

# Electronic Resources

## Internet and Microsoft Office

All Libraries and Learning Centres have access to the internet and Microsoft Office programmes. The Library has a booking service for PCs at busy times, but you can **drop in** at any other time.



## Blackboard VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)

The VLE provides support for students on a number of courses. Some courses have handouts or PowerPoint presentations on Blackboard; others have large sections that you complete online using interactive course materials.

When you first log-in to a computer at College, the Blackboard log-in page automatically opens.

To get access to Blackboard, you need to log-in to a **College PC** for around 10 minutes so Blackboard picks up your username. Once you have done this on a College PC, you can use Blackboard from **any computer that has internet access**.

You can use Blackboard from home by going to this address: <http://bb6.dundeecollege.ac.uk>

You can use Blackboard for:

- wikis
- blogs
- practice tests
- email
- text messaging (for tutor to contact students)
- discussion pages
- submitting work to tutors

Your course tutors will give you more information about using Blackboard, or you can ask at any of the Library and Learning Centre desks for help.

## Access to Online Resources - My Athens

The Library has several online databases you can access through the Library pages on the College website. You can also access them from home with an **Athens account**.

- You will receive information about getting an Athens account at your Library induction. You can also use the details below to self-register.

You can create an account at [www.athensams.net/myathens/](http://www.athensams.net/myathens/) by entering the below details - registration this way **must be done on a College PC**.

**Constitution Students**  
Username: ddc-cc  
Password: resources1  
Complete online form

**Graham St. Students**  
Username: ddc-gs  
Password: resources1  
Complete online form

**Kingsway Students**  
Username: ddc-kc  
Password: resources1  
Complete online form

**Melrose Students**  
Username: ddc-mc  
Password: resources1  
Complete online form

**Gardyne Students**  
Username: ddc-gc  
Password: resources1  
Complete online form

**Open Learning Students**  
Please contact Sam Stirling  
on 01382 834850 or email  
s.stirling@dundeecollege.ac.uk

If you have any problems with this process, please contact Sam Stirling on 01382 834850.

## Dundee College Library Online Databases

The following list shows some of the online databases you can use:

### Archival Sound Recordings

This British Library website provides free access to around 32,000 sound recordings. Great if you need sound for your presentations or films.

### Education Image Gallery

Thousands of images from the world famous Getty archive covering subjects like sport, fashion, major events, buildings, politics, social history, key personalities, transport, industry, work, leisure and music. Great for finding images you can use in course work (see page 15).

### Film & Sound Online

Provides film, video and sound collections, with associated materials, for many subject areas. Remember to quote the source of materials if you use them in your course work (see page 23 onward).

### Gale Databases

- **General Onefile** - A resource for news & journal articles on a wide range of topics
- **InfoTrac Fulltext Newspaper Database** - A selection of UK & International newspapers
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** - A database of encyclopaedias, almanacs and specialised reference sources

### Passport Markets (Formerly GMID)

Passport Markets provides key business intelligence on countries, consumers, lifestyles, markets and companies. It offers a range of international market research.

### Issues Online

The UK's first comprehensive online reference source for those who need up-to-date information on contemporary social issues. Very user-friendly website that's great for social subjects.

### KnowUK Database (Chadwyck-Healey)

KnowUK is a unique online reference service, giving key information on the people, places and institutions of the UK.