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## APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Hello and welcome to the April newsletter, where we are focusing on the summer moderation, upcoming Zoom drop-ins for April and early May, and arranging your student finance (if you have a university place for September).

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## Summer Moderation 2026

**Summer moderation is fast approaching** - remember that if you're aiming for this, the final date for submission of all of your assessments is **Friday 29th May**. Submitting your work in advance of this date allows plenty of time for any resubmission work and remarking.

If you are worried about meeting this deadline please arrange to speak to your tutor.

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## Student Finance

# UCAS

If you are going to be studying at university this year, make sure you have applied for your Student Finance!

Applications for Student Finance in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are all now open. The deadlines can be found on the relevant websites, but applying now will ensure that your funding is in place for September.

You don't need to have a confirmed place at university to apply – you can apply now and update your details later if you need to.

You can find out everything you need to know by visiting the Student Finance website [here](#).

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## Online webinars and drop-ins

The links, dates and times for the online drop-ins for April and early May are:

- [Advice in the run up to moderation - 28/04/2026 - 19:30](#)
- [Advice in the run up to moderation and post moderation processes - 12/05/2026 - 19:30](#)

You can see the upcoming webinars and drop-in sessions on your learner account by clicking on 'myCourses' and then 'webinars'. You can also watch past webinars on demand from here too.

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## 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.

## Why do we ask you to use your ILP?

### Our answer:

Your ILP helps you to plan your time so that you meet your moderation goals and can stick to rules we have, such as having 45 credits of your Diploma completed six weeks before a moderation deadline. This ensures that your work is spread evenly across your time on the course, you are not rushing for moderation (which can lead to poorer quality work) and you are therefore able to complete everything you need to in time to moderate and go to university.

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