

Libraries Visits for Sixth Form and College Students

Worcestershire Libraries, in partnership with the University of Worcester, offer an extraordinary suite of sessions for sixth form and college students aiming to continue their education beyond secondary school. All sessions are designed with National Curriculum objectives in mind and are structured and delivered to help students continue to develop and learn outside the classroom.

Session	Description	Benefits of the session inc. curriculum (skills learned)	Where it's available
Finding Research for your Level 3 Coursework, EPQ or Independent Project	Do your students need to use a range of sources for their coursework or independent project? Following a brief introduction to the resources (books and academic journals) available in The Hive, students will have hands on time to research their own topic. If students borrow books on the day they will be able to return them to their local Worcestershire library. This session could be combined with one (or more) of the sessions below, an Archives visit, a talk about Higher Education from the University of Worcester Graduate ambassadors or a tour of the Infirmary Museum .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital literacy ○ Information literacy ○ Acquisition of knowledge ○ Increases the comprehension and knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live ○ Critical thinking ○ Ambitious expectations of reading ○ Encouragement of wider reading 	The Hive
An Introduction to Harvard Referencing	In this session, students will look at why we reference, when we reference and the mechanics of how to do it. If you would prefer your students to use a footnote system for referencing, we can introduce the MHRA system instead of Harvard. Please specify which system you would prefer when booking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital literacy ○ Information literacy ○ Acquisition of knowledge ○ Increases the comprehension and knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live ○ Critical thinking ○ Encouragement of wider reading 	All Worcestershire Libraries and Online
Evaluating sources for academic study	Students will look at some tips and tricks for evaluating information found online including some of the challenges that can make it hard for them to be objective and effective in their evaluations of information; tips and tricks for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital literacy ○ Information literacy ○ Acquisition of knowledge ○ Increases the comprehension and knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live 	The Hive

	finding the original source of a piece of evidence or a claim; and looking at other sources that can help us make a 'good enough' judgement about an information source or a claim.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Critical thinking ○ Encouragement of wider reading ○ Preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life 	
Introducing Journals	<p>This session introduces students to academic journals, discussing the benefits of using them and how to find them on online databases. Students will be provided with a research task to help them explore journal articles, but if there is something specific that you would like them to research, please let us know. This session can be combined with the following sessions as described above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An introduction to Harvard referencing (1 hour). ● Evaluating sources for academic study (1 hour) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital literacy ○ Information literacy ○ Acquisition of knowledge ○ Increases the comprehension and knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live ○ Critical thinking ○ Encouragement of wider reading ○ Preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life 	The Hive
'Can I use this for my assignment?' Evaluating Information for Academic Study	<p>This session will look at some tips and tricks for evaluating information found online including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● some of the challenges that can make it hard for us to be objective and effective in our evaluations of information ● tips and tricks for finding the original source of a piece of evidence or a claim ● looking at other sources that can help us make a 'good enough' judgement about an information source or a claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital literacy ○ Information literacy ○ Acquisition of knowledge ○ Increases the comprehension and knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live ○ Critical thinking ○ Encouragement of wider reading ○ Preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life 	The Hive, Worcestershire Libraries or Online
How to Spot Fake News	Students will have the opportunity to try out some fact-checking tools, tips and tricks which can help us to make sure that the news we share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital literacy ○ Information literacy ○ Acquisition of knowledge 	The Hive, Worcestershire Libraries or Online

	with our friends, family and social networks is as accurate as possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increases the comprehension and knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live ○ Critical thinking ○ Encouragement of wider reading ○ Preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life 	
Study Happy	Study Happy is a year-round wellbeing programme for students in Worcester, available at all Worcestershire Libraries. It offers free study spaces, computers, resources, and WiFi to support healthier, happier, and smarter studying. The programme emphasizes self-care and provides de-stressing events like PAT therapy dog sessions, Mindful Colouring, free hot chocolate, and fruit snacks. Additionally, students can access research and referencing help through the University of Worcester's Ask a Librarian service, which aims to respond within 48 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Wellbeing ○ Mindful Learning ○ Preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life 	Worcestershire Librarians