



PGCE: Finding and using information.

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Welcome.

Welcome to our introduction to library resources and support at UWTSD.

This is an interactive session developed by the library and delivered by your tutors in your individual tutor groups.

If, at any time, tutors have any questions regarding this session, please contact either:

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We will be available throughout this session.

The aim of today's session ...

... is to introduce you to the range of resources available at UWTSD via the library; and to begin thinking about how you can use and incorporate them into your academic work.

We will consider how to:

- Locate and navigate the library web pages.
- Begin searching for academic information using library resources.
- Save and organise information.
- Find help and support.



Library resources can be found in the university **intranet** pages.

To locate them, begin at the library **internet** pages. Go to <https://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/library>

On the internet page, click on the Current Students tab and then Student Intranet.

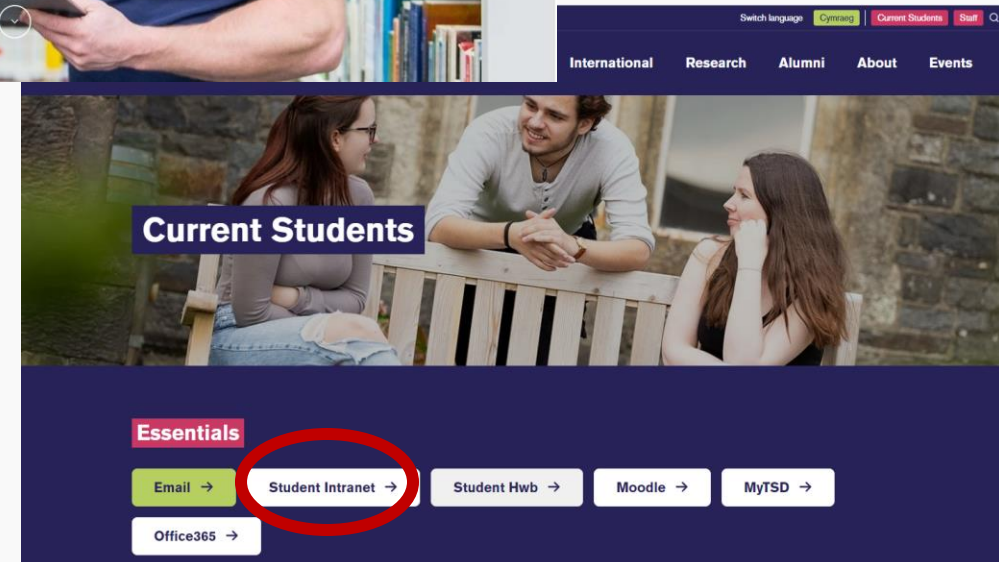
Note You may need to **login** using your university login and password. If so, just click on

Intranet login

Click on the Quick Links tab at the top of the screen ... scroll down to Library and Learning Resources.



The library **internet** pages look like this ...



Library resources can be found in the university **intranet** pages.

The [library intranet pages](#) look like this ...

From here you can access our library resources.

Remember to bookmark the location!



Virtual tour around the library intranet web pages.

The [library intranet pages](#) can be divided into:

- The library catalogue.
- Online help and support.
- Library events.

For a **virtual tour**, please see the following video.



Where to begin searching for academic information.

Online Resource Lists.

Find on Moodle or library web pages. Resources recommended by your lecturers, made available by the library. Accessible by direct link. Start here. Online Infoskills section [Online Resource lists](#).

Moodle / Teams.

Useful additional resources and communications may be uploaded. Be aware of what is happening here.

Today, we will focus on links to the online resource lists and searching library resources.

Library catalogue / databases.

Good print resources, but most information now available online, 24/7. Subscribed, up-to-date, academically credible content, in your subject area. Explore and build here. Online Infoskills course [Finding and Using Information](#).

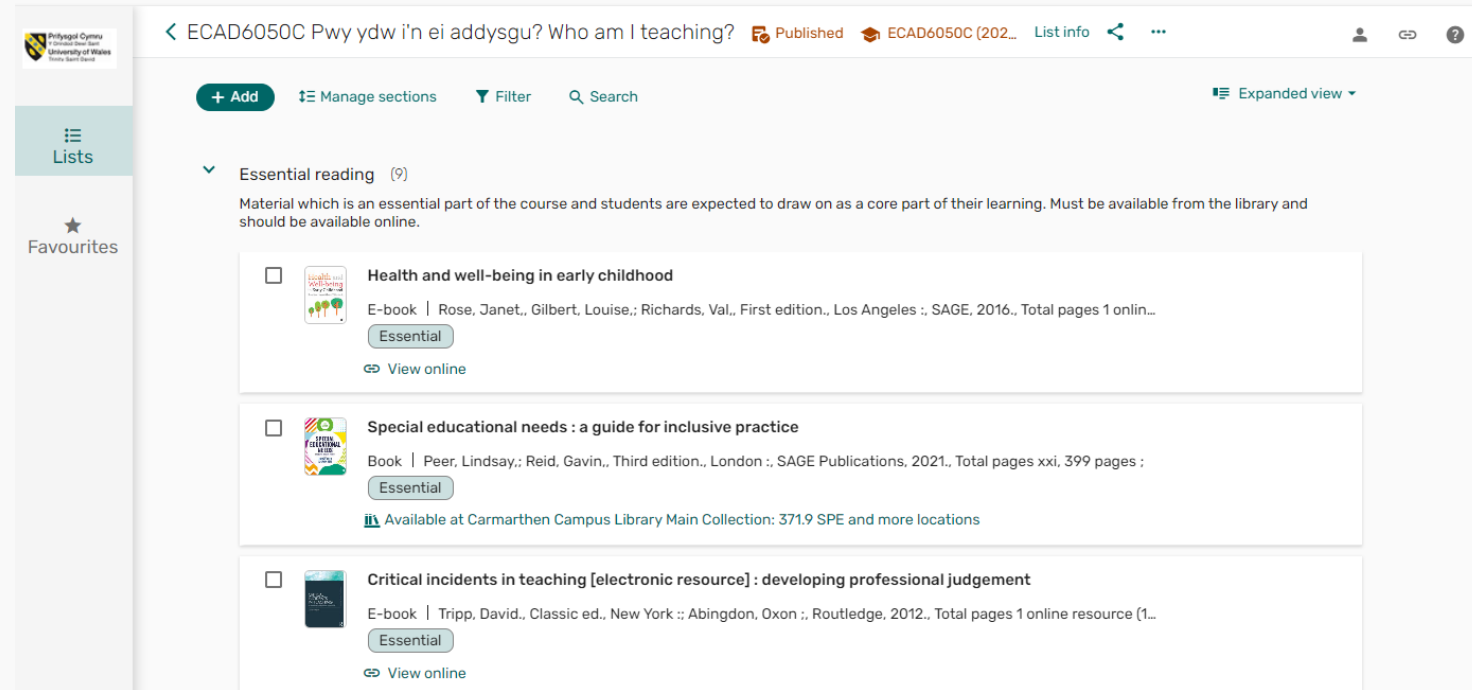
Google and the internet.

Evaluate - little quality control. Limited ability to refine. Restricted subscribed content. Understand what you are looking at ... and what you are not looking at! Be wary here. Online Infoskills unit [Advanced Searching](#).



Online resource lists.

Online resource lists contain resources which have been recommended by your lecturers. They offer easy access to good quality information and are a very good foundation from which to begin conducting your own research. Use them to access resources directly, or to learn key terms and authors.



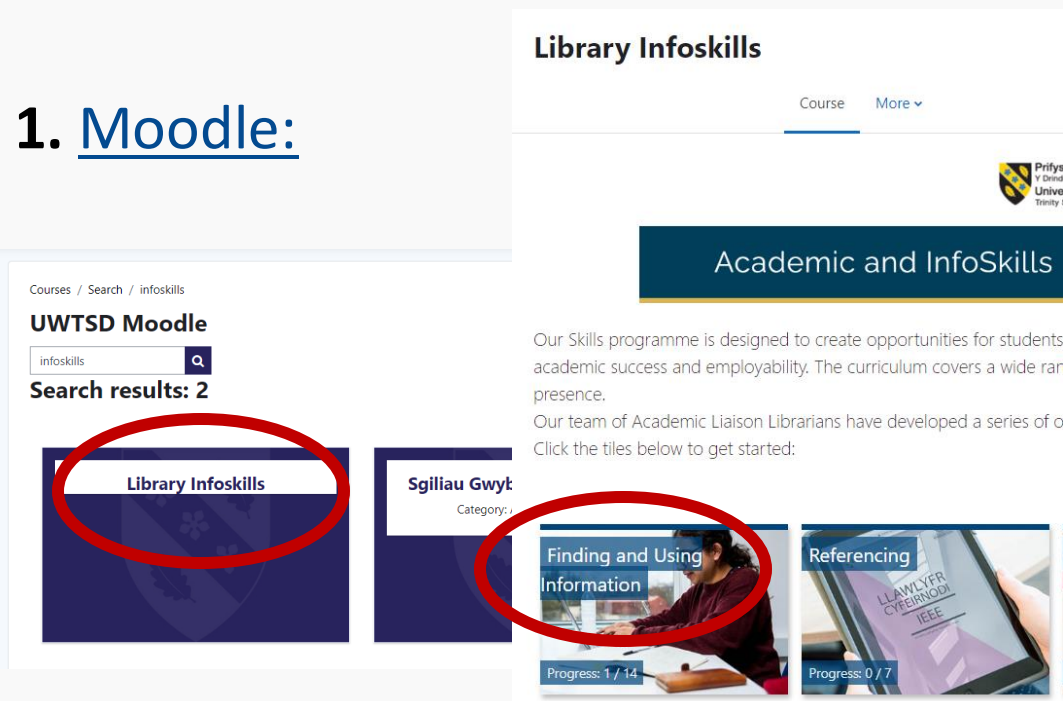
We have produced an online unit which explains how access them. It can be found in our **Academic and Infoskills** programme – **course Finding and Using Information, unit 1 Identifying Information, section 3 Online resource lists**. If you have time, please browse this section at the end of the session.



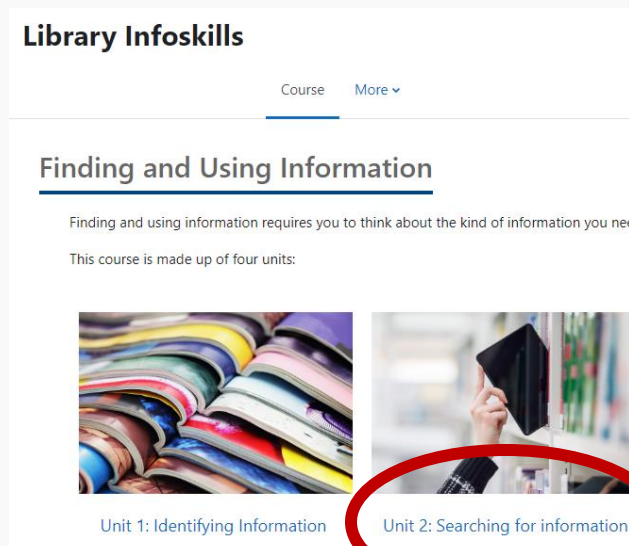
Academic and Infoskills.

Our **Academic and Infoskills** programme is designed to help you develop your academic and information skills. The online curriculum covers a wide range of topics, from finding library resources and referencing, to critical evaluation and misinformation. You can access it either via either Moodle or the library web pages. Remember that you may need to login first!

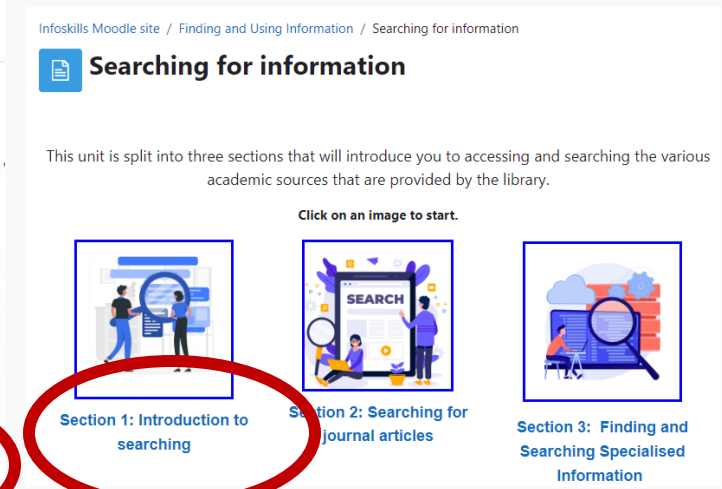
1. Moodle:



The screenshot shows the UWTSD Moodle search results for 'infoskills'. The search bar at the top left contains 'infoskills' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the text 'Search results: 2' is displayed. Two search results are shown as tiles. The first tile, titled 'Library Infoskills', is circled in red. The second tile, titled 'Sgiliau Gwyb', is also circled in red. Below the 'Sgiliau Gwyb' tile, there are two smaller tiles: 'Finding and Using Information' (with a progress bar showing 1/14) and 'Referencing' (with a progress bar showing 0/7).



The screenshot shows the 'Library Infoskills' page for 'Finding and Using Information'. The page has a header with 'Library Infoskills' and a 'Course' button. Below the header, the title 'Finding and Using Information' is displayed. The text below the title states: 'Finding and using information requires you to think about the kind of information you need, This course is made up of four units:'. Below this text, there are two image tiles. The first tile, titled 'Unit 1: Identifying Information', shows a stack of books. The second tile, titled 'Unit 2: Searching for information', shows a hand holding a smartphone and is circled in red.



The screenshot shows the 'Searching for information' unit page. The page has a header with 'Infoskills Moodle site / Finding and Using Information / Searching for information'. Below the header, the title 'Searching for information' is displayed. The text below the title states: 'This unit is split into three sections that will introduce you to accessing and searching the various academic sources that are provided by the library. Click on an image to start.' Below this text, there are three image tiles. The first tile, titled 'Section 1: Introduction to searching', is circled in red. The second tile, titled 'Section 2: Searching for journal articles', is also circled in red. The third tile, titled 'Section 3: Finding and Searching Specialised Information', is also circled in red.

Academic and Infoskills.

2. Library web pages:



Finding and Using Information

Finding and using information requires you to think about the kind of information you need, where to find it, and how to evaluate it.

Unit 1: Identifying Information

Unit 2: Searching for information

Unit 3: Advanced Searching

This unit is divided into three sections that will introduce you to accessing and searching the various academic resources that are provided by the library.

Section 1: Introduction to searching

- Learn how to search the library catalogue and locate a variety of resources.

Section 2: Searching for journal articles

Section 3: Finding and searching academic databases

[Click here to get started](#) →

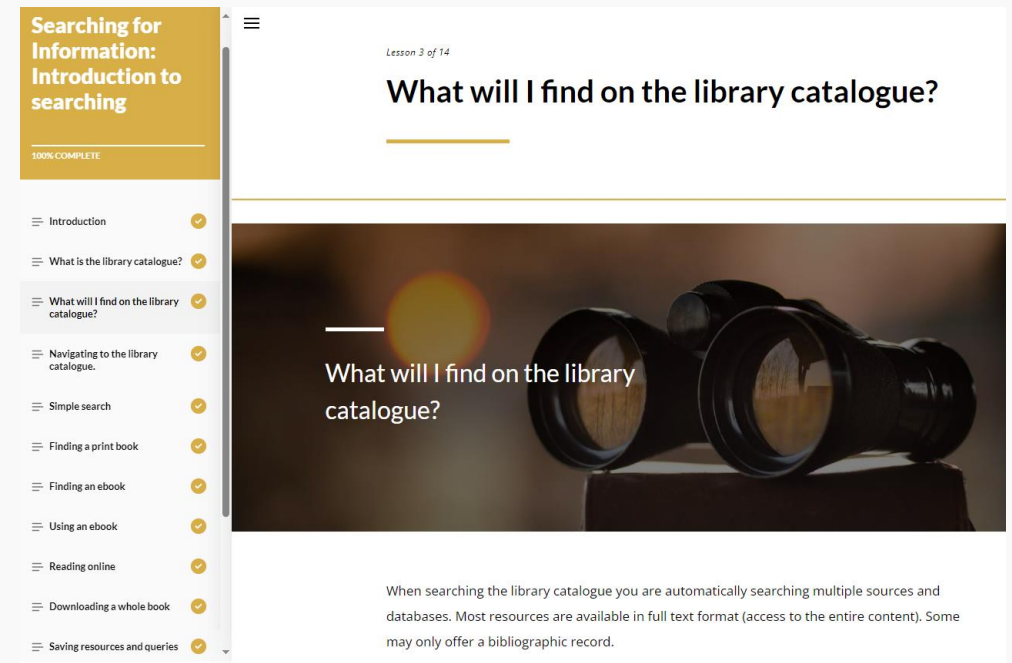


Introduction to Searching.

Today, we are going to complete one section. Please go to the **Finding and Using Information** course. Find **Unit 2 Searching for Information** and complete [Section 1 Introduction to Searching](#).

It should take around 20-25 minutes to complete this interactive unit.

It will give you an introduction to searching for academic information using the library catalogue and resources available at UWTSD. These may be quite different from those you have used before.



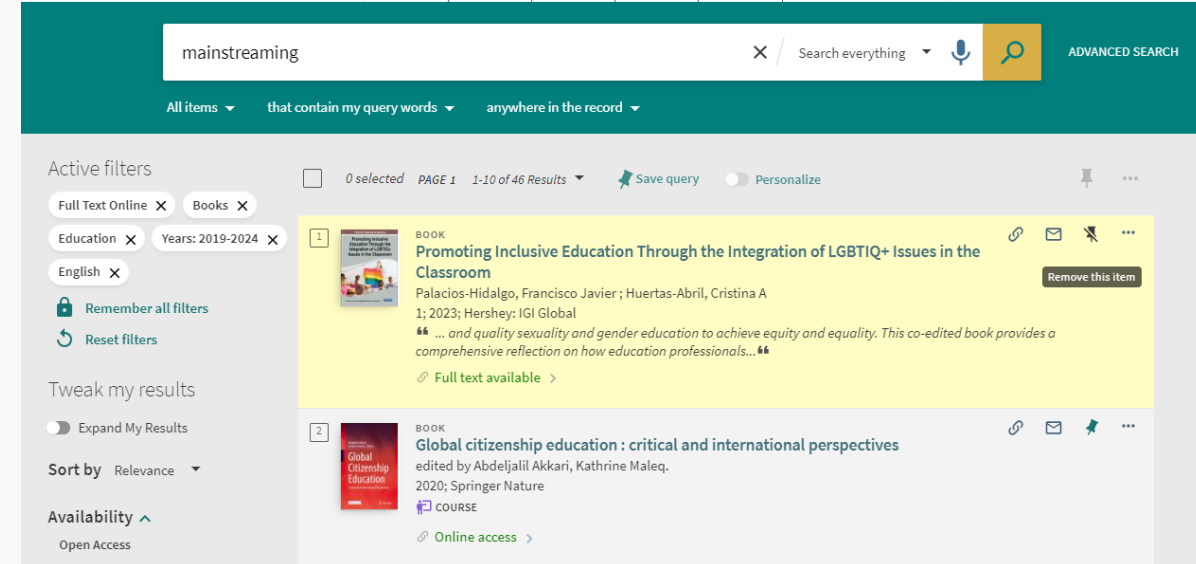
* More advanced search techniques can be found in our next unit, [Advanced Searching](#).

Task

When you have completed **Section 1 Introduction to Searching**, you will be able to bring together everything you have learned to complete the following task. Give yourself 20-25 minutes. Remember that you can refer back to the online units at any time.

Complete a search on the [library catalogue](#) on a topic of your choice. Explore a few of the detailed records found.

- Take note of any additional keywords to describe your topic.
- Refine your search to full-text e-books written in English since 2019.
- Save and label at least 3 items to retrieve later.



Pause and Reflect.



Use the QR code or link provided to access a padlet and add your response to the question ...

When conducting your own research, which functions found via the library catalogue would you find useful?

Please discuss and think about:

- Which functions are most popular.
- Which function are most surprising.
- Which functions you will use.

[When conducting your own research, which functions found via the library catalogue would you find useful? \(padlet.com\)](https://padlet.com)



Help is always available.

Search and subject related help:

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Digital skills queries:

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Online infoskills programme:

- [Academic and Infoskills.](#)

If we do not have access to an item:

- [Need More?](#)

General library help or chat:

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