

Information Literacy Group

Transition Skills



A guide to the **resources** that are available from **Higher Education** institutions that are aimed at **sixth formers** who are **preparing to go to University** or for **new undergraduates**.



ILG Transition Resources

The materials include activities, examples and advice for students on the demands and requirements of studying at a higher level. The resources can be used independently by individual pupils, as reference material for teachers and tutors or as resources for lessons.

This is intended to be a working documents that will be updated regularly. Please let **ILG** know if you have any questions, queries or additions to add. Please contact the individual institutions about specific course requirements at their institution.

If you have any feedback on this guide, or suggestions for improvements or further resources, then please contact the **ILG** schools representative:

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Resources by Institution

Anglia Ruskin University

A skills portal at: <http://anglia.libguides.com/skillsatuni>, most of which is openly accessible. The Pilot information skills portal within this includes a number of interactive tutorials, which I would be particularly keen to get feedback on.

There are university-wide plans to develop specific transitional resources, hopefully by the start of the next academic year. This will include reworking the GAP tutorial, which was based on Leicester's 'Don't cheat yourself' plagiarism resources.

University of Birmingham

We would like to share our training with the wider community in the hope that librarians and/or teachers can provide similar such training in their schools and colleges both in the UK and abroad.

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/libraries/5883LibrarySkillspack-studentst8.pdf>

Since 2008, Library Services at the University of Birmingham has run a short Information and Research Skills session for year 12 and 13 students in the Midlands. The interactive session, which takes place on the University's campus, covers various important study skills that students will need when arriving at University as well as for the remainder of their school and college studies. It can also provide a good starting point for those undertaking the EPQ.

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/libraries/fesupport/infoskills.aspx>

An information pack for teachers, to be used in conjunction with the skills pack for students, provides all the information required for librarians and/or teachers to successfully provide similar training on these important information and research skills in their own institutions.

The Teachers Pack contains full instructional information on how to teach our session, plus additional activities. To be sent a copy of the Teachers Pack please email:

libraryskillstraining@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Resources by Institution

University of East Anglia

Preparing for Uni, is a free MOOC (massive open-access online course)

www.futurelearn.com/courses/preparing-for-uni

that students can sign up to take online. Check the website to see when courses are offered.

Also on offer is the The Skills for Uni residential course that continues this programme and continues with the teacher led Pre-university Skills Programme

www.preuniversitieskills.com

University of Bristol

We've put together some information for 'A' level students doing the EPQ. I hope you find it helpful:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/library/using/membership/external/research-tips.pdf>

It's due an update, and we will be doing this in the next month or so.

De Montfort University

HE Education Assignment Toolkit

<http://www.library.dmu.ac.uk/Support/Heat/>

Information Source Evaluation Matrix

<http://www.library.dmu.ac.uk/Images/Selfstudy/ISEMLeaflet.pdf>

Leeds University

Skills@Library - For new students and essentials. Flying Start will help you to adapt to being a learner at university. Designed to be accessed during the period between receiving A-level results and starting at university, this resource provides information, activities and messages of welcome from your school or department.

<http://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills>

http://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills#activate-tab1_for_new_students

Skills@Library team in collaboration with departmental representatives, and has been tailored for each department

Resources by Institution

University of Manchester

EPQ resources

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/teachers/students/post-16/extended-project/resources/>

Newcastle University

I have recently undertaken a project with a local high School librarian:

'Bridging the Divide: Information Literacy the Forgotten link'

We looked at ways in which library staff in HE and School can work together to aid the transition from 6th form to Undergraduate.

Here at we are in the process of making available via our website quick and easy tips for teachers with regard to IL skills needed for transition.

University Northampton

Skills hub - We have the Skills Hub with many resources (OERs) good for students in transition. We are going to develop the school material over the summer so pupils can click on a school tab and reach the resources without seeing stuff that is not relevant to them:

<http://skillshub.northampton.ac.uk/>

Open University

Being digital. Some of them cover quite academic skills, e.g. Referencing, Avoiding plagiarism, and others are more general, e.g. Communicating online, Trust online, Effective searching, Making the most of social networking.

Being digital is at: <http://www.open.ac.uk/libraryservices/beingdigital>

It is openly available and very suitable for those intending to go to university.

Activities are organised into pathways, or you can pick out individual activities as desired. There is an **'Assess your skills'** pathway designed to help students think about their confidence levels in different sorts of online activities. Depending on their answer, they are referred to relevant activities to help them develop their skills.

Resources by Institution

Queen Elizabeth VI Form College

I've just put together a resource which is about to be used with all our 2nd year students (6th Form College - so aimed at those in Year 13). It'll become part of the tutorial programme and consists of a powerpoint which gives them a quick overview of skills and the option to then look at some linked Youtube videos at their leisure. I've attached the bare basic draft that anyone can adapt as they need. It covers the skills that people said were really needed by students heading to HE. Anybody that wants to use it or any part of it will be more than welcome

University of South Wales

We have content in iTunes that anyone is free to browse:

<http://itunes.southwales.ac.uk/>

Teaching and learning category provides some short information on transition. In our own collections, you will find educational content across a wide range of subjects plus information about the university and its faculties, and life as a student. In our Student Showcase you can also see some exciting examples of work from our students.

USW will shortly be publishing an updated app:

<http://www.southwales.ac.uk/app/>

University of Surrey

"Skills Portal" which is a classified collection of e-tutorials covering information literacy, study skills, employability etc.

<http://libweb.surrey.ac.uk/library/skills/learningskills.html>

We've also created some learning sequences with associated **"Teacher Toolkits"** which give examples of ways to use resources and supporting items e.g. handouts:

<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/library/resources/tutorials/index.htm>

"Splash" resources and Podcasts

<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/library/splash/online/index.htm>

Resources by Institution

University of Sunderland

Skills for Learning: Resources for transition skills:

<http://library.sunderland.ac.uk/skills/>

These resources are mainly free to access except when linked to licensed resources. We offer the following programme to a transition course organised by our widening participation team, please see attached document, and this uses only freely accessible resources from our Skills for Learning offer.

Teeside University

We run a workshop at the beginning of the academic year, talking about all sorts of skills needed, including information literacy. It is a signposting workshop to other workshops that we run.

The **'What's new about studying at university'** workshop PowerPoint etc. can be found at:

<http://www.tees.libguides.com/content.php?pid=311581&sid=4292165>

along with the details of all the other workshops we run.

Progression to HE Powerpoint

<http://www.informationliteracy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/independentlearningskills.ppt>

This is a resource which is aimed at those in Year 13. The powerpoint gives a quick overview of skills and the option to then look at some linked Youtube videos. The presentation is a basic draft that anyone can adapt as they need. It covers skills that are really needed by students heading to HE. Anybody that wants to use it or any part of it will be more than welcome.

Links to study skills websites: A general list of links.

<http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/students/PDFFiles/Study%20Skills/WebsitesforStudySkills.pdf>

Who we are:

A CILIP Special Interest Group which encourages debate and the exchange of knowledge in all aspects of information literacy.

What we do:

CONFERENCE – Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC):
www.lilacconference.com

JOURNAL - Journal of Information Literacy: <http://jil.lboro.ac.uk>

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