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Welcome to the August newsletter!

This is our monthly newsletter that gives you some news and updates about what is going on with DistanceLearningCentre.com, our staff and our learners.

This month's newsletter is packed with information and updates, including; a new qualification, requesting passwords advice and an amazing accomplishment by our tutor Jennifer Burgess-Thomas!

New Qualification Launch- ABID



We are launching a new qualification in September - the Advanced British International Diploma (ABID). This has been designed as an affordable route into UK universities for International Students who do not currently have the qualifications they need. We have been developing this qualification with Ascentis for sometime and are very excited about the launch as it will give overseas students the opportunity to study a one year diploma style qualification allowing them the same accessibility and flexibility of studies as our UK students enjoy.

If you would like to find out more about this qualification you can find it on our [website](#) but please note that this qualification is only appropriate for non UK residents.

Requesting Passwords Advice

As all of our resources are password protected, our tutors receive a lot of password requests by email. It is very helpful for tutors if these requests are clear to avoid the incorrect password being sent to you. When you request a password make sure you include the unit name and whether you are asking for a materials (SAQs) or assessment (TAQs) password. If you are requesting an assessment password, let your tutor know what deadline you would like to set - your ILP should help you with this. Setting your own deadlines will help you follow your own program of study to complete the course on time.

50 miles, 24 hours and a lot of rocks! ~ Jennifer Burgess-Thomas

Jennifer completed the Montane Lakeland50 last month, a brutal, challenging experience. What an amazing achievement! This is her experience...

"I was always fit in school and a member of every sports team going but university came, and I stopped any kind of physical activity except for the odd visit to the gym. So, feeling the most unfit I've ever felt and heavier than I've ever been, I decided to take up running around five years ago. I started with the couch to 5km app on my phone and just couldn't understand why 2 minutes of walking felt like 2 seconds in between the 1 minute of running which felt like an eternity!

I entered my first trail run which was 13km around

Derwentwater in the Lakes. After that I started entering more trail races, all in the Lakes and all with a medal and a t-shirt to win at the finish line. All the races were 10 – 16km and I wasn't fast but loved the trails and loved getting that t-shirt at the end.

However, one holiday up in Coniston I saw 'an event', a big event. It was the Montane Lakeland50. A 24hr ultra marathon challenge covering 50miles from the Dalemain Estate near Pooley Bridge to Coniston. Right at that moment I thought "I'm going to do that!". I had a big birthday coming up in three years and so thought that would be the ultimate challenge to aim for in order to celebrate a milestone in life.



Fast forward to 23rd July 2021 and now with two (albeit slow) trail marathons and a 55km ultra under my belt I was pulling up to camp at the John Ruskin High School in Coniston, the Lakeland50 HQ for the weekend. Full of apprehension, excitement and a lot of naivety I registered for the race. It was finally time to realise my dream.

The pandemic in the year leading up to this meant I really wasn't prepared and so just to finish would be an achievement. To say it was tough is a massive understatement. The ascents were relentless, the descents were tricky, the paths were rocky and painful and going through the night was quite an experience.

There were tears at the 55km point and again at 75km but I kept putting one foot in front of the other and kept moving towards Coniston. 22hours and 3mins after beginning I crossed that finish line and got my medal and a fantastic t-shirt! My arrival was announced in the marquee at race HQ and scores of spectators erupted into applause. The sense of achievement was overwhelming. I am now officially a 'Lakeland50 Legend' and I've got the t-shirt to prove it!

You really can achieve anything you want to if you put your mind to it. When the going gets tough, just keep putting one foot in front of the other and you'll get there. There were lots of inspirational quotes attached to trees and footpath posts along the most remote parts of the course.

My favourite – 'You didn't come this far to only come this far'. If you have a dream then don't ever give up, remember why you started and that it was supposed to be a challenge. Afterall if it's not a challenge then everyone would be doing it."

[Click here to view a short video](#) showing a snippet of the Montane Lakeland50 & 100 event



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UCAS Clearing

If you have been unsuccessful in your university application or have completed your diploma and have yet to apply for a 2021 entry, please bear in mind there are still many places available in clearing.

As of last Friday 30th July:

61 providers had places available for Nursing

39 providers had places available for Midwifery

11 providers had places available for Radiography

29 providers had places available for Physiotherapy and Sports Therapy

14 providers had places available for ODP

121 providers had places available for Law

205 providers had places available for Business

91 providers had places available for Biomedical Science

127 providers had places available for English

90 providers had places available for Social Work

102 providers had places available for Construction and Built Environment

161 providers had places available for Education

125 providers had places available for Sports Science

And many more. All vacancies are displayed in the UCAS search tool <https://digital.ucas.com/search>

Coronavirus Updates

Remember to visit our Corona Virus News Page regularly for the latest updates!

Visit the updates page by clicking [here](#).

Finding errors or broken links?

We want to keep our resources accurate and up to date- so please tell us if you find any errors or a link that no longer works!

You can email the editing team directly at editor@distancelearningcentre.com who will resolve the problem promptly.

Have any suggestions to add to our Resource Library?

Have you found any websites or resources that have been helpful to your studies and want to share them with other learners? Please let us know! We can add any helpful resources to our DLC Library, meaning all our learners can make use of them also.

We are in the process of updating our DLC Library. If there are any areas that you would like to see more resources for, you can let us know directly. Email the editing team with your suggestions and requests.



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