As we finish week 12, we hope Semester 1 has been good to you! As always, there has been lots going on in IS, so here is a round up to make sure you don’t miss anything:

### Services

- **Power Hours additional sessions**
- **Exam Stress Drop-ins**
- **Revision & Exam Success**
- **Tell IS**
- **PC Lab availability online**

### Resources

- **eBooks**
- **Palgrave Dictionary of Economics**
- **PressReader**
- **EndNote Desktop for Personal Use**

### Facilities

- **Making the Most of the Space**

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**Services**

**Power Hours additional sessions**

Our ‘Power Hours’ programme has again proved popular this Semester, with 81 sessions delivered and more arranged ‘on demand’ for our fully booked classes. Remember, we will be happy to arrange small group classes if you cannot attend the dates advertised. Please get in touch to discuss your requirements. Alternatively, all materials used are available on Vision.

Power Hours: Vision | Organisations | Power Hours Workshops

**Exam Stress Drop-ins**

We are pleased to be hosting ‘Exam Stress’ drop in sessions to help students. These are provided by the Student Counselling Service and take place in the Anderson Room on the top floor of the Library.

Stay for an hour or just a few minutes, these sessions are designed to offer a variety of techniques and methods to help manage stress around exams. All are welcome and there is no need to book.

- **Friday 28 Nov** 14:00-15:00
- **Tuesday 02 Dec** 16:00-17:00
- **Friday 05 Dec** 15:00-16:00
- **Monday 09 Dec** 16:00-17:00
- **Thursday 11 Dec** 14:00-15:00
Revision & Exam Success

Just in time to help you with your exam preparations, we have new ‘Revision & Exam Success’ content in our online ‘Skills for Success’ module. Topics include:

- Managing Stress, Sources of Help, Purpose of Exams, Advantages and Pitfalls, Approaching Revision, Note Making, Exam Strategies

Remember we also have the following Power Hour information online:

- The Exam Survival Guide
- How to Manage Exam Stress

Skills for Success: Vision | Organisations | Skills for Success
- Click the drop-down arrow under the Organisation ID, next to VIIASS
- Click Enrol, then click Submit, and click OK

If you do register for this service, please give us your feedback: libhelp@hw.ac.uk

Tell IS

We have introduced some new ways for Library users to contact Information Services staff if there are any noise issues or problems with study spaces, printers or computers. It is an alert service based on email, iMessaging and text messaging:

Email: Tell-IS@hw.ac.uk
iMessage: tellhwuIS@icloud.com
Text: Text TELL and then your message to 07950081076

PC Lab availability online

We are very pleased to announce that we have made available online, information about PC availability within the labs on Edinburgh Campus. Use the table to quickly identify rooms with free PCs and don’t waste time going to labs which are already full!

Please note that some rooms may be used for teaching, but a timetable is given online. Some have restricted access, but again, these details are available online.

IT Essentials: http://www.hw.ac.uk/is/it-essentials/availability/edinburgh.htm
Resources

eBooks

Our SCOPNET eBook collections have made the following titles available this month:

- 1,300 titles by Oxford Scholarship Online
- 600 titles by Elsevier
- 150 titles by Wiley

These are all Digital Rights Management (DRM) free so there are no restrictions on what you can print or download from them.

Library Catalogue: http://hw.lib.ed.ac.uk

Palgrave Dictionary of Economics (trial)

What does The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics provide?

- the world’s most influential economists writing in their own voice in their areas of expertise
- it includes the original 1987 archive, the 2008 2nd Edition, as well as newly commissioned articles that are added quarterly
- quarterly additions and updates

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Feedback: s.kelly@hw.ac.uk

PressReader (trial)

Enjoy thousands of newspapers & magazines on your tablet & smartphone or laptop

- PressReader is an online newspaper and magazine kiosk that provides full content digital replicas of more than 2,500 titles from 100 countries in 60 languages.
- PressReader allows users to view newspapers and magazines on-screen exactly as they would appear in a familiar print edition.

** TRIAL ACCESS until 15 December 2014 **

Further information: http://informs.hw.ac.uk/2014/11/13/enjoy-thousands-of-newspapers-magazines-on-your-tablet-smartphone-or-laptop/
Feedback: c.m.ure@hw.ac.uk
EndNote Desktop for Personal Use

Adept Scientific, who used to provide support for EndNote have, unfortunately, gone into administration. If you want to purchase a desktop version for personal use on your own PC/laptop, we now advise you to use Bilaney Consultants.

Note, the desktop version is freely available on all University managed PCs.

Software for personal use: http://www.hw.ac.uk/is/it-essentials/software.htm

Facilities

Making the Most of the Space

‘Making the Most of the Space’ is an initiative in the Edinburgh campus Library to use the learning space effectively during exam and revision time.

The rationale for monitoring the space is:

- Revision and exam time means high demand for study spaces
- The rising noise levels means a difficult working environment for students and staff
- Students have requested more study spaces, especially quiet study spaces
- Students have complained that study desks, and individual study rooms, are ‘reserved’ by other students leaving belongings unattended
- There are security issues due to unattended items

See local signage for information and please respect everyone’s need for quiet space. These changes will apply for December until the exams are over.


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InformS: informs.hw.ac.uk/
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If you have any questions about IS resources, facilities or services, have suggestions for improvements or want to leave any feedback, please get in touch: http://www.hw.ac.uk/is/contactvisit-us.htm

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