Hello and welcome to the July 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 students.

Applying to UCAS

UCAS is now open for 2024 entry. If you would like to make an early start on your application your tutor is able to support you with this and you can link your application to us.

As a start point look on the toolkit tab of your learner account for advice on how to apply to UCAS - there is a slide show, lots guidance and links to useful information on the UCAS website.

Make use of our resources

We are continuously producing resources designed to assist you in your studies.

Our resources have been carefully tailored to support your learning. Some of the resources you have access to in your learner account and within our materials are; the library, podcasts, webinars, FAQs and How-to Guides.

Summer Leave
How has everyone fared in the heat and storms? It has certainly been a rocky start to summer!

As with most of us, the summer months are a popular time for us to take our holidays. Please be assured that even if your tutor is on leave, there will be a cover tutor available.

Also, a reminder that you can take a holiday over summer too!

If you are going on holiday, or having a staycation, and do not wish to be contacted in this time, please let your tutor know, then we can avoid interrupting your break.

(Please note, this is different to putting your studies on hold.)

Growth Project Open Day

Some of you will know that we have a charitable arm to DistanceLearningCentre.com called Hourglass where we work with people with mental health issues on a huge site in Rochdale Greater Manchester. Each year we open under the National Garden Scheme (NGS). So, if any of you would be interested in seeing what we do, click here to follow the link to the NGS and join us on Sunday the 30th of July.

You can also follow us on Facebook!

Your questions answered
This month's question is:

**Why do we ask you to complete SAQs?**

**Our answer:**

SAQs have a number of purposes. Primarily they check your understanding of the materials as it wouldn't be good to start completing your assessment without some background understanding of the area you are being assessed on.

As you mark your own answers, looking at any areas you could have developed further allows you to check your understanding of the materials and is a good way to further develop your understanding. The SAQs are scaffolded towards the assessment so are good preparation for this.

Finally, the awarding body requires us to document your learning journey and completion of SAQs provides evidence of this.

**Finished your course? Leave us a Review!**

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!

Your reviews and feedback also help us continuously improve our student experience, and provide the best service we can.

At various points during your studies you will be sent an invite to review us on Trustpilot, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete a review when you are invited.

You can also give us a review or send us some feedback in a variety of other ways:
- Reviews on our Facebook Page.
- Give our page a like and share.
- Testimonial for our Hall of Fame.

You can also email Studentservices@distancelearningcentre.com with any issues you have had (or are having), who will be happy to help resolve these.

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