Three rounds of library and IT questions were used and in each round teams aimed to find the most obscure answer with the aim of getting the lowest score. Most groups engaged with the quiz and there was great competition between teams to see who could get that all-important Pointless answer (and score zero).

We will be evaluating the new style inductions later in the term but initial feedback is that it got people talking. Other aspects of our induction include the online tutorials, drop in support in the Library and Babbage Open Access Computing and some Bite Size Sessions (see below).

Library Bite Size Sessions

Your students can sign up for quick half-hour sessions in the library to help with specific issues. Each session will be repeated at different times on different days with the aim that anyone can attend.

The current menu is:
- Lost in the library
- Get that book
- Referencing the Harvard way
- Referencing—any style

For more information about these and future sessions and how to book online visit the Bite Sizes web page.
TEL Roadshow

Are you a Technology Enhanced Learning novice? Or, are you an old hand who just needs updating on new developments?

Whatever your needs, a TEL Roadshow will be coming to a faculty near you this term.

Each event will be tailored to the needs of the host faculty.

Look out for dates and venues which will be publicised.

New Special collections and postgrad room

Room 305 (the old silent study room) is now a postgraduate study room which also houses the Special Collections. The Card Office have confirmed that access to Room 305 has been completed.

All postgraduates, researchers and university staff will be able to use their university cards to gain swipe access to the room.

Undergraduates will only have access to the room if they are consulting the Special Collections.

The room is equipped with sofas as well as work tables and has power connections for laptops. Being on level 3 the room is located in the centre of the newly designated Quiet Study Floor.

Library changes to include extra work spaces and a quiet study floor

The first change you will notice on entering the library is the relocation of the Library & IT Gateway Information Desk which will soon be followed by changes to the entrance gates. This should alleviate the congestion in the library entrance and allow us to deal with queries more efficiently.

In response to student feedback new group study spaces have been created on level 2 and additional equipped study spaces on library level 0.

A large new Quiet Study room has been created on level 3 near the lifts. This new room plus the new postgrad room (see above) have resulted in level 3 being designated as a Quiet Study Floor.

The small study area next to the level 0 open access computing area has been re-assigned as an office area dealing with incoming new books and the PCs and Macs from that area have been relocated to the area outside the Library Lecture Room.

Overall there are now 75 new study spaces in the library, 20 of which are equipped with pcs.
New student printers

Over the summer the entire student printer/copier fleet has been replaced. We have chosen a model which has a fast print speed and produces sharp text with great colour and image quality.

Other features include:
- option to scan to USB stick in a variety of formats for on-screen reading rather than produce paper copies;
- larger touch screens which can be tilted for easier access;
- option to automatically staple your work as it prints or copies;
- environmentally responsible, built using bio and recycled plastics and with lower energy output than previous models.

Work automatically gets sent to all the devices in the Standard-Printers queue. A swipe of your university card at the printer releases your print job. The device can differentiate between b&w and colour and charge accordingly.

Loans changes

Following extensive consultation with all user groups last year the library introduced its revised loans policy over the summer vacation. The main features are:

- All University users will be allowed 20 concurrent loans, ITE students will be allowed an additional 40 items from the School Experience Collection (SEC).
- All items will be loaned for 6 weeks (except reference only or SEC).
- An item with a reservation will be loaned for 7 days
- All non SEC items will be recalled if another user places a reservation
- Recalled items must be returned within 7 days
- Overdue charges will be made only on items that have been reserved by someone else.
- If you do not return an item on time, your library account will be suspended
- Items on loan can be renewed
- “no fines unless someone else has requested the book”

Looking for Inspiration?

**Inspiration** mind mapping software provides a tool for thinking and learning visually and can be used to aid the development of ideas and to plan essays and other work.

Use it to create idea maps, flow chart, tree charts, TQM diagrams, presentation visuals, outlines and text.

Inspiration can help increase memory retention and organisational skills. By using words and picture symbols through mind mapping techniques, you can create a visual representation concepts and ideas.

- Brainstorm and expand ideas
- Create a graphical organiser or map to show how ideas and concepts interconnect
- Plan a project or event
- Organise information and clarify thinking
- Check for understanding
- Create many types of visual diagrams such as concept maps, idea maps, visual web maps and storyboard maps.
- Organise and write reports
- Elaborate with supporting details
- Create linear organization
- Turn prewriting into word processing and presentation.

Inspiration will shortly be available on all Plymouth campus PCs.
AdLib
Additional Library Services

Students often say they wish they’d known about AdLib services earlier
Tutors are ideally placed to refer students to us for library support
We all share responsibility for supporting students with disabilities
We can help you ensure course textbooks are accessible to all students

AdLib services include:

- **Practical support**: postal loans, scan/email service, book pick-up service
- **Alternative formats**: supplying texts in accessible formats for those with a print impairment (includes visual impairment and dyslexia)
- **Equipment loans**: for disabled students - voice recorders, library use laptops
- **Assistive software**: Inspiration, TextHELP! Read&Write, Screenruler
- **1:1 sessions**: library familiarisation tailored to individual need

For full details see [AdLib Library Guide](http://plymouth.libguides.com/adlib)

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