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Welcome to our July Newsletter

As we say 'cheerio and keep in touch' to our learners who start university this September, we would also like to say 'hello and welcome' to all of the new learners who are just starting their Access to higher education journey.

There is good news on a number of fronts to share with you this month, and also detail on a great upcoming Open day involving the Growth Project.

Regards

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Another Successful Moderation



The Summer Moderation has now come to an end and the final Awards Board, held with Ascentis, recently took place to confirm 710 sets of grades (and almost 10,000 grades in total). We are delighted to share with you that there were no grade changes.

Certificates and transcripts are being posted out this week. They are being sent by 1st class post and will need signing for. The reissuing of certificates will be at a cost of £5. The exams department will be in touch with learners to confirm details soon.

We would like to congratulate all of our learners who were entered for the summer moderation for their fantastic achievements, and we wish them every success in their degree studies and future careers.

We would also like to thank our dedicated team of subject tutors and the administration team for their continued hard work, support and patience during this moderation period.



UCAS- Clearing for 2019

For Learners who were hoping to go to university in **September 2019**, but did not get an offer or did not accept the offer from their chosen University, you can search and apply for Courses that still have vacancies through UCAS Clearing

Once you have received the grade confirmation email from Exams, please see the following link for further guidance [UCAS-CLEARING](#)

UCAS Clearing

UCAS Applications 2020

UCAS is now available for learners who wish to register and prepare their UCAS application form.

Before you begin filling in the form please read all of our guidance as you will find lots of information and web links to answer any queries and aid with your research.

The guidance will also explain how to access the **buzzword**.

To find the webpage - when logged into your Learner account, click on the **red** toolkit tab and from the drop-down menu select **UCAS Applications**

Please bear in mind that UCAS from will not be able to be sent until September.

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Need help with your Personal Statement?

Here are Ten Top Tips

- 1. Aim for 500 words – that way, you'll meet the 4,000 character limit.**
- 2. Explain why you've chosen the courses you have.**
- 3. Be positive – emphasise your strengths.**
- 4. Give examples of your relevant skills.**
- 5. Provide evidence of the research you've done.**
- 6. Use quotes sparingly – it'll give you more space to talk about yourself.**

7. Use the ABC rule (activity, benefit, course) when discussing your examples.
8. Keep it succinct – cut out any repetition.
9. Be careful when using humour – you don't know what the reader will find funny!
10. Ask your referee to cover anything you don't feel comfortable talking about.

Best of luck with your application.

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For more hints and tips at

ucas.com/personalstatement

November Moderation: The Clock is Ticking

November 1st 2019 is the deadline for final submission of assessments if you are aiming to be entered for November 2019 moderation. You are strongly advised to submit your final assessment well in advance of this date to ensure time for marking and also so that you have are correcting any resubmissions.

Certificates will be to us by the Awarding Body some time in January 2020 and will be posted out to students by 1st class post within three working days of us receiving them.

Further information related to moderation can be found by selecting 'Moderation and Exam Dates' from the 'My Courses' section through your Learner Account.



GCSE Results Day- 22nd of August

GCSE results will be available on **Thursday the 22nd of August**. You can either collect them from the Centre where you sat your exams or wait for them to be posted to you.

Please remember to get in touch with our DistanceLearningCentre.com GCSE administrator and your subject tutor to let them know how you got on. If you do not achieve the grade that you needed, you will still have full access to the GCSE



materials and your tutor at no extra cost. However, you will have to pay to resit your exam.

Growth Project Open Day- Saturday the 10th of August



In partnership with Rochdale and District Mind, Hourglass runs **the Growth Project**, a mental health project that is based on therapeutic horticulture, which gardens over an acre of once derelict allotment space at Kellett Street in Rochdale.

On **Saturday the 10th August**, as part of the National Open Garden scheme, the garden is open for charity. Visitors will get the chance to receive horticultural advice as well as view organic and unusual vegetable varieties, the wildlife pond, insect hotels, formal and wild flower borders and a potager. A buffet lunch will be available and visitors will also get the chance to buy produce from the project.

**We are Open from
11:30am until 3:30pm**

Entry Fee:

Adults **£3.50** (per person)

Children **Free**



Race For Life

We would like to congratulate Carmen (one of our tutors) and her daughter Bethany, for completing their 5K race for life. Carmen would like to thank all those people who have already donated.

Remember that you can still donate using the link below;



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