



## Opening Times

8.30am - 4.00pm  
Monday - Friday

## Who to Contact

Mrs R Buckland  
Librarian

## Overview

The John Crewdson Library is a new, state of the art, addition to the Ripley VI Form which provides students with access to academic resources, learning spaces and facilities to complement and enhance their learning. It is open before and after school and is a natural environment for independent study, research, group work and reading for pleasure.

Guidance is available on how to: undertake research, cite, reference, and how to avoid plagiarism; essential study skills for coursework, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and in preparation for university.

Interaction is essential for group work and social learning. Therefore, the JCL is not a silent zone.

Students are accountable for their own borrowing and the latest in RFID technology, a 3M self-check out kiosk, is available for the issue and discharge of books.

In addition to the resources and facilities available, if advice or assistance is required, the librarian is always available to help.

## Resources and Facilities

**Books:** Phenomenal investment has recently been made in subject specific texts and 'read around your subject' books to ensure these resources are relevant to the current curriculum. Details of these books are available in 'Reading Around Your Subject' lists.

**Digital Resources:** With so much research undertaken online, appropriate digital resources are essential for this aspect of study. The JCL provides access to digital databases that include; EBSCO, CREDO and Gale NewsVault.

**Journals:** The JCL carries a full range of subject specific academic journals and magazines designed to complement study.

**IT Provision:** This includes access to PCs with subject related software, power connection for personal laptops and WiFi.

**Reprographics:** Students can print and photocopy A3, A4, colour and B&W.

**Bookable Room:** Students can book a study room, a dedicated teaching facility, ideal for group work and presentations.

**Reading for pleasure:** The JCL offers a range of senior fiction titles many of which have been requested or recommended by students. This collection is constantly being added to and updated.