Welcome to the newsletter!

This is our monthly newsletter that gives you some news and updates about what is going on with DistanceLearningCentre.com, our staff and our learners. This edition includes important dates for your diary and information about the Easter closures.

The plan for easing the lockdown has been released, which gives us hope that things will slowly return to business as usual.

Some other interesting news, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) have found that the Cotoneaster garden plant is 20% more effective at absorbing roadside pollution than other shrubs. The plant is perfect for growing in busy cities, even on balconies, to help purify the air around us.

Coronavirus Updates

Remember to visit our Corona Virus News Page for the latest updates!

Visit the updates page by clicking here.
Below are some of the important dates to remember for students aiming to enter Higher Education in or after September 2021:

1. **16th April 2021** - all students wishing to be put forward for July certification must have completed and submitted Assessments to the value of **at least 45 credits**. All these must have already been marked with recommended grades of Pass or above.

2. **28th May 2021** - deadline for final submission of assessments. You are advised to submit your work well in advance of this date as there will be insufficient time remaining for re-marking should your work not be up to standard.

More information about moderation can be found on the Moderation and Exam dates section on your learner account.

**Please talk to your tutor if you are worried about meeting the deadlines for moderation.**

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**Easter Closures**

Tutors will be on Easter break from **Friday 2nd April** to **Tuesday 13th April**.

During this time, your tutor will be unavailable for tutorials and will not be answering any phone calls or emails. **All learners will need to make sure that they have the passwords for the 2 weeks whilst the tutors are on holiday.**

Your tutor will be able to provide you with the assessment password for your current unit (if you are working through the materials), plus the materials password for the unit that you are due to study next, according to your Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

Or; If you are currently working on a unit assessment, the next materials and assessment password (according to your ILP) can be provided.
A big welcome to one of the new tutors who joined the DistanceLearningCentre.com team recently!

I have a degree in Forensic Science and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education. I have been teaching now for almost 12 years and have taught on most level 2 and 3 programmes as well as some level 4/5 adult courses. My main subjects are Biology and Forensics, but I have taught some Chemistry and Physics too. Outside of work I enjoy keeping fit and have recently taken up running during lockdown. Before that (and hopefully after the lockdown restrictions end) I trained in Brazilian jiu jitsu and I am also a black belt in judo.

~Victoria Stokes

UCAS Update on our previous learners

Every year, we get an update from UCAS...

UCAS updates us about our learners who went on to University in the last year. You can find a full list of Universities our learners were accepted to here. Below are just a few of the courses that our learners were offered places on:
The Department of Education released a short clip with 5 top tips for maintaining good mental health and wellbeing. Watch it here.

Mind.org.uk also have a great resource page to help you with your wellbeing during coronavirus. They provide some great tips and advice, as well as a list of support contacts that you can use if you need more support.

Many of us are struggling to maintain our mental wellbeing during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. This page has tips to help yourself cope, including ways to support yourself during winter.

It covers:

- Understanding difficult feelings
- Tips for taking care of your mental wellbeing
- Looking after your practical needs
- Further advice and support

You can also visit these pages for the latest government coronavirus guidance:

- UK Government coronavirus guidance, in English. This includes guidance on shielding and protecting vulnerable people in England, and on coronavirus restrictions across England.

UCAS Extra

If you have used all 5 choices on your UCAS application and either haven't received any offers or do not intend to accept any of the offers you have a service called UCAS extra. This allows you to add more choices to your application. You can read more about UCAS Extra here.

Please send us your reviews!

We need your reviews!

A large number of our learners choose us because of our positive reviews, so why not give us a review to help others choose the right course for them!

We are always looking to improve and require valuable feedback from our learners to do this. Please send us your honest feedback so that we can provide the best service for our learners.

You can give us a review or send us some feedback in a variety of ways:

- You can write a review on our Facebook Page.

- You can email us. One of the ways we like to celebrate your achievements is our Hall of Fame! If you would be willing to be involved please let your tutor know.

- You can send us a testimonial. You may have looked at these when you were deciding to study with us, so perhaps you would like others to hear about your experiences.

- You can like and share our Facebook Page.
We rely on word of mouth and personal recommendations, so please consider giving us a review. It is also important for us to constantly improve our services, so if you have any suggestions or feedback about your experiences, do let us know.

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