



EASY'S Guide To ... Online Life

Introduction

Okay, so you've done your work, and now you're sat in front of the computer with no clue of what you can use the Internet for, without breaking the JANET regulations and losing the College its Internet access. One place to start is with the College's own Virtual Library at: <http://www.abcol.ac.uk/vlibrary>

Jobs

You can look for jobs online, get advice about job-hunting and also research information about potential employers. Yahoo's Employment_and_Work section of their Business_and_Economy pages has many useful links. You'll find the main index at www.yahoo.co.uk

Some Job Sites	
www.employmentservice.gov.uk	www.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk
www.monster.co.uk	www.prospects.csu.ac.uk
www.jobsunlimited.co.uk	www.netjobs.co.uk
www.grampiancareers.com	www.reed.co.uk
www.jobsearch.co.uk	www.careermosaic-uk.co.uk
www.workweb.co.uk	www.jobsunlimited.com
www.thisisyourcareer.co.uk/	www.cvspecial.co.uk

Expand Your Horizons

The world from your desktop: Have a look at the relevant country under Yahoo's Regional section or in Recreation/Travel. You can read the newspapers or magazines, you may even be able to read papers in non-Western script: handy for the Arabic news, for example.

Reference section: after a piece of information? Need population statistics for Paris? Or how to tie a tie? Maybe you need to find out the ISBN for a book report.

Useful Reference Sites	
http://news.bbc.co.uk	www.cnn.com
www.lonelyplanet.co.uk	http://msn.expedia.com
www.encyclopedia.com	www.learn2.com
www.infoplease.com	www.amazon.co.uk
www.abcol.ac.uk/vlibrary	www.24hourmuseum.org.uk

Get a Formal Email Address

You should have this for your CV and business card. Try and set up an email address based on your name, e.g. mattmadison@hotmail.com If this has been

taken, try *m_madison@hotmail.com*, or change to another free email system. Having your name as an email address is better than having *matty42@hotmail.com*. Remember, you can keep your personal account, but giving out a contact address of *snuggles@yahoo.com* isn't very professional. If you're unsure about how to do this, see *the Eazy's Guide to Getting an Email Address*.

Online Advice

There are 180 million people who regularly use the Internet, if there is a 1 in a million chance that someone is going through the same problems as you, that means you'll find 180 people who've been there, seen it and bought the T-shirt. Be warned though, if you air your problems on a chat-room, you may not get the help you're after. Best to stick to people who are trained in these matters. Here's a starting list of sites for you:

Useful Advice Sites	
www.dss.gov.uk/ba	www.thesite.org.uk
www.nus.org.uk	www.adviceguide.org.uk
www.samaritans.org.uk	www.studentuk.com
www.centrepont.org.uk	www.aberdeencity.gov.uk
www.ukparents.co.uk	www.salford.gov.uk/drugunit
www.bigissue.com	www.rnib.org.uk
www.tht.org.uk	www.blink.org.uk
www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk	www.abilitynet.co.uk
www.german-embassy.org.uk	www.ambafrance.org.uk

Hobbies & Interests

If you can't find information about your hobbies or interests on the Net, then you must be doing something wrong! Get some advice by picking up a copy of the *Eazy's Guide to Finding Stuff on the Web* - from the IT Centre or the College librarian.

Sample Hobbies & Interests Sites	
www.qonline.co.uk	www.snowboardvillage.co.uk
www.nme.com	www.motorsport.com
www.empireonline.co.uk	www.scottishfa.co.uk
www.film.com	www.channel4.com
www.football365.com	www.golf.com
www.altculture.com	www.guitarnotes.com
www.vogue.co.uk	www.porsche.com
www.simplyfood.co.uk	www.handbag.com

The Next Time

Hone your search engine skills by thinking of a topic you're interested in, and see if you can find related sites on the Web. Being able to quickly find information is useful skill to have - saves on phone bills, cuts down time researching your College work, and is handy when you're at work.