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MARCH NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to the March newsletter where we are focusing on the upcoming Spring closure, Zoom drop-ins, and the Summer moderation.

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. There is also a Facebook Group just for learners called [DistanceLearningCentre.com \(Official\)](#) where you can get help and support from your fellow students.

Spring Closure

This year, DistanceLearningCentre.com will be closed for the Spring break from **Friday 29th March** and we re-open on **Monday 8th April**.

During this time tutors are not available. However, you will still be able to log on to your account and access the materials/assessments as normal. Tutors will provide your passwords before they leave for their break – watch out for emails about this and make sure you respond.

A quick tip for studying over the Spring break:

The passwords for a set of subject materials is likely to be the same password for the entire subject set! This means that you can get a head start on other units without asking for a new password!

Online Question & Answer Drop-ins



We have a number of drop-ins this month and the links, dates and times for these are listed below:

- [Business and Finance](#) - 19:30 on Wednesday 06/03/2024
 - [Physics](#) - 19:30 on Wednesday 13/03/2024
 - [Biology](#) - 19:30 on Wednesday 27/03/2024
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Our Recorded Webinars

If you did not get the opportunity to attend one or more of our previous webinars you can still watch the session whenever you want. All completed webinars are available 'on demand' from your learner account.



Student Finance

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

New students should apply by **May 2024**.

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](#).

Summer Moderation Countdown

If you are aiming for our Summer moderation, the final date for submission of all of your assessments is **Friday May 31st**. If you are worried about meeting this deadline please arrange to speak to your tutor.

This is a countdown to June moderation reminder.



Your questions answered



This month's question are:

Why do we set TCDs and moderations?

Our answer:

Your TCD (Target Completion Date) is the date that you plan to complete your studies. You will then moderate in the next moderation after your TCD (moderations are when the diploma is awarded to you and they happen three times a year). We set your moderation and TCD as these are key dates in your progression and entry to university and give you goals to work towards. Your TCD is also linked to your payments (if you are paying for your course in instalments). For instance, if you extend your TCD then your payments are spread over more months and so would reduce (unless you are on the monthly extension fee).

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 the submission of one assessment a week maximum. 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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