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## **Brand new Pharos Tutors branding, website and student experience**

Pharos Tutors offers short online courses and certificate programmes in family history, local history, and related topics. We are delighted to announce that we have today launched the brand-new Pharos Tutors website and online course experience.

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### Guiding the route to your ancestors

Are you looking for an online course on a particular genealogy-related topic? Perhaps you are looking for an organised programme of courses to give you a solid foundation in family history research. You are in the right place, welcome to Pharos Tutors!

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#### Anytime Courses




Anytime courses have no formal start date and no tutor. You simply buy your course and can start immediately, working at your own pace.

#### Tutor-led Courses

Tutor-Led courses are our most popular offering. Courses last 3-6 weeks, have a set start date, a dedicated tutor and weekly tutorials.

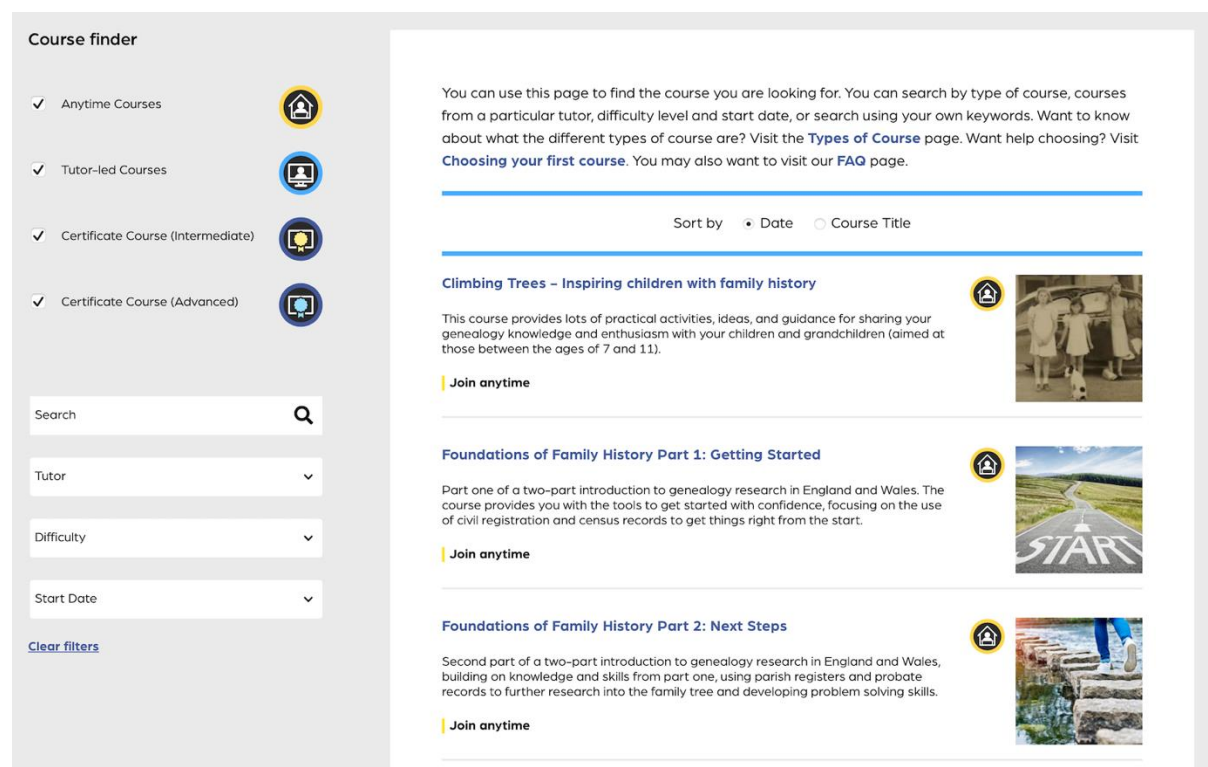
#### Certificate Courses

We have two assessed certificate programmes, developed with the Society of Genealogists, that lead to a professionally recognised qualification.



The new system better serves the current Pharos Tutors business, which now has twenty tutors and over fifty courses, with more in development. The key features are:

- **Updated look and feel**
- An easy to navigate website featuring the **brand new Course Finder**:  
The default view shows all courses and may be ordered by start date or course title. However, the course list can also be filtered by course type, e.g. just courses in the Intermediate Certificate programme, by level of difficulty, e.g. beginner's courses, by Tutor or by start month. There is also an option to search by keyword, e.g. 'parish registers'



The screenshot displays the 'Course finder' interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with filters: 'Anytime Courses', 'Tutor-led Courses', 'Certificate Course (Intermediate)', and 'Certificate Course (Advanced)'. Below these are search and filter fields for 'Search', 'Tutor', 'Difficulty', and 'Start Date', along with a 'Clear filters' link. The main content area shows a 'Sort by' dropdown set to 'Date' and a list of three courses. Each course entry includes a title, a brief description, a 'Join anytime' button, and a representative image.

**Course finder**

- Anytime Courses
- Tutor-led Courses
- Certificate Course (Intermediate)
- Certificate Course (Advanced)

Search

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[Clear filters](#)

You can use this page to find the course you are looking for. You can search by type of course, courses from a particular tutor, difficulty level and start date, or search using your own keywords. Want to know about what the different types of course are? Visit the [Types of Course](#) page. Want help choosing? Visit [Choosing your first course](#). You may also want to visit our [FAQ](#) page.

Sort by  Date  Course Title

**Climbing Trees – Inspiring children with family history**

This course provides lots of practical activities, ideas, and guidance for sharing your genealogy knowledge and enthusiasm with your children and grandchildren (aimed at those between the ages of 7 and 11).

[Join anytime](#)

**Foundations of Family History Part 1: Getting Started**

Part one of a two-part introduction to genealogy research in England and Wales. The course provides you with the tools to get started with confidence, focusing on the use of civil registration and census records to get things right from the start.

[Join anytime](#)

**Foundations of Family History Part 2: Next Steps**

Second part of a two-part introduction to genealogy research in England and Wales, building on knowledge and skills from part one, using parish registers and probate records to further research into the family tree and developing problem solving skills.

[Join anytime](#)

- Updated and **modernised platform and technology**
- A **single login for all Pharos Tutors systems** - only one password to remember!
- **Technology** used to run our courses brought 'in house' **to run within the Pharos Tutors website**
- A totally **redesigned Student interface**, our Student Area, in keeping with a modern LMS (Learning Management System).

The Student Area is now organised by course, as we know many of our students take more than one course simultaneously and wanted things more easy to find. Lesson notes and other course documents are now located in the Course materials area. Messages from the tutor are in the Messages area and students can also contact their tutor directly from here. We also have a brand new forum and chat room system. Times for chat sessions and the links to them will appear in the Chat / Zoom area. Many of our tutors are now running some of their tutorials using the Zoom video system, and the links to those can also be found in the Chat / Zoom area.

<b>Building on a Solid Foundation – Genealogy methods and techniques (204)</b>	 Course materials
<b>Started Monday 1st May 2023</b>	 Messages
Assessed – booked on 25/11/2022	 Forum
	 Chat / Zoom

The new Pharos Tutors website has been developed as an intuitive system with simple navigation, providing a much enhanced visitor experience for both current students and those considering taking a course with us. We look forward to seeing you on a Pharos Tutors course in the near future.

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