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MAY NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the May 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.

We want to wish all our GCSE students the very best of luck in taking their exams over the next couple of months.

The Coronation of His Majesty the King

The Coronation of His Majesty The King will take place on Saturday 6th May, 2023, with a bank holiday for this on the **8th May 2023**.

To allow our staff and students a day to celebrate the Coronation we will be closed on **Monday 8th May**.



June Moderation Countdown

June moderation deadlines are fast approaching. If you are aiming for this moderation the final date for submission of all of your assessments is **Friday May 26th**. If you are worried about meeting this deadline please arrange to speak to your tutor.

Student Forum

Do you have something you want to talk to us about?

On **Wednesday 10th May at 7PM** we are running a drop in student forum meeting for all of our active and recently finished students to discuss feedback about issues such as:

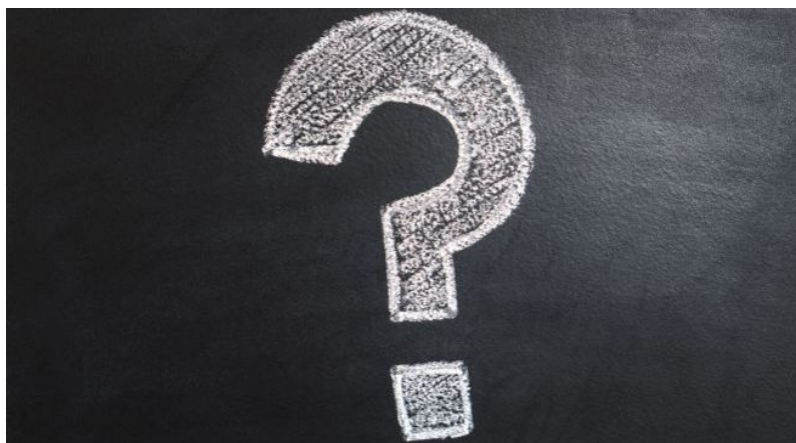
- One a week assessment submission / Ready for marking policy
- Lead-up to moderation - support, changes to assessment uploads, communications.
- Newsletters - are you getting them, how do they look and are they useful.
- Your feedback on the course!
- To join this forum, use the link below:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83373928422?pwd=aFE1OXFGZnFOZGpJYUc5NG1MelpaUT09>

May Webinars

Below is a list of webinars that are happening this month. These webinars are a great way to find out more about the assessment:

- Biology/ Psychology - Practical Investigation / Psychological Investigation on 2nd May at 7PM with Nicky Leeth. To [join this webinar click here.](#)
- Science - Creating calculations and chemical equations in Microsoft Word on 17th May at 7PM with Liam Duxbury. To [join this webinar click here.](#)

Your questions answered



This month's questions are:

What happens at moderation?

Our answer:

Moderation is when the awarding body (Ascentis) check your assessments and the way we have marked them.

Every time your tutor marks a piece of your work they recommend a grade of pass, merit or distinction (for the graded units). Up until the point of moderation this grade can change, after the moderation checking processes are complete the grade is fixed and is awarded rather than recommended.

It is very important that you complete all of your work in time for the moderation deadlines (which you can find on your learner account) so that all the checking processes at moderation can be completed.

In reality you don't need to do anything at moderation – even though this is a busy time for us and the awarding body. Once moderation is complete the exams office will confirm this with you.

Student Finance

If you are planning on starting University in September 2023 remember that the deadline for Student Finance applications is 19th May 2023.

You can use the link below to find out how to get undergraduate student finance:
<https://www.gov.uk/get-undergraduate-student-loan>

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