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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to the October newsletter.

October is another busy month with many students either starting their course or getting ready to start their UCAS application for 2025 university entry. There will be some information and tips for UCAS applicants in this instalment of the newsletter, along with links to some useful UCAS related drop-in sessions that will be hosted this month.

For new learners who are receiving this as their first monthly newsletter, welcome and thank you for choosing to study with us.

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.

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Awards of Achievement - 2024

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 2024 Awards of Achievement Winners:

Afeefa Ali
Kate Baird
Nick Bushrod
Matthew Campbell
Christine Coleman
Andrew Doyle
Alexandra Gruar
Victoria Howarth
Prudence Patrick
Rusal Thapa

UCAS applications for September 2025 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'.

As a final reminder, the deadline for submitting your UCAS application if you want to study most courses in medicine (including veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry) is **15th October 2024 at 18:00**.

This is also the deadline if you are applying to study at Oxford or Cambridge.

November Moderation 2024

Good luck to all students aiming for November moderation. Remember to keep in touch with your tutor and update them on your progress as you work towards the deadline of 25/10/2024.

Online Sessions



The online sessions running in October are:

- [Developing your Research Skills \(Study Skills assessment\) - 10th October 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [New Student drop in - 16th October 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [UCAS Q&A - 17th October 2024 at 7:30pm](#)

If you would like a specific question answered during this Q&A session, please email them to ucas@distancelearningcentre.com by Tuesday 15th October so it can be included and answered during the session.

- [New Student drop in - 23rd October 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [New Student drop in - 30th October 2024 at 7pm](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - November and December sessions:

- [New Student drop In - 6th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [Maths \(Access to HE assessment\) - 7th November 2024 at 2pm](#)
- [New Student drop in - 13th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- Student Voice drop in session - 14th November at 7pm - please see info below
- [New Student drop in - 20th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [Introduction to Counselling \(assessment\) - 27th November 2024 at 7:30pm](#)
- [Anatomy and Physiology \(assessment\) - 4th December 2024 at 7:30pm](#)

The list of the dates for drop-in sessions that are relevant to your course of study can also be accessed from your 'My Courses' tab by selecting 'Webinars' and then 'Coming up'.

Student Voice sessions

Here at DistanceLearningCentre.com, we value your feedback and throughout this upcoming academic year, we will be holding a series of Drop-in Student Forum Meetings to gather your feedback on issues such as:

- Your course – materials; SAQs; assessments
- Turnitin
- TCDs and ILPs
- UCAS applications
- Moderation

The meetings are open to all active and recently finished learners and are expected to last no longer than 45 minutes. **The first meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday 14th November.**

If you are interested in taking part please contact your tutor, or email quality@distancelearningcentre.com and we will be in touch with further details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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](#)

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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