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JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Hello, welcome back — and Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the festive period.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find important information on UCAS 2026 key dates, an update on certification for students who completed November 2025 moderation, deadlines for March 2026 moderation, and details of our upcoming webinars taking place in January and early February.

Prestige Award Winners

The **Corporate LiveWire Prestige Awards** recognise small and medium-sized businesses that have demonstrated excellence in their market over the past year. We are proud to announce that we were awarded **Online Course Provider of the Year 2025**.

This award recognises our wide range of accredited courses, the high quality of our tutors, and the depth of experience across our organisation.

Jane Dowd (Executive Manager for Student Services and H.E) and **Zafar Khan** (Executive Manager for Quality and HR), attended the awards ceremony last November. This marks the **fifth consecutive year** we have received this prestigious award.



November Moderation Certificates have been posted



Another huge congratulations to all 287 of our students who completed moderation in November last year!

Your certificates are already on their way, so keep an eye out for your local postie.



UCAS applications for September 2026 entry



The application deadline for **2026 entry** to undergraduate courses is **18:00 (UK time) on 14 January 2026**. This is the **equal consideration deadline**, meaning universities must consider all applications received by this time equally.

If you want to make the equal consideration deadline, you would need to complete an independent application at this stage.

If you miss the January UCAS deadline, you can still apply; however, your application will no longer be guaranteed equal consideration. This means some courses may already be full or closed. That said, there are still plenty of options available, particularly if you are flexible about your choice of university or course.

If you apply through DistanceLearningCentre.com:

- Your tutor will check your personal statement and form for content, spelling and grammatical errors and advise accordingly
- Your tutor will also provide a reference.

Predicted Grades - if you have achieved 24 credits or more (subject to moderation), your tutor will be able to predict the rest of the diploma grades as they will have marked enough of your work to make an informed prediction.

If you have achieved less than 24 credits your tutor will put in grades that have been recommended so far. These grades are NOT predicted grades for the whole course; they are recommended grades for the units you have completed (subject to moderation). Before they offer places, universities can, and do, get back to us later in the course to see how you are doing, and whether you are likely to meet their entry requirements.

If you apply as an independent student:

- You can apply at any time and do not need to adhere to our deadlines.
- Your form will not be checked.
- You will not receive a reference from your DistanceLearningCentre.com tutors.

Further information and guidance on the UCAS application can be found in your Toolkit on your learner account.

March Moderation 2026

If you are aiming to finish your Diploma in time for March 2026 moderation, you will need to have completed **45 credits** by **Friday 16th January**. The deadline for submitting your final unit assessment is **Friday 27th February**.

Remember to update your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and keep in touch with your tutor to update them on your progress as you work towards this deadline.

Countdown to 45 credits for March moderation =



Online Sessions



January and early February's webinar/Q&A sessions are:

- [Moderation preparations - 15th January 2026 at 19:30](#)
- [Principles of business strategy \(Business\) - 29th January 2026 at 19:30](#)
- [16 weeks to June moderation - 12th February 2026 at 19:30](#)

You can see the upcoming webinars and Q&A sessions between now and April from your learner account by clicking on 'myCourses' and then 'webinars'. You can also watch past webinars on demand from here too.

Your questions answered



This month's question is:

Why are subject-specific online classes useful?

Our subject-specific online classes are designed to provide **key assessment support** across a range of subjects. Each session is delivered live by a tutor, providing focused guidance and expert insight to help you understand assessment requirements and improve your performance.

During the class, students can ask questions and receive real-time support. All sessions are recorded, so if you're unable to attend live, you can watch the class at a time that suits you.

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