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Education and Wellbeing Open Day at the RAF Coningsby Airbase



On **Thursday 16th May**, our GCSE Administrator, Sue (pictured above), and her husband Paul (pictured below), attended an Education and Wellbeing open day at the RAF Coningsby Airbase in Lincolnshire. Distancelearningcentre.com were invited to attend to give advice and guidance on all of our courses to RAF personnel who will be leaving the service in the near future, and are therefore looking to further their careers after transitioning from service.

The open day was structured around **Further Education** and **Health and Wellbeing** for all the RAF personnel, their families, and all Civilian staff working on the Airbase.

It was a very busy day with lots of interesting exhibits from several Colleges, Universities, RAF charities such as; SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Assoc), Children of the Pilots support groups and even a stall attended by a member of the famous **Military Wives Choir**. There was a cake stall set up to fundraise for Mental Health (as it was Mental Health awareness week).

We were the only distance learning provider in attendance and there was a lot of interest in our courses. The day was a great success.



UCAS Applications for 2020

UCAS

UCAS is available for students who wish to register and prepare their UCAS form although applications cannot be sent until **September 2019**. 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 toolkits tab** and on the drop-down menu select **UCAS Application**.

Please bear in mind that the UCAS form will not be able to be sent until **September 2019**.

Click on the link below to be directed straight to the **UCAS 2020 Undergraduate Registration page**

<https://www.ucas.com/students>



Are you aware that you can book **open days** at universities. **UCAS course finder** (a link to which is displayed below) allows you to see results on a map. This is useful as sometimes a university may have more than one campus, or may not be situated where you think it is.

<https://digital.ucas.com/search>

Nicky's Bees

Now for an update on Nicky's bees

Nicky has been very '**buzzy**' and collected **2 bee swarms** this week.



New Developments in Health



It would be useful for students on Health-related pathways to keep an eye on new developments in the world of Health. The BBC news website has some really interesting articles, headlining with; 'Male beauty quest damages fertility'. There is also news on a prostate gel that can reduce the side effects of radiotherapy, and a newsbeat documentary entitled; 'Migraines: More than just a headache'. Click on the link below to access the site and keep your finger on the pulse with the latest Health related affairs.

BBC Health News <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health>

Understanding Moderation

Moderation happens twice a year - in **June** and in **November**. To be considered for moderation you need to have all your assessments completed (this is by the end of May for June moderation and by the end of October for November moderation).

As you are aware, we mark your assessments as they are completed on your course and store your submitted work and the marksheets. Moderators are assessors from Ascentis (the awarding body) who then check this stored work and related marksheets to ensure that marking is accurate and all aspects of your diploma have been completed to specified standards.

Once moderation is complete, certificates are issued and you can expect to receive these in August or January depending on the moderation (June or November respectively). You will receive an email from exams with confirmation once moderation is complete.



Steps to Moderation

1. Your tutor will write to you after your last assignment has been marked and graded. Check your grades using your mark sheets to make sure that they are accurate. If you find any differences, please send an e-mail to exams and they will investigate.
2. Go to your DLC account and **review your contact details**, if anything needs updating such

as your e-mail, phone number or postal address then please change it. If your name is incorrect due to spelling errors or because you have changed it, please **contact exams** to inform them of the change. This is very important as the name on your account is the name that will be on your certificates

3. If you are going on **holiday** for an extended period from the middle of July to the middle of August for July certification, then you will need to arrange for your certificates to be **picked up** from the **post office**.

4. We will tell you when the certificates are being dispatched, so if you **do not** receive your **certificate** please **contact exams** and a tracking number so that you can see where your certificates are. Please use this website to track your certificates <https://www.royalmail.com/track-your-item>.

5. **Exams** can be contacted on exams@distancelearningcentre.com

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