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Hello, Andrew and welcome to the October newsletter!

This is our monthly newsletter that gives you some news and updates about what is going on with DistanceLearningCentre.com, our staff and our students. In this months edition, we have information about our online classes, Awards of Achievement winners, November Moderation and an invitation to join our student forum drop-in!

Awards of Achievement Winners!

Congratulations to this years Awards of Achievement Winners!

Every year we celebrate the hard work and success of all our learners as they achieve their diplomas. The Awards of Achievement is one of the ways we celebrate some our outstanding learners.

The winners of the Awards may have been selected because they have:

- Helped others
- Overcome adversity
- Demonstrated academic excellence

This years Awards or Achievement Winner are:



"Truth be told, all this couldn't have been possible without this amazing online course by a DistanceLearningCentre.com..." - Alice Atherton



"I found the course very helpful and my tutor was there when I needed help" – Alan Marriage



"My tutor was extremely supportive and understanding with this and appropriate support and guidance was offered when this needed..." - Charlotte Middis



"It's never too late to change career, and never think you can't do it or you're not good enough." – Chris Rose



"There is no passion to be found playing small and settling for life that is less than the one you're capable of living. DistanceLearningCentre.com helped me to go 'BIG' and achieve my goals." – Corey Smith



"I have been really impressed by DistanceLearningCentre.com's commitment to providing the best student experience possible." – Francesca Olive



"DistanceLearningCentre.com gave me huge support and confidence to achieve my goals." – Meie Deng



"I couldn't have completed the course without the full support of my tutors. I'm now fully equipped with what it takes to succeed at the university level."- Olawole Omogbemi



"I discovered a passion for studying thanks to DistanceLearningCentre.com." – Paul Dean-Lewis



"My tutors were all so, so helpful and towards the end of my course I began receiving Distinctions in all of my work, I couldn't believe it!" – Rachel Solen

Online Classes

We have been running online classes for a short while now on lots of different topics. You may have already attended a few of our online classes, and we hope you are finding them useful.

We have put our programme of online classes onto your learner account under 'my courses'. Here you can see the programme of 'upcoming classes' and 'class videos' for classes that have already taken place. We have published the programme up to Christmas - there will be more to follow in a variety of curriculum areas after Christmas.

The screenshot shows a dark blue navigation bar with four items: 'my Account', 'my Courses', 'Toolkit', and 'Finance'. A dropdown menu is open under 'my Courses', listing several options: 'Materials & Assessments', 'Moderation & Exam dates', 'Online Classes' (highlighted in dark blue), 'my Grades & Mark Sheets', 'my Assessments', 'my ILPs & SAQs', 'my Applications & Enrolments', and 'my Completion docs'. Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for 'Coming up' and 'Class Videos'. A user profile for 'Rebecca Smith' is partially visible, along with a Zoom meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88492589432>. Another Zoom link is visible at the bottom right: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81348262512>.

Online classes are a great way to find out more about units you will be studying or skills you would like to develop. There is also an opportunity to ask questions in the class. The next classes coming up are:

- **Referencing** - 7pm on 5th October
- **Introduction to Cell Biology** - 7pm on 17th October

- **Functional Skills Maths** - 7pm on 19th October
- **Introduction to Chemistry** - 7pm on 2nd November

UCAS Toolkit

If you are looking to apply to university September 2023 make sure you look at our [UCAS Application page](#) on the toolkit of your learner account.

We ran an online class on the 15th September about UCAS Applications. You can find that video link here:

[Applying to University through UCAS](#)



UCAS

November Moderation

Moderation for the Access to HE diploma happens twice a year and our next moderation is in November. This is when assessment work that has been marked by your tutor is checked by the awarding body, Ascentis. During this process, final grades are confirmed and diplomas are awarded. Certificates are then issued and these should be with successful students in January. Some of you will be working hard to complete your diploma for November moderation.

Please note that the final submission date for assessments is **Friday 28th October**.

Use your ILP to plan your time over these last few weeks and talk to your tutor if you have any questions or need any advice.

You can find more information about moderation in the Study Skills guide on your account.

Study Skills Guides: - you will find these useful across certain Level 3 areas


- [Study Skills](#) - Using I.T.
- [Study Skills](#) - Understanding Grading
- [Study Skills](#) - Understanding the UCAS Process
- [Study Skills](#) - Preparing for a Presentation
- [Study Skills](#) - Understanding Moderation and your Results ←
- [Study Skills](#) - Essay Writing
- [Study Skills](#) - How to make sure your work is 'Ready for Marking'

Student Forum

We would like to invite you to take part in the first 'student forum' meeting of this academic year on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm. This meeting is to discuss any feedback you have relating to your studies with us so that we can continue to monitor and improve our curriculum.

Last year, as a result of feedback from a small group of students, we made changes such as an SAQ and materials review, Facebook support, video resources and input into the online classes programme.

As this was so successful, we have decided to open up the opportunity to all students to contribute to this positive and forward thinking discussion group and there will be other meetings of the 'student forum' next year too. If you would like to attend the meeting please contact Morgan Highton on editor@distancelearningcentre.com who will then send you a link to the meeting.

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