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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to the October newsletter.

As well as posting useful information and news in our newsletter, we also post items of interest on our various social media channels. If you haven't already done so, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Awards of Achievement - 2025

Every year we celebrate the hard work and success of all our learners as they achieve their Diplomas - [you can read their Testimonials here](#). The Awards of Achievement allow us to recognise some of our outstanding learners. The winners of the Awards may have been selected because they have:

- Helped others
- Overcome adversity

- Demonstrated academic excellence

Congratulations to our 2025 Awards of Achievement Winners:

Kim Senerez
Aneta Mischczynska
Nicola Varley
Monty Smith
Bliss Talbot
Josh Facer
Francesco Pappa-McNeilly
Issy Brignell
Annabel Jones
Zakaria Ajmal

**UCAS applications can now be submitted for 2026
entry**



If you are applying as a student of DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to request a **buzzword** from your tutor, which will identify your application as being linked to DistanceLearningCentre.com.

In order to access the DistanceLearningCentre.com buzzword you must have completed and passed 6 Level 3 credits.

Further information about the UCAS process can be found on our UCAS web page. To find this from your account hub, click on the toolkit tab and from the drop-down menu select 'UCAS Application'. Remember to read all of our guidance as you will find lots of information and web links answering any queries and helping you with your research.

If you are applying as a DistanceLearningCentre.com student, your tutor will write your UCAS reference, but before they can do this you will need to complete a 'tutor information form'.

Upcoming UCAS deadline:

The deadline for students applying for Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry (not Dental Hygiene), or who are applying to Oxford or Cambridge is **15/10/2025**.

If you have already completed your Diploma, we strongly recommend that you also submit your application by October.

November Moderation 2025

No sooner does one moderation finish, the countdown for the next begins! The **November moderation** deadline is **Friday 31st October**.

Moderation is when assessment work that has been marked by your tutor is checked by the Awarding Body, Ascentis. During this process, final grades are confirmed and Diplomas are awarded. Certificates are then issued and these should be with successful students in January.

March Moderation 2026

If you are aiming to take up a university place early in 2026 but will not be in a position to complete your Diploma in time for the November 2025 moderation, you can take advantage of our **March 2026** moderation. The deadline for submission of assessments for March moderation will be **27/02/2026** and 45 credits should be achieved by **16/01/2026**.

TurnitinUK Scheduled Maintenance

TurnitinUK will have a scheduled system maintenance October 25 16:00 – 22:00 BST (for local time zone please click: [Time zone converter](#)). Due to the maintenance, TurnitinUK may have disruptions in service between those times.

Upcoming Online Sessions



Below is a list of the upcoming webinars in October. During these sessions our tutors will be on hand to answer general questions about your course and also questions

about your assessments.

Some of the drop-in sessions will be for general guidance and others will be subject specific. A list of the dates for drop-in sessions that are relevant to your course of study can be accessed from your 'My Courses' tab by selecting 'Webinars' and then 'Coming up'.

The online sessions running this month are listed below:

Advice and Q&A for new students:

- [New Student Drop In - Tuesday 7th October at 7:30pm](#)
- [New Student Drop In - Thursday 16th October at 7:30pm](#)
- [New Student Drop In - Thursday 23rd October at 7:30pm](#)
- [New Student Drop In - Tuesday 28th October at 6:30pm](#)

Guidance on the use and misuse of AI:

- [Use of AI - Thursday 9th October at 7:30pm](#)

Advice on Assessments:

- [Advanced Organic Chemistry - Thursday 30th October at 7:30pm](#)

Our Recorded Webinars

We have a number of on-demand webinars that you have access to from our YouTube channel.

Our top tips for Webinars to watch this month if you are a new student are:

- [Academic Writing](#)
- [Referencing](#)
- [Time Management & Effective Study](#)



Your questions answered



This month's questions are:

What is the purpose of tutor support and tutorials?

Our answer:

Your tutor is your main point of contact for questions related to your course and your assessments. Tutors are able to answer questions via email but sometimes (perhaps as you are completing an assessment) you may have lots of questions or would like a more detailed conversation. At this point it is best to ask your tutor for a tutorial. A tutorial is just a chat between you and your tutor (which can be a Zoom call or phone call) where they can help with any questions you may have relating to assessments, university applications, planning for moderation or studying effectively.

Why do we ask for weekly / regular contact from you?

Our answer:

Your tutors like to hear from you every week so that they know how you are getting on with your studies and if you are having any problems. It is fine to tell your tutor that you haven't made any progress on your studies as you are having a busy week – but then at least your tutor knows that you will be ok with your studies once you have time to complete your work. There can be lots of reasons why students don't get in touch with their tutor and sometimes this can be because of a problem with the course that the tutor could help with – so they do keep emailing and calling until they hear from you!

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