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Study Skills

Learning Resources Centre (LRC)

The LRC is an excellent place to study, work on assignments and carry out research. During term-time the LRC is open Monday to Thursday from 08:30 to 19:00 every day and on a Friday from 08:30 to 17:00. During college vacations the LRC is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:00.

The LRC offers a comprehensive collection of print and e-books, online journal collections and databases and other resources including video streaming. Links to subject specific online resources can be found on the LRC Online Portal – <https://ipac.nescot.ac.uk>. You will be able to access online resources 24/7 by using OpenAthens accounts which will set-up when you start your course.

The LRC has a collection of 16,000 printed books covering all taught subjects. There also a collection of DVDs. You may borrow up to ten items at any one time. Books can be borrowed for up to three weeks. Copies of titles in high demand are available in shorter loan lengths either for 7 days or 24 hours. Most items may be renewed or reserved. If an item that you need is not in stock you may request it to be purchased or borrowed from another library.

The LRC features both a Welcome Desk and a Help Desk. LRC staff based at either desk will assist with enquiries and will support you to use computers and printers.

The Academic Librarian and Head of Learning Resources work closely with your lecturers and will understand the research requirements for your projects and are there to assist you.

When you start at College, you will attend an Information Literacy Skills Programme in the LRC. This programme has been created to provide you with the skills that you need to search for information in the LRC Online Portal, including the library catalogue and journal databases. The programme covers how to avoid plagiarism and how to reference correctly. At Nescot College we use Harvard Reference System based on the latest guidance from Cite Them Right Online, which we subscribe to.

Study Skills Workshops will be delivered throughout the academic year. In addition you can book one-to-one support with the Academic Librarian or Higher Education Learning Support Tutor.

There are 220 study spaces in the LRC and these are separated into areas for group, individual and silent study. There is also an Adult and HE Study Room that offers PCs and study spaces.

There are 100 PCs and 10 laptops available. All PCS and laptops are equipped with Windows 10, Microsoft Office 2016 and Adobe CC, which includes Photoshop 2015 and are connected to printers, with colour and black and white printing and photocopying available. Wi-Fi is available across the entire campus so you can use your own laptops and mobile devices.

The LRC is fully accessible. There are 2 adjustable desks for use with wheelchairs, a disabled toilet, document magnifiers. Read and Write Gold and other software to assist with dyslexia is available throughout the college. Many e-books come with accessibility settings and some e-journal articles have audio accompaniments.

