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Welcome to the newsletter! With the difficult start we have had to the new year, we can only hope the rest of the year gets better!

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.

Are you still keeping your New Year's resolution?

Who got snow this January? This photo was taken from the Yorkshire Moors, not too far from the DistanceLearningCentre.com office.



## Coronavirus Updates

**Remember to visit our Corona Virus News Page for updates!**

The year had an abrupt start to it, so please keep checking back to get the latest information,

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

We understand that this is a difficult time for some of our you and we are doing everything we can to support you within the current regulations provided by QAA who regulate Access Diplomas. The rules

around what we can do to adapt for any circumstances you have arising from COVID are issued by QAA and we must follow them.

If you are finding it difficult to complete exams on your diploma due to the current lockdown restrictions (eg struggling with homeschooling children, accessing childcare etc), please submit an **Extenuating Circumstances** form which we will look at together with Ascentis so that we can accommodate your needs within the regulations issued by QAA. It may be that you are unsure as to whether your circumstances allow this. If you are in any doubt, you should complete and submit a form.

You can also **delay** when you take the exam to correspond with children going back to school so this could be an option if you are unable to study for or take the exam at the moment.

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

## ILPs and June Moderation

A number of our Access to HE diploma learners who are planning to go to university in September will be hoping to finish their courses on or before the end of May for July Certification. It is advised that you have 45 credits completed by **16<sup>th</sup> April** and then the full 60 credits submitted for marking by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. More information can be found on your account under My Courses – Moderation and Exam Dates. If you are one of these learners, now is the time to review your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and look at what you still have left to complete on your diploma. You can then construct a timetable to set yourself clear deadlines for each piece of work. A handy video that takes you through how to review your ILP can be found on our YouTube channel at this link [ILP Review](#).

If you have any questions about completing your ILP, please contact your tutor who can give you further guidance.

For those of you whose plans for university this year may have changed, check that your Target Completion Date is still realistic and contact your tutor if you would like this extending. You can then review your ILP once these changes have been made.

Good luck to all our learners who are aiming to go to university this year!

## New Tutors!

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

I am delighted to be working as a tutor at DistanceLearningCentre.com, it gives me pleasure to see students achieve wonderful things through study and career progression.

I too completed an access course many years ago, after gaining an interest in science through my job working in food laboratories. I attended The University of Sheffield where I graduated with a degree in Biology. Then, I became a qualified science teacher.

For the past twenty years I have worked in secondary and primary education teaching science and latterly worked with special educational needs students.

Away from teaching I enjoy travel - Poland,

Vietnam, and Israel being favourite places.

~ **Meg Thompson**



Hi I'm Carmel and I'm the psychology, health and social care and criminology tutor.

I live in beautiful Todmorden and love walking with my children and Ku, our boisterous boarder collie.

~**Carmel Smith**

Please send us your reviews!

### **We need your reviews!**

A large number of our learners choose us because of our positive reviews, so why not give us a review to help others choose the right course for them!

We are always looking to improve and require valuable feedback from our learners to do this. Please send us your honest feedback so that we can provide the best service for our learners.

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.



### **Hall of Fame and Awards of Achievement**

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

Do you want to win back half your course fees? Follow this [link to find out more](#)

## Feeling overwhelmed?

### **The pressure of a new year resolution can sometimes become too much...**


A new year to many people means new year's resolutions, goals and big changes to change your life for the better. Setting new goals and challenges to improve is great for achieving and improving - but when we set ourselves too much it can become too much.

When setting yourself goals, think small achievable steps to get to the bigger picture. This will help to break down what may feel like immense challenges, into more manageable chunks.

Accept that we cannot predict the future. Sometimes things will happen that can set us back in our progression, or may even grind things to a halt. Try not to let this defeat you - leave yourself time to recover or refresh and adjust your goals to match this.

Be kind to yourself. Celebrate your successes, but don't punish yourself when things go wrong. You may have more important things to focus on, or may just need a break.



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