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Well autumn is now here, though frankly it is hard to tell the difference between summer wind and rain and autumn wind and rain....especially at our head office on the Yorkshire/Lancashire border!

September has been quite a busy month with an influx of new learners starting their studies with us as well as the start of new course options for Business, Physiotherapy, Biomedical Science and Science.

For new learners who are receiving this as their first monthly newsletter, we also post items of interest on our various social media channels; so if you haven't done so already follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn by clicking on the relevant logos at the bottom of this email. There is also a Facebook Group just for Learners ([Distance Learning Centre Official](#)) where you can get help and support from your fellow students.



UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS 2018

UCAS



UCAS Applications are now being submitted for entry to university in September 2018.

If you are applying as a student of DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to request a buzzword from your tutor, which will identify your application as being linked to DistanceLearningCentre.com.

In order to access the DistanceLearningCentre.com buzzword you must have completed and passed 6 Level 3 credits. All Level 2 work (where required) must also be completed in line with your Individual Learning Plan

Further information about the UCAS process can be found on our UCAS web page. To find this click on the red toolkit tab and from the drop down menu select **UCAS Application**. Remember to read all of our guidance as you will find lots of information and web links answering any queries and helping you with your research.

COURSE UPDATE

Further to our announcement in March learners can now study IGCSE Double Award Science with us. Equal to 2 GCSEs and resulting in two grades upon completion, the **cost is the same as studying for one GCSE** (currently £325).

IGCSE Science (Double Award) (4SC0): Edexcel

For this IGCSE learners sit 3 papers externally to complete the qualification. They will sit paper 1 from all three Sciences so will learn about facts, concepts and principles of Biology, Chemistry and Physics and their applications in practice. Study will include the following key areas from each Science:-



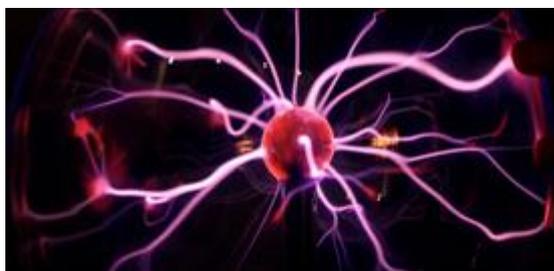
Biology

- The nature and variety of living organisms
- Structures and functions in living organisms
- Reproduction and inheritance
- Ecology and the environment
- Use of biological resources



Chemistry

- Principles of chemistry
- Chemistry of the elements
- Organic chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Chemistry in industry



Physics

- Forces and motion
- Electricity
- Waves
- Energy resources and energy transfer
- Solids, liquids and gases
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Radioactivity and particles

IGCSEs are externally examined in the summer and January each year.

We do not arrange the exams so learners will need to contact a local exam centre and pay the relevant fee for the exam direct to the centre as a private candidate*. We will, of course, give learners all the support they need in finding a suitable exam centre if they need help.

*Please note exam fees can vary.

For Full Details Please Click [HERE](#)

Alternatively email our GCSE Coordinator with any queries at gcse@distancelearningcentre.com

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR NUS EXTRA CARD?

As September has seen so many new learners starting their Access to HE Diplomas, did you know that studying with DistanceLearningCentre.com entitles you to apply for an **NUS Extra card**?

What is it?

NUS Extra is a student discount card, giving you over 200 UK student discounts and comes with 1 year FREE ISIC which unlocks over 42,000 international discounts.

With an NUS Extra card you can make savings on travel, eating out, entertainment, music & technology, supermarkets, fashion & beauty, finance and health & fitness.

For example currently you can get the following discounts:

10% off at the Co-op

10% off ASOS

Up to 40% off at PizzaExpress

25% off Odeon student priced tickets

Choose from a 1-year card for just £12, a 2-year card for £22 or a 3-year card for only £32. Many discounts are online only so you can't get them without an NUS Extra card.

How to apply

- Go to <https://cards.nusextra.co.uk/>
- Type in your email address and press "Buy or renew your NUS extra card now".
- Enter the place of study as DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE.
- Enter the details of your course.
- Select the length of NUS Extra card you wish to purchase.
- Upload a photo of yourself.
- Enter your personal details, address* and your student ID number.**
- Check all the details, then confirm and pay



* Has to be a UK address, however this does include BFO postal addresses.

** Your student ID number is quoted at the top of the page when you click on 'My Account' and starts with STU. Put in the format they have specified so DLCxx (first two letters of your student ID), then a hyphen, then the remaining letters or numbers of your student ID e.g. DLCST-Uxxxx

LEARNER STORIES

Angharad is one of our learners who recently completed the Cardiff Half Marathon raising money for [Dogs for Good Charity](#).

Angharad is currently studying her Access to Health Professions Diploma with the plan of becoming a midwife. As well as working full-time while she is studying, we are very impressed she manages to have time to train and complete such a feat for such a good cause.

"Dogs for Good are an Assistance Dog charity making life changing differences for people with disabilities. They provide Community and Family dogs as well as Assistance dogs for adults and children and each dog can provide invaluable therapy and

ALUMNI

Calling all past Learners!

We are sending out another reminder to all past learners to tell us what you are doing now you have completed your studies with DistanceLearningCentre.com.

Would you be interested in sharing your experiences and stories? As well as letting us know your achievements, your stories will also inspire people who are looking to pursue an alternative career or are unsure of what can be achieved by completing an Access to HE Diploma with us?

Send your story, with a picture, to learn@distancelearningcentre.com. We would love to hear from you!

support to a wide range of people with differing needs. The charity is currently working on new projects exploring how dogs can help people with dementia and other ailments, as well as working on bringing dogs further into the community like schools and playgroups."

Well Done Angharad!



If any of our current learners want to let us know about activities you are doing whilst studying with DistanceLearningCentre.com, whether it is support for good causes or projects you are involved relating to your studies, then send your story with a picture to us at

learn@distancelearningcentre.com

We would love to feature anything you send in future newsletters.

MEET THE PEOPLE

Nicky Leeth is Curriculum Leader for Education and Study Skills and tutor for childhood studies, psychology, biology practical research methods and health & social care. She co-founded DistanceLearningCentre.com, in 1993, with Karen Hayday.



Prior to working with DistanceLearningCentre.com she managed and taught within the Social Studies department of a highly successful FE College in NW England. Her teaching experience includes degree courses as well as level 2 and 3, adults, 16-18 year old learners and trainee teachers.

From March's Newsletter, you know that Nicky is a member of the Lancashire and Westmorland Hedge Laying Association whose aim is to conserve hedgerows for wildlife. What you may not know is she is also an apiarist (beekeeper) keeping us all happy by bringing in jars of honey from her hives.

Nicky is also involved with projects related to health research. She is part of the [Biobank Survey](#) where 1000's of UK citizens are giving their life style health information to a bank to help future research on diseases and lifestyle etc. It started in 2009 and participants get health screened and surveyed every few years. She is also a participant of the Kings University [Protect Study](#) where they are gathering data and supporting innovative research to improve understanding of the ageing brain and why people develop dementia.