

School Experience Centre

A guide to finding information

This guide provides information on the School Experience Centre (SEC) collection located on the lower ground floor of Harcourt Hill Library. The collection contains books and other resources that are relevant for Education students during their school experience at both primary and secondary level.

Books include:

- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Picture books
- Big books
- Pupil and teacher textbooks
- Reference collection – including reading and math schemes, and other photocopiable resources

Other resources include:

- DVDs
- Artefacts
- Resource kits
- Posters/illustrations
- Games and Musical Instruments
- Equipment – including math and science equipment

Journals

The Library journal collection includes a number of titles of relevance to student teachers offering up-to-date information on practical and theoretical issues. All our holdings can be found on the Library Catalogue by searching by title or keyword. This will indicate whether a print and/or electronic version is available. All print journals are reference only and are kept in the Main Library on the ground floor. Articles from journals may be photocopied. Some useful titles are listed below:

- Child Education and Child Education Topics
- Junior Education and Junior Education Topics
- Primary Geographer
- Primary History

Language resources

We have multiple copies of some picture books and junior fiction and it is possible to borrow more than one copy of an item to take into school if required. Sometimes there are Big Book versions of the same text also available to borrow.

Wordless Picture Books and Dual Language Texts

We have a growing collection of both wordless picture books and dual language texts available to borrow. You can find these by searching the Library Catalogue by keywords *wordless picture books* or *dual language*.

Facilities

Seating is arranged in the SEC so that groups can sit together and discuss project work. There are also two bookable small group study rooms with a computer, and an interactive whiteboard. Bookings for these rooms can be made at the main Library Counter.

There is an area at the far end of the SEC where you will find thirteen networked computers. A machine for printing/scanning/photocopying in black and white and colour is located outside Group Study Room 2.

Some useful web addresses for student teachers

Art

National Portrait Gallery – www.npg.org.uk

Art posters – www.artforschools.com

National Society for Education in Art and Design (NSEAD) - <http://www.nsead.org/home/index.aspx>

Citizenship/PHSE

Anti-bullying – <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/bullying>

Kidscape – www.kidscape.org.uk

Childline – www.childline.org.uk

Barnardos – www.barnardos.org.uk

Save the Children - www.savethechildren.org.uk

Christian Aid – <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Oxfam – www.oxfam.org

UNICEF - www.unicef.org

Childhood deafness – Action on Hearing Loss – www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/

Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) – www.rnib.org.uk

SeeingEar – charity for visual impairment/blindness - <http://www.seeingear.org/resources/>

Positive images –resources from the Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Teaching-packages/Positive-Images>

English

Children’s literature, festivals, author events etc – <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

National Association for the teaching of English – www.nate.org.uk

World Book Day – www.worldbookday.com

Literacy- www.ukla.org/

Playing by the book- for children’s books and creative activities linked to literature
www.playingbythebook.net/

Environmental issues

Wateraid – www.wateraid.org.uk

World Wildlife Fund –<http://www.worldwildlife.org/>

RSPB – www.rspb.org.uk

Geography

Ordnance Survey – www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk (updated daily)

Local maps – www.multimap.com or www.streetmap.co.uk

History

BBC History – www.bbc.co.uk/history/

British Museum Young Explorers - http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers.aspx

Centre for Oxfordshire Studies –<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/oxfordshire-history-centre>

Mathematics

Knowledge through games – www.aplusmath.com

Interactive maths games – emphasis on secondary level – www.coolmath.com

Educational charity for literacy and numeracy standards – www.hamilton-trust.org.uk

Primary games – www.primarygames.co.uk

Teaching ideas – www.teachingideas.co.uk

Science and technology

IET - resources in science and technology – <http://www.theiet.org/resources/teachers/index.cfm>

Science – <http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org>

Science Museum - <http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/educators>

GCSE

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize

Statistics

National Statistics including Census information – www.statistics.gov.uk

Government

Ofsted – www.ofsted.gov.uk

Government website – www.direct.gov.uk

Department for Education – <http://www.education.gov.uk/>

Education Statistics - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/statistics>

Schools and School Issues

Oxfordshire LEA – www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Teaching vacancies – <https://www.tes.com/jobs/>

Dyslexia - <http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/>

Speech and language impairment – <http://www.ican.org.uk/>

Resources

Dorling Kindersley – www.dk.com

Scholastic – www.scholastic.co.uk

Kids on the net for children by children <http://www.kidsonthenet.org.uk/>

BBC – www.bbc.co.uk/schools

Channel 4 – <http://www.channel4learning.com>

Making Contact

Your Librarian with responsibility for the School Experience Centre is Charlotte Olehnovics. She can be contacted on 01865 488225 at Harcourt Hill Library or via email at educationlibrarians@brookes.ac.uk

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