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JULY NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the July newsletter. In this edition, you will receive information about UCAS, the summer vacation period, and an upcoming open day for the Growth Project.

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

Applying to UCAS for 2025 entry

Although you will not be able to submit a UCAS application until the 3rd September 2024, you can now make a start on filling out your application for 2025 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 of guidance, and links to useful information on the UCAS website.

A screenshot of the UCAS application advice page. At the top, it says 'Application advice UCAS We are a UCAS registered centre'. Below that, it says 'Applying through the UCAS system as a DistanceLearningCentre.com student' and 'my Diploma Name: Access to Higher Education Diploma (Science)'. There is a red warning: 'NB If you have completed your Diploma we strongly advise that you apply to UCAS by October 2024.' The page has an 'INTRODUCTION' section with text about the UCAS website and advice for students. A list of two ways to apply is provided: 1. Apply through DistanceLearningCentre.com, and 2. Apply as an independent student. There are also two images: one titled 'YOUR GUIDE TO POST-16 OPTIONS' and another titled 'Applying through UCAS For courses starting in 2025'.

Summer Leave

The summer months are a popular time for us to take our vacations. Please be assured that even if your tutor is on leave, there will be a cover tutor available to answer your emails.

Also, a reminder that you can take a vacation over summer too! If you are going away, or plan to have 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 taking a study break).



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 28th 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 for the unit you are studying 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.

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