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It's been another month of celebration again as we saw two of our learners recognised for their achievements by our Awarding body Ascentis (full details below)

It is also that time to send a fond farewell and 'all the best in your future endeavours' to our learners who will be going through November moderation. Don't be a stranger, please keep in touch and let us know what you are doing and what you are achieving; as well as making us proud of you, your stories will also be huge encouragement for future learners who are unsure just what can be achieved.

NOVEMBER MODERATION

We currently have over 150 students due to go through moderation in November 2017.

Grades will be reported to Ascentis week commencing 27th November 2017. The external moderation, by Ascentis, will take place week commencing 4th December, with the final awards board taking place on Friday 8th Dec 2017.

Although it is a very rare occurrence, any learner's whose grades may have changed during this moderation will be contacted individually by their tutor to advise of any changes.

What happens next?

- You will receive an email from our Exams Officer to confirm your grades.
- Your grades will **not** automatically be sent to your university as they would have for a summer moderation.
- If you require a letter of results to be sent to your university, please contact your tutor as soon as possible to request this.



We anticipate delivery of your certificates, from Ascentis, in early January. These will all be individually checked for accuracy and you will then receive an email from our Exams Officer as they are posted out to you.

We cannot stress enough that you must check that the postal address on your Learner Account is correct and it is the address you want your certificate sent to. Please login to your Learner account and do this check by **Friday the 22nd of December 2017**.

Ensuring your contact details are correct will alleviate any delays in receiving your certificate or your certificate becoming lost in the post. If your certificate does not reach you because of incorrect contact details, there will be a charge of £5 to resend your certificate to you.

HALL OF FAME



Click the image above to see the Hall of Fame entries from past learners.

Just a reminder to all of learners moderating in November ... If you would like to inspire future learners as well as tell visitors to our website about your achievements then we welcome you to be included on our Hall of Fame for 2017-2018.

If you would like to appear on the Hall of Fame please email a description of your experiences and achievements along with a picture of yourself either to your tutor or to

learn@distancelearningcentre.com

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Build your personal statement, step-by-step

Answer a few simple questions and we'll help you create that tricky first draft to start you off. There are some tips along the way to make you stand out.

Personal Statements

Do you need some help with writing your Personal Statement for your UCAS Application?

If so then [Which? University](#) has published a very handy Personal Statement Builder tool which you can use

Click the left-hand image for details.

DAVID J MOORE MEMORIAL BURSARY

We are extremely proud that this year two of our learners have won a David J Moore Memorial Bursary presented by Ascentis, our awarding body for Access to HE Diplomas.

Each year Ascentis present the bursary to exceptional Access to HE Diploma students, from any of their 58 centres. As well as being great news for our two learners, it is also very rewarding for DistanceLearningCentre.com that we are the only centre who has had two learners recognised in this way this year.

David J Moore helped found Access courses as part of the Open College Network. Through his legacy Ascentis award this Bursary each year announcing one winner and 2 runners-up for each of the following categories: Outstanding Academic Achievement and Outstanding Commitment to Study. Winners each receive a certificate and a £400 bursary; Runners-up each receive a certificate and a £200 Bursary.

Our winners are as follows:



Dana Hickson
Winner for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Dana successfully completed her Access to Primary Teaching Diploma in June 2017.

Dana excelled in her academic study by producing assessed work of a consistently outstanding quality. When on placement, her mentor described her lessons as well organised and resourced adding that it was fantastic how she was able to put into practice the theory learnt so successfully and confidently.



Tania De Aquino
Runner up for Outstanding Commitment to Study

Tania successfully completed her Access to Social Science Diploma in June 2017.

At the beginning of her diploma Tania was diagnosed with a serious illness however throughout her studies she maintained a positive outlook and remained focused on her Target Completion date.

She has been proven to be an inspirational person and handled her difficult circumstances with dignity and determination.

COURSE UPDATE

New Science Options Now Available



We are pleased to announce that since September we have been offering new science options for a number of our Access to HE Diploma career routes.

These new options provide learners with more ways to meet the varied subject requirements for degree courses throughout the UK. This opens up a wider choice of degree courses and universities learners can apply to, as well as providing focussed learning in specific science subjects.

For all options available you will study 45 graded credits and 15 ungraded credits at Level 3.

Option 1

Graded credits are in Biology, Chemistry and Physics - choose this option if you need more graded credits in Biology

Option 2

Graded credits are in Biology and Physics - choose this option if you need more graded credits in Physics

Option 3

Graded credits are in Chemistry, Human Biology and Physics - choose this option if you need more graded credits in Chemistry.

Option 4

Graded credits are in Human Biology, Chemistry and Physics - choose this option if you need equal credits in all 3 sciences.

These options are now available on the following Access to HE Diploma Career paths:-



[Access to Biomedical Science](#)



[Access to Health Professions \(Science\)](#)



[Access to Science](#)

If you require further help or advice as to the right option for you then email our Student Services Department at studentservices@distancelearningcentre.com

BESPOKE COURSES

You may not be aware, that although we specialise in full online Access to HE Diplomas, we also offer the chance to study the individual units available in our **Bespoke Courses** option.

These courses are adaptable and flexible so you can study as many or as few Units as you wish over a wide range of subjects.

You don't even need to decide how many units you wish to study at the beginning of the course; you can build onto your Certificate over a period of time.

They will be the right course for you if you need:

- Evidence of recent study in a specialist subject area
- Professional Training
- You are looking to develop your career or go for a promotion
- You want to broaden your knowledge and skills for personal interest
- You want to test out whether a particular career change is right for you

Due to flexibility of selecting which units can be studied, employers can also use our Bespoke Courses for their staff development.



For every unit you study you will be given access to its tailored learning materials and because they are written by us, you can be sure that they will teach you what you need to succeed on your assessments.

For the full range of units you can study on Bespoke Courses please click [HERE](#)

You are assessed through tutor-assessed coursework throughout, which may include exams that will take place over Skype. Our assessments have been internally verified, meaning that they have been checked to make sure they are consistent, fair and robust. On successful completion of the units you are studying, you will receive a DistanceLearningCentre.com Certificate of Achievement.

MEET THE PEOPLE



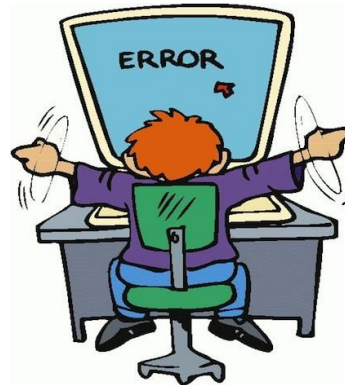
Bradley Muirhead is one of our tutors for Psychology and is also the person who answers your queries to our Technical Support Department.

Bradley originally went to university to study both Computing and Psychology. In the end his love of Psychology won out and he switched to a pure honours degree later going on to teach Psychology in college as well as Criminology and other related topics.

Bradley is a keen traveller and since starting working as a tutor at DistanceLearningCentre.com, he has travelled through Europe, the Middle East and Asia; visiting well over a dozen different countries in four years.

"It is a cliché to talk about discovering yourself through travel but one I've come to believe."

TECHNICAL SUPPORT



Our **Technical Support Department** is there to help all learners and staff with IT, login or other website and email problems that are causing issues.

Queries range from commonly encountered issues to more complex problems which may need detailed research to fix, especially when there are so many different types of computers and apps/programs that interact in many different ways. However, you can be assured, an answer and/or fix will be sent back to you as soon as is possible.

If you experience any problems that are impeding your studies then please email the details, with any error messages you are seeing, to:

technical@distancelearningcentre.com