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Dear Learner,

Welcome everyone joining DistanceLearningCentre.com and reading our monthly Newsletter for the first time, and to our regular learners. This month's newsletter features information on our new Functional Skills courses, some inspiring stories of success from previous DistanceLearningCentre.com students, and a report from the Growth Project Open Day.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS - LAUNCHING SEPT 2018

We are pleased to announce **we are now able to offer fully online Functional Skills with Open Awards.**

These courses are **studied entirely online** with one-to-one tutor support to develop your skills and prepare you for the Functional Skills assessments. You will complete **all assessments online**, meaning that you don't need to arrange your Functional Skills assessments yourself.

All assessments are externally set and marked by our awarding body, Open Awards. You will gain access to our high quality and skills-focused learning materials that will teach you to develop the skills needed to pass the Functional Skills assessments.

Functional Skills Maths/English Level 2 is at the same level as a GCSE grade C or above (legacy GCSE grading), or Level 4 or above (reformed GCSE grading). Many universities now accept Functional Skills instead of a Maths GCSE.

This is intended to be a fast-track course, studied over 12 weeks or less. To achieve the qualification you will be required to commit to approximately 45 hours of guided learning.

Level 2 Maths will run from 10th September 2018, with Level 1 Maths and Level 2 English following on in early 2019

If you require more information on Functional Skills please email [Student Services](#), or call us on 0845 302 8270.



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HALL OF FAME UPDATES

We were so pleased to hear from one of our past learners, **Katie Dutton** has been named Student Nurse of the Year by the Royal College of Nursing.

Katie has been quite a regular in the DistanceLearningCentre.com Newsletter, having appeared earlier this year to tell us of her time learning to care for refugees in Berlin, and also being one of our Fab Five winners in 2016. Katie overcame some exceptionally challenging circumstances to achieve her Diploma with us, and being awarded Student Nurse of the Year simply highlights her dedication and hard work.

Katie told us "I really wanted to let you know because without DistanceLearningCentre.com I wouldn't have been able to do an access course around work. So you are part of this achievement!!"

This is such a fantastic achievement for Katie, and it's lovely to know that DistanceLearningCentre.com has played a part in helping Katie reach these successes.

You can read more on the story from [Leicester DeMontford University's website](#).

Congratulations Katie!

More great news from previous Fab Five winners. **Sharon Worgan** contacted us to tell us she gained a First Class Honours with a pass rate of 87.4%. Pretty strong results we're sure you'll agree. Sharon told us:

"I've been working on the Acute Medical Unit at Warrington Hospital since March and will be doing some ad hoc teaching at UCLan later in the year to help with my professional development. I wouldn't have thought in a million years I'd be doing this a few years ago. I was really stuck in a rut in my old job. Spotting an ad for Distance Learning Centre online helped to plant the seed that spurred the changes!"

Such great news Sharon, we hope your great results can be an inspiration to our new learners starting with us in 2018.



BLOOMING FANTASTIC!



Not many of you will know but Distance Learning Centre also supports and funds through time from its directors and staff a small not-for-profit based in Rochdale which works with people with mental health problems. The Growth Project is a partnership between Hourglass (Distancelearningcentre.com's not for profit organisation) and Rochdale and District Mind. It is the Project's 10th anniversary this year and we were delighted to be chosen to represent Rochdale in the finals of Britain in Bloom. We were judged on August 9th and on Saturday the 11th we opened the garden gates to the public under the National Garden Scheme (<https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/33364/>).

We had 150 visitors to the gardens which grow organic vegetables, cut flowers and fruit which we sell on the day. Nicky (Curriculum Leader) made all jams and Andrew (Financial Director) made the cordial. We also sold our calendars, with photographs all taken on site by Karen (Curriculum Director), Debbie (Student Services) and the photographer from Lancashire Life magazine where we were featured in January this year. The weather was beautiful and everything was perfect due to the wonderful weather we have had this year - plus even the mayor of Rochdale made a visit. So [do follow us on Facebook](#) for more of the highlights, and if you are in the area please come and see us next year at our Open Day.

See if you can spot Jane (Student services manager) Eamonn (Curriculum leader) and Marie (business tutor) in the picture below.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Congratulations to Jade Deverill, who manages the DLC Forum & our Facebook group, on her new arrival.

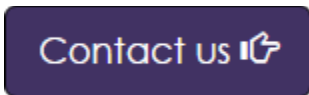
Marlowe Jenny-Lyn Deverill was born on the 2nd of August weighing in at 7lb 12oz.

Best wishes to Jade and all the family.



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