% of select own-brand purchases.

The Growth Project is run by Hourglass (DistanceLearningCentre.com not for profit arm) in Rochdale for people with mental health problems to learn horticultural and construction skills. It promotes good mental and physical well-being through outdoor activity in a green environment.

You can read more about this here:

<https://www.rochdaleonline.co.uk/news-features/2/news-headlines/132827/coops-local-good-causes-chosen-for-rochdale>





### New Tutor- Karen McNulty


Karen McNulty joined the Distancelearningcentre.com team last month as a Chemistry and Physics Tutor:

"I am excited to be joining the DistanceLearningCentre.com team. I have a real passion for science, in particular Chemistry and I can often be found at home drinking tea out of one of my many periodic table mugs! I have taught in secondary schools for 11 years and understand that people can find science hard, but once you get that lightbulb moment, there's no stopping you!

I was born in Bonnie Scotland and after completing a masters degree and PhD in Chemistry I decided to move south of the border. I now live in Lancashire and love a day out in Manchester, going to the theatre, shopping or visiting a local Zoo.

I have many other interests apart from science. I perform with local amature dramatic societies doing panto, musicals and plays; I love to craft and make my own cards and gifts and I present the Friday night Drivetime show on my local radio station, Rossendale Radio.

I look forward to working with new students and helping support you, to achieve your goals and make progress in your academic studies."  
~ Karen McNulty

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