Welcome to all our new students, and welcome back to those of you returning to study! Here is an update from the Library, with a few things that may be different this year.

The Library is open!

We are delighted to welcome you all back to the Library!
You will see a few differences, such as hand sanitiser stations and screens up at the Help Desk. We’ve also got some new guidelines we need everyone to follow, to keep each other safe. See this video for details, and you’ll also see these guidelines on posters and screens around the Library.
You will find all the details of services that have changed as a result of COVID-19 on our FAQs. We update these regularly so please check here, and keep an eye on our social media, for any further updates.

APA 7th is here!

If you’ve studied with us before, you’ve probably used APA 6th format for your references. From September 2020, the University of Huddersfield is officially changing to a new version of this referencing style: APA 7th.
The referencing guides on our website have been updated to the new APA 7th style, as have the online reference builders. If you need any advice on referencing, please feel free to contact the Library.

Your online library

If you can’t come into the library in person, remember that most of our resources are available to access online, wherever you are.
Log in to Summon to search and access our online materials. You’ll also find more subject-specific materials via the Subject Guides.

We’re still here to help!

The Library enquiry service is up and running, so you can still get help!
If you’re visiting the Library during staffed hours, please ask at the help desk as normal. You may be offered a virtual appointment via phone or video call.
You can also email your questions to us as always, or use HudHelp to book an appointment.

Computers and laptops

Laptop loans have been extended, so you can borrow a laptop for up to 7 days.
We have had to remove some computers from use to enable safe distance between them. To ensure everyone gets fair access to Library computers, we are introducing a booking system for computers.
To book, go to the online booking form. You will be able to book for up to two hours at a time, for a maximum four hours per day. You can book a computer up to one week in advance.
There will be a small number of computers kept free for use without booking, but if you want to ensure you have a computer to use for study, then please book in advance.

New University Induction Resource

There is a new Induction Resource in Brightspace, which you will all have access to.
It’s not just for new students: it contains lots of useful information on new software and technologies to enable remote learning.
You should go through the ‘Getting Started’ section before teaching starts, and ‘Study Essentials’ in the first few weeks of term. You will find Library and IT services under ‘Study Essentials’.

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