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UNIVERSITY RESULTS 2017

We would firstly like to say CONGRATULATIONS and wish all the best to our Learners who will be starting at University this September.

So far this year we are pleased to announce that **93% of our learners**, who applied to university, received an offer or invite for further testing.



Our Learners have gained places at the following 108 universities for 2017 entry:

A: Anglia Ruskin University, Aston University, **B:** Bangor University, Bath Spa University, Bath University, Birmingham City University, Birmingham University, Bishop Grosseteste University, Bolton University, Bournemouth University, BPP University, Bradford University, Brighton University, Bristol University, Brunel University, Buckinghamshire New University, **C:** Cambridge University, Canterbury Christ Church University, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff University, Central Lancashire (UCLAN) University, Chester University, Chichester University, City University of London, Coventry University, Cumbria University, **D:** De Montfort University, Derby University, Dundee University, **E:** East Anglia University, East London University, Edgehill University, Edinburgh Napier University, Essex University, Exeter University, **G:** Glasgow University, Gloucestershire University, Goldsmiths University of London, Greenwich University, **H:** Havering College, Heriot-Watt University Edinburgh, Hertfordshire University, Huddersfield University, Hull University, **K:** Keele University, Kent University, Kings College London, Kingston University, **L:** Lancaster University, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Trinity University, Leeds University, Leicester University, Lincoln University, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool University, London Metropolitan University, London Southbank University, Loughborough University, **M:** Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester University, Middlesex University, **N:** Newcastle University, Newman University, Northampton University, Northumbria University, Norwich City College of FE and HE, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham University, **O:** Oxford Brookes University, **P:** Plymouth Marjon University, Plymouth University, Portsmouth University, **Q:** Queen Margaret's University, Queen's University Belfast, **R:** Reading University, Roehampton University, **S:** Salford University, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield University, SOAS University of London, South Essex College, South Wales University, Southampton University, St George's University of London, St Mark and St John University, Staffordshire University, Stirling University, Sunderland University, Surrey University, Sussex University, Swansea University, **T:** Teeside University, **U:** University Campus Suffolk, University Centre Colchester, University Centre Hartpury, University Centre Southend and Thurrock, University College London (UCL), University of Bedfordshire, **W:** West London University, West of England University, Westminster University, Wolverhampton University, Worcester University, Writtle University College, **Y:** York St John University, York University.

COURSE UPDATE

Further to our announcement in the April newsletter, we have now launched our two new Access to Higher Education Diplomas for Business.

Access to Business (with Finance)

This new Access to HE Diploma concentrates more on accounting and creates a versatile pathway to give the opportunity to apply for a degree in a range of disciplines including Business Management, Business and Finance or Finance and Accounting.

This Diploma is also an excellent way to maximise job prospects and choose an area of business to develop a career in, as well as a useful source of knowledge and understanding if you wish to start or currently run your own business.

Click [HERE](#) for more details



Access Business (with English)

This new Access to HE Diploma gives you an insight into how businesses are organised and run, the strategy and finance behind the shop front and the importance of international trade in today's global economy.

By completing English, as part of the Diploma, it will help develop the skills essential for entrepreneurship; the ability to communicate is very valuable in business and studying English will teach learners how to write clearly and effectively and is ideal for those who wish to focus more on Business Analysis.

Click [HERE](#) for more details



GCSE/IGCSE RESULTS



We hope that all Learners who received their GCSE/IGCSE results this August, achieved what they hoped for in their exams and we would like to say well done to you all.

Can we just remind you to let Sue Smith, our GCSE Coordinator, know what grades you received by emailing her at gcse@distancelearningcentre.com

FAB 5 AWARDS



We are pleased to announce the Winners for this year's Fab 5 Award.

We received a large number of nominations from the DistanceLearningCentre.com tutors, so deciding on the winners was a very difficult decision for our panel of judges this year.

On reading the information provided by the tutors and the nominees, the panel would very much have liked to have given everyone who was nominated an award, however this was not possible but we would once again like to congratulate everyone who was nominated.

The Winners for this year's Fab 5 Award are as follows:-

Karen O'Neill

Karen successfully completed her Access to Allied Healthcare Professions Diploma in November 2016. A mother and full time carer for close family members, her tutors reported she was never anything less than a model learner. Users of our [Student Forum](#) and Distance Learning Centre (Official) Facebook pages will know Karen from the dedicated support she gives to her fellow learners.

Sarah Benson

Sarah successfully completed her Access to Science Diploma in November 2016. She demonstrated academic excellence by not only achieving straight distinctions but also securing unconditional offers from two of her desired universities for Veterinary Medicine.

Lucy Harvey

Lucy successfully completed her Access to Allied Healthcare Professions Diploma in November 2016. Working full time and overcoming difficult circumstances whilst on the course, she is now at university studying Adult Nursing.

Tobias Collins

Tobias successfully completed his Access to Law Diploma in June 2017. Working full time and also recuperating from surgery during his studies, his tutors reported his work went above and beyond in all submissions and he met all deadlines and managed his time effectively throughout the course.

Jessica Licorish

Jessica successfully completed her Access to Allied Healthcare Professions Diploma in January 2017. Diagnosed and suffering with a debilitating illness, her tutors reported she had a great, positive attitude and personality and completed the whole Diploma with some excellent grades, showing great determination.

For full details of each of the five winners please click [HERE](#)

GOODBYE....

This month, saw us say a fond farewell to one of our office staff and one of our tutors. We are sure you will join us in sending them the very best wishes in their future endeavours.



For the past 2 years, Kal Menon has been the main point of contact for external Moderations and certificate queries as the Exams Officer as well as being a valued member of the Student Services Team.

Kal has relocated to Dorset with her partner and will be starting a new role as Exams Officer at a high achieving academy school in the area.

Peter Tryon, one of our science tutors, left at the beginning of August and will be starting a new teaching role at a school in Sheffield.

He and his family are keen adventurers and you can keep up with his latest travels on his blog www.globemad.com



....AND HELLO

Say hello to **Zoe Hitchon** who has taken over from Kal as our new Exams Officer.



Zoe has now been with us for about a month, working alongside Kal to ensure a smooth transition and limited disruption to the Exams Service for learners.

Prior to joining us, Zoe worked in different roles in various schools, colleges and universities both in the UK and Australia and for the last 6 years has been Student Services Officer at the University of Law in Manchester.



In her spare time she likes to travel and enjoys charity work. This has involved her throwing herself out of a plane at 14,000 feet and completing the very wet Men's Health "Survival of the Fittest" Challenge at the Etihad Stadium. Zoe is looking for her next charity challenge so maybe you could help with any suggestions?!

DISTANCELEARNINGCENTRE.COM ALUMNI



Learner Stories

Shaun Taylor started his Access to Teaching Science Diploma with DistanceLearningCentre.com in 2011, successfully moderating in 2012.

Since completing his Diploma he has gone on to complete a BA (Hons) in Education Studies at Bath Spa University, a Masters degree at the Institute for Education and is now one year into his PhD back at Bath Spa University as well as lecturing current undergraduates in modules he himself studied in his undergraduate degree.

To read Shaun's inspiring story, which proves it is never too late to make a change in your life and do something you feel would be more rewarding, click [HERE](#).

Calling all past Learners!

Would you be interested in sharing your experiences and stories? Or maybe pass on your wisdom to other people who are looking to pursue an alternative career or are unsure of what can be achieved by completing an Access to HE Diploma with us? We pride ourselves on the support we give to our learners whilst they are studying with us and often do not know what they have gone on to do once they have completed their course.

Send your story, with a picture, to learn@distancelearningcentre.com. We would love to hear from you!

FUNDRAISING EVENT



Jasmine Johnson is one of our learners who has successfully completed her Access to Allied Healthcare Professions Diploma and was nominated, this year, for the Fab 5 Awards.

After suffering with a nasty spell of postnatal depression with her second child, she supports the [PANDAS Foundation](#) a charity that provides support and advice to any parent who is experiencing a perinatal mental illness.

"The Royal College of midwives published that 50% of women experience some form of mental health illness. 43% of women, this occurs in, are experienced mothers. Having experienced postnatal depression with my second pregnancy this is something I want to raise awareness of! I want women to no longer suffer in silence."

In December, Jasmine will (bravely) be undertaking a skydive to raise funds for PANDAS Foundation and if you would like to support her and this worthwhile cause you can make a donation [HERE](#)

We wish Jasmine all the best with this event and hope we will be able to show you some pictures of her 'leap' when it happens.....don't forget to send them Jasmine!