

Getting used to the new normal...

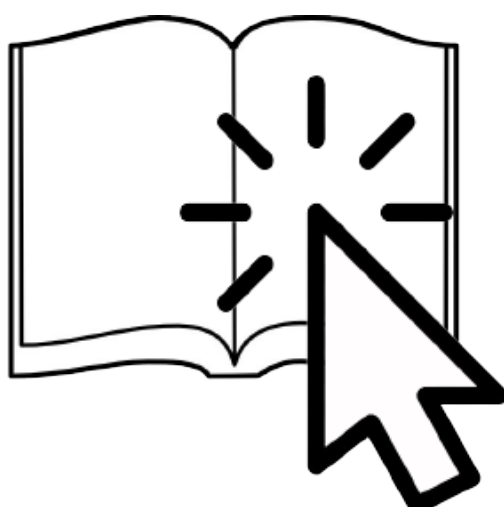
LIBRARY

IRCULATION

Well it's safe to say that 2020 hasn't been the year many of us had expected but here we are, about to start a new academic year! Welcome to all you new students joining us and all our returning members! We find ourselves in a unique position: life at college is going to be a new experience for all of us this year as there are a few changes to procedures to ensure the safety of you and our staff...

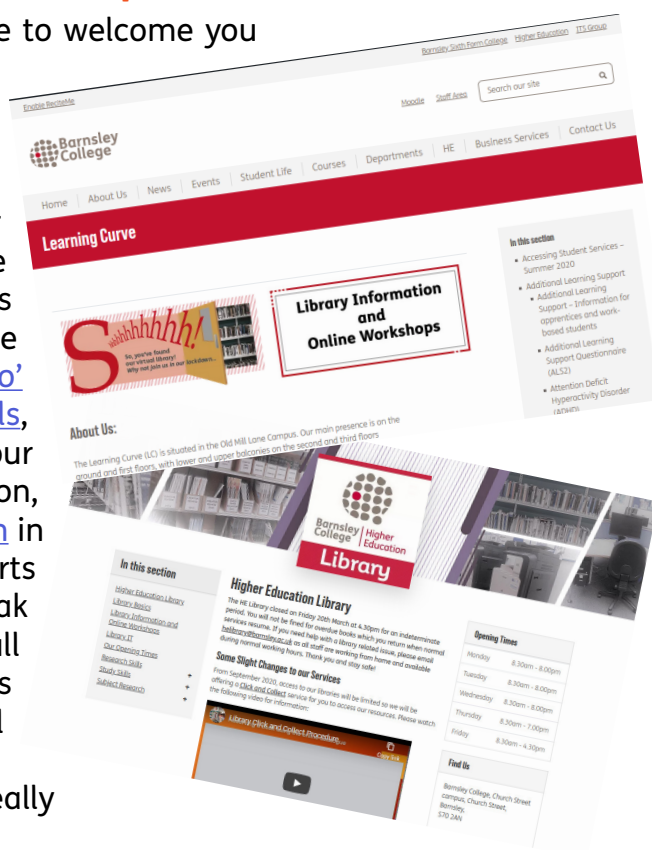
Click and Collect

From September, access to the libraries will be limited so there will be a new procedure in place for collecting and returning your library books. You will be able to reserve books or items on the [online library catalogue](#) that would usually be available to borrow. Library staff will then fetch the items requested and, once the items are ready for collection, we will email you to invite you to select a date and time to collect the items. Books may be returned at the same time as you collect your new requests. We would like to reassure you that during the lockdown period we suspended fines, so you will not be penalized for not being able to get into College to return your books! You can find all the information you need about the new Click and Collect service [here](#).



Online Information and Workshops

Unfortunately, we won't be able to welcome you to the libraries in our traditional way (our guided tours of the space and quiz) but we really want to stress the importance of using our services to help you get the most out of your academic journey. The answer? We've gone digital! The Library web pages contain everything you need to take your work to the next level: [How to videos](#), [basic IT help](#), [Research tools](#), hints and tips, pages dedicated to your [HE courses](#), a HUGE [Study Skills](#) section, and the all important [Library Induction](#) in video form. And if all that studying starts to get on top of you, why not take a break on our [virtual library pages](#), packed full of book, film and music suggestions to help you unwind, as well as virtual representations of our College famous library displays - it'll be like you're really there!



www.barnsley.ac.uk/student-life/learning-curve

www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/higher-education-library

We look forward to helping you in the coming months. If you have any questions or queries about what, for now, is the new normal, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us: curve@barnsley.ac.uk



Would you like to WIN a £30 e-gift voucher?

To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 1st October, the Learning Curve are holding a poetry competition.

The Theme for this year is **Vision**.

If you would like to enter the competition:

- Write a poem based on the theme of **Vision**.
- Make sure your details (name and student number) are included in the email.
- Email your poem to k.owen@barnsley.ac.uk

Deadline for submissions is **Monday 5th October**
The Winner will be announced on **Friday 9th October**



See It Like a Poet

STUDY SKILLS

Our friendly Study Skills team, Cherie and Helen, are able to help you with many aspects of your academic work:

- Essay writing - Structure, Introductions, Conclusions, paragraphs
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- Referencing
- Reports
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