

Well we are coming to that time of year when many of our learners are coming to the end of their studies.

We hope all is going well for learners who are sitting their GCSE exams at the moment. Also we would like to say 'Well Done!' to all learners who have completed their studies for June Moderation and remind you to just do a final check that your name, postal address and date of birth are correct on your MyDLC Account. This is so we can ensure your certificates are correct and that you receive them promptly through the post when the time comes.

So as we all wait with baited breath to see who will be at Number 10, we'll let you know our news for May.

#### Regards

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# NOW IS THE TIME TO START STUDYING!

# Do you know any friends or family who are wanting to go to university in 2018?

If you do, then let them know that it is the ideal time to start an Access to Higher Education Diploma.

#### Why?

Well, unlike traditional colleges who won't be starting new intake for courses until September 2017, at DistanceLearningCentre.com you **can start an online course at any time of the year.** Anyone planning to go to university in September 2018, would need to complete their Access to HE Diploma by May 2018.

Now is the time to start as it will give them a **full year to work towards their qualification** and apply to university. It also means their **instalment payments for the course fees are kept to a minimum**, making them much more affordable.





#### How you can help

Using the buttons at the end of this email **Share** this newsletter with the person you think would be interested in the courses we offer and/or advise them to email Student Services at <u>studentservices@distancelearningcentre.com</u> with any questions they may have or even a simple request for a ring-back. Our staff are waiting to help and advise on any queries including:-

- The right course or courses to study for
- Number of hours of study and how to pace their studies
- Start Dates & Target Completion Dates
- · How to take a break from their studies if they need time off to focus on other priorities
- How courses are assessed/examined
- How the tutors will support them by phone, email and Skype
- The student experience .... study buddies, student forums, social media
- Moderation dates and when they need to complete for specific university entry dates
- Details of our flexible payment plans which make the course fee more affordable
- ELCAS, NHS or other employer funding
- Higher Education/University entry requirements and the UCAS application process
- Course Accreditation, Validation & Quality Assurance

# COURSE UPDATE

# **EVEN MORE NEW DIPLOMAS COMING IN SEPTEMBER 2017**

We are pleased to announce that we will be launching even more new Access to HE Diplomas this year. From September there will be options in our Access to Higher Education Diploma (Science) featuring **full subject sets in both Physics and Chemistry.** 

These additional options are designed to provide a deeper understanding in these particular subjects. The benefit is that our Access to Higher Education Diploma (Science) will be accepted by all major universities offering Science degrees where more credits in Chemistry and Physics are needed as part of their entry requirements.

This is good for our learners as it will give a much wider choice of universities to apply to.



### MEET THE PEOPLE



Rhia has worked for the Distance Learning Centre for 9 years – during that time she has been a tutor, a Head of Subject, and is now the Curriculum Development Manager.

In her current role Rhia spends her time working to make the learning experience for all students better – from improving how we do things now, to looking at how we can change and develop in the future. If you have any ideas or comments, you can contact Rhia and the Curriculum Team at<u>feedback@distancelearningcentre.com</u>.

Rhia says, "The best bit of my job is knowing the difference that getting back into education can make to people's lives, and in turn to the communities that we all live in. Thousands of our students have completed their Access to HE Diplomas or GCSEs and have gone onto university. That means that we have played a (small) part in helping people to work in the NHS, social care, education, research ... It's wonderful to hear from old students whose lives have changed completely, and who now work in such fantastic and rewarding roles."

### HAPPY RETIREMENT MOIRA!



Some of you may already be aware that Moira, one of our tutors for Biology & Physics has retired after 8 years with DistanceLearningCentre.com.

Before becoming one of out tutors, she spent many years in the IT industry as a systems analyst/designer and as a Lecturer/Teacher in Mathematics and ICT in both the Secondary and FE sectors.

Although we are sad to see her go, I am sure you would like to join us in wishing her a very happy retirement.

# EXTRA CURRICULUM

#### **OBee Awareness**

Janet Preece, our tutor for Biology and Chemistry, was at Lytham Hall in Lancashire this month sharing her knowledge of bees and bee-keeping.

She was teaching an 'Introduction to Bee-keeping' day where interested people found out a bit more about bee-keeping and then had the opportunity to look through some hives.

At a separate 'Bee Awareness Day' event she gave talks, to the general public, making them more aware of bees and the environment as well as providing them with information as to suitable plants for the garden to encourage honey bees. Janet added there was also some nail art, candle making and honey tasting going on as well!



For information on bees and bee-keeping check out The British Beekeepers Association website<u>www.bbka.org.uk</u>

# EVENTS

In June we will be exhibiting, for the first time, at Armed Services Education Centres.

Open to serving personnel, personnel going through resettlement as well as military spouses, we are going to be there to provide information on the range of courses we offer, how we support you through your studying and what funding you may be entitled to.

If any of our current or past learners are stationed at either of the two locations, come down and say 'hello', we are sure your experiences of studying with DistanceLearningCentre.com would be valuable to anyone who is thinking about taking up further educational opportunities.

### June 14th 2017

#### RAF College Cranwell Education & Resettlement Open Day

An event to give Station personnel and their families an opportunity to speak and receive information on our latest courses and training products.

10am - 2pm Station Learning Centre

# June 29th 2017

#### 3 AEC Gp Festival of Learning Catterick Garrison

An event for serving personnel across the North East. An opportunity to speak and receive information on our latest courses as well as information on our support in learning whilst on deployment.

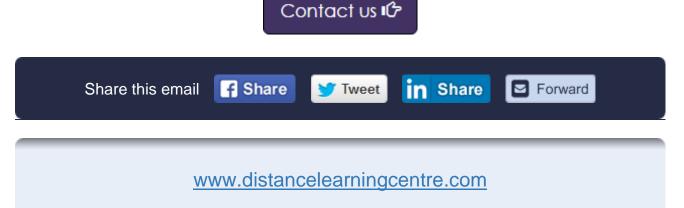
10am - 4pm The Beharry Centre

# MORE UNOFFICIAL STAFF MEMBERS

Following on from our article last month about Hebe our resident office dog, we thought you would like to see pictures of our other unofficial staff members of the four legged kind (though these 'work' from home rather than come into the office!

Meet Raggy, Tag and Bob; the baby boy Alpacas owned by DistanceLearningCentre.com directors Karen and Andrew. Staff, from the office, got to meet them a couple of weeks ago and take them for a leisurely stroll around their paddock!





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