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Dear Learner,

It's an info packed newsletter for you this month, with news from our successful GCSE students, our September '18 Alumni and information about our new Access to Medicine Diploma, UCAS help for 2019 and December Certification.

Don't forget, if you need to speak to anyone regarding anything in this newsletter, please email [studentservices@distancelearningcentre.com](mailto:studentservices@distancelearningcentre.com) and we will help wherever we can.

Best Wishes,

The DistanceLearningCentre.com team.

## GCSE and IGCSE RESULTS



Congratulations to those learners who have achieved their GCSEs and IGCSEs this summer:  
IGCSE English Language: 100% pass rate (4-9) with 40% achieving a 7 and above (old A/A\*)

GCSE Maths: 55% pass rate (4-9) including one student achieving a 9 - a wonderful achievement that only 3.6% of entries in the country achieved

IGCSE Sciences (Biology/Chemistry/Physics): 58.3% pass rate (A\*-C) with 33.3% achieving A/A\*

Well done to everyone of our learners - amazing results that we hope you're very proud of!

(Nationally 160,519 students aged 17 or older took Maths GCSE. Of these 22.1% achieved a Pass (4+) compared to 55% of our learners. So an extra special congratulations is due if you are one of those to achieve a 4/C or above...)

## UCAS APPLICATIONS



UCAS Applications are now being submitted for entry to university in September 2019. 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. All Level 2 work (where required) must also be completed in line with your Individual Learning Plan.**

**Further information about the UCAS process can be found [on our UCAS web page](#). To find this click on the red 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.**

## NEW COURSE - ACCESS TO MEDICINE



We are pleased to announce that we are now offering an Access to Medicine Diploma. This will ultimately help those wishing to study Medicine to become a doctor. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting to achieve this goal, and to join professionals enjoying careers in General Practice, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Radiology.. - the list goes on.

To become a doctor, entry requirements vary, but to be successful in an application to university for Medicine you normally need at least five GCSEs at grades A\* (9) or A (8 or 7), including English, Maths and the Sciences. Science Double Award is usually accepted. If you do not have these already, you can study them with us first.

The entry requirements for this course are that you must currently hold the correct number and grades at GCSE for university applications and have the skills and experiences relevant to the course, such as current NHS or social care experience.

Our Access to HE Diplomas are fully accredited through an Authorised Validating Agency (AVA) and regulated by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), so are part of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

For more details please see our website - [www.distancelearningcentre.com/career/medicine](http://www.distancelearningcentre.com/career/medicine)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DECEMBER 2018 CERTIFICATION

**2nd November 2018** - deadline for final submission of assessments. You are advised to submit your work well in advance of this date as there will be insufficient time remaining for re-marking should your work not be up to standard.

All completing students must upload a [Course Evaluation Form](#) to their [my Completion Docs](#) upload area before Finishing. If you would like to appear in the 'Hall of Fame', please also send a photo and a short piece to your tutor. Also do read the [How to guide](#) on the certification process. Certificates will be sent to us by the Awarding Body in early January 2019.

Certificates will be posted to each student via Recorded Delivery within 2-3 days of us receiving them.

**Will I have to pay any more if I finish before the deadline?** - if between you and your tutor, you have ensured that your target completion date on your Learner Account has been kept in line with when you actually complete, you will find that you have paid your fees in full at that point. If the target completion date was set for later than when you actually complete, there will be additional fees to pay. These will become due on the date you complete and must be settled in full before you can be entered for moderation.

**If I have already paid my Registration Fees, will I have to pay them again?** - If you are studying an Ascentis Diploma your registration lasts for 5 years (unless your registration is withdrawn due to not paying the full fee when payments are due).

## WHERE ARE OUR SEPTEMBER '18 ALUMNI STUDYING NOW?


We now have a full list of university courses our students were placed on for 2018. The list is pretty long (over 80 courses!), and shows the variety of career paths chosen by our students, some of which might surprise you. Please follow this link to our forum:

<https://bit.ly/2xOHOkP>

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