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July has been a very busy month, particularly for Exams, and it got even busier in the last week as the June moderation certificates arrived at our offices.

They were all individually checked and then posted....there were so many that we needed a trolley to transport them to the post office!

We are pleased (and very proud) to report that in total 623 Learners have moderated this summer. We wish each and every one of them the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

JULY MODERATION



This July we are pleased to announce that a further 96 learners have gone through moderation.

Everyone at DistanceLearningCentre.com would like to congratulate the learners, who have reached the end of their studies in this Moderation, and we wish you all the best for the future.

The Moderation and Final Exam board took place in the last week of July and all learners have been notified by email that the grades shown on their Learner Account are their confirmed grades.

What happens next?

- Ascentis will send all results to UCAS (full diplomas only), who will then send the results to all Universities for both students who applied through Distancelearningcentre.com Ltd, as well as those who applied independently.
- When certificates are sent to us by Ascentis, they will all be individually checked and sent out. Learners will receive an email from Exams notifying them when they are sent out (approx late August).

The next Moderation to take place will be in November, details of which can now be seen on the Moderation webpage which can be accessed through your Learner Account.

COURSE UPDATE

Further to our announcement in March, from September 2017 learners will be able to study an online IGCSE in Dual Science with us.

IGCSE Dual Science (4SC0): Edexcel

For this IGCSE learners sit 3 papers externally to complete the qualification. They will sit paper 1 from all three Sciences so will learn about facts, concepts and principles of Biology, Chemistry and Physics and their applications in practice. Study will include the following key areas from each Science:-



Biology

- The nature and variety of living organisms
- Structures and functions in living organisms
- Reproduction and inheritance
- Ecology and the environment
- Use of biological resources



Chemistry

- Principles of chemistry
- Chemistry of the elements
- Organic chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Chemistry in industry



Physics

- Forces and motion
- Electricity
- Waves
- Energy resources and energy transfer
- Solids, liquids and gases
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Radioactivity and particles

IGCSEs are externally examined in the Summer and January each year.

We do not arrange the exams so learners will need to contact a local exam centre and pay the relevant fee for the exam direct to the centre as a private candidate*. We will, of course, give learners all the support they need in finding a suitable exam centre if they need help.

*Please note exam fees can vary.

FAB 5 AWARDS



All Nominations for this year's Fab 5 Awards are now in.

Each learner, who has been nominated, should now have received their official letter informing them that they have been nominated by their tutor and explaining what information we need back so that their nomination can be processed.

The Judging Panel will commence as soon as we have received the requested testimonials and pictures from all the nominees* and the lucky 5 winners will be announced at the end of August.

* If you have been nominated and have not yet sent your testimonial and picture to us, please do so as described in the letter you have received by Friday 11th August.

For details of what the Fab 5 Awards are and what the winners receive please click [here](#)

MEET THE PEOPLE



You may already know Rebecca Smith as your tutor, but for those who don't, Rebecca is also Curriculum Leader for Health & Social Care and Psychology.

Rebecca has been with us since 2014, becoming Curriculum Leader in 2015. In the past she taught Psychology and Biology A Level & GCSE at a large secondary school where she was also the Psychology Curriculum Leader. She was also an examiner for OCR Psychology and AQA Biology.

You may remember, from April's newsletter, we reported Rebecca was an accomplished trombone player and had taken part in the [Acrobat Challenge](#) to raise money for a 26-year-old musician who has been diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. We are pleased to report that the funds raised have now reached £111k.

EXTRA CURRICULUM

This month's Extra Curriculum segment is brought to you by Dominic Quintrell, one of our Psychology tutors.

Dominic, for the past 17 years, has been teaching Air Cadets how to fly motor gliders, from an RAF Base in North East Yorkshire.

The cadets are all 16 years old and receive between 8 and 10 hours training with an instructor.

Once their accompanied instruction is complete, and if they are then up to it, the instructor gets out of the glider allowing the cadet to fly a 'circuit' of the airfield on their own.

"The opportunity to fly a glider solo is really great for the cadets. It doesn't cost them anything and it helps build their confidence. For me it is really the best 'second job' ever!"

In her remaining spare time, Rebecca has taken up horse riding with her daughters, purchasing their own horse 'Indie' 18 months ago "*This was possibly a mad idea - we were complete novices and only had the slightest idea what horse ownership entailed! We have been on the steepest learning curve since, but our horsemanship and riding skills have improved massively*"

Rebecca's other favourite thing to do is walk her 3 year old Border Collie 'Pip'.



GROWTH PROJECT OPEN DAY

Back in April's newsletter, we also told you about the charity Hourglass which our executive director Karen runs.

In partnership with Rochdale and District Mind, Hourglass runs the Growth Project, a mental health project based on therapeutic horticulture, which gardens over an acre of once derelict allotment space at Kellett Street in Rochdale.

On **Saturday 5th August**, as part of the National Open Garden scheme, the garden is open for charity. Visitors will get the chance to receive horticultural advice as well as view organic and unusual vegetable varieties, the wildlife pond, insect hotels, formal and wild flower borders and a potager. A buffet lunch will be available and visitors will also get the chance to buy produce from the project

Open 11.30am to 3.30pm. Entry fee: Adults £3 Children Free

It is hoped that the weather this year is as good as it was at the open day held last year (pictures below) particularly as the open day event will be featured in the Lancashire Life magazine.





For details of the event and how to get there please click [here](#)