

The Library

This document shows the results from the research carried out as of yet. I have used nine universities in the south, and looked at their library opening times during the term, and the strictness of their fine system. The universities chosen vary in student population, funding available and those that responded back to my emails. Student population that is known is shown and the nine universities ranking nationally.

Library Opening times (Monday to Friday):

1. University of West England (24 hours)
2. Portsmouth (8am – Midnight)
3. Kent (8.45am – Midnight)
4. Reading (8.30am – 10.15pm)
5. Bath Spa (8am – 10pm)
6. Bournemouth (8am – 9pm)
7. Brighton (8.30am – 9pm)
8. Southampton Solent (8.30am – 9pm)
9. Winchester (8.15am – 8.45pm)

Library fines (least to the most):

1. Southampton Solent *[no fines, replaced by points system that once you reach your points total you can not take out any books for thirty working days]*
2. Bath Spa
3. Portsmouth
4. Reading
5. Brighton
6. University of West England
7. Winchester
8. Kent
9. Bournemouth

Four out of nine universities have 'quiet' zones where group study can take place without being in a training room or something similar. Interestingly Southampton Solent has a 'silent' zone where even laptops and computers are banned so the area is completely free from noise.

Most of the funding that libraries receive, varying from £1,252,472 at Reading to £315,000 at Winchester, comes from the university and goes towards wages, general maintenance and bills. The majority of budgets are giving to departments and the books; journal and resource materials are all purchased by lecturers; whom decide the length of loan a particular book can be borrowed for. In the nine universities all have stricter fines on the shorter

loans which vary from £1 per hour at Bournemouth to 20 pence at most institutions.

Rank of University according to league tables (out of 124):

1. Reading – 39th
2. Bournemouth – 48th
3. Kent – 49th
4. Portsmouth – 59th
5. Brighton – 60th
6. University of West England – 75th
7. Bath Spa – 81st
8. Winchester - 108th
9. Southampton Solent – 113th

www.education.guardian.co.uk/universityguide2008/0,,2027789,00.html

Population of Students (most to least):

1. Brighton (22,000)
2. Reading (17,000)
3. Kent (16,000)
4. Bournemouth (15,000)
5. Southampton Solent (15,000)
6. Winchester (5,000)

Winchester Library:

Library opening times:

Monday to Thursday	8.15am – 20.45pm
Friday	8.15am – 20.00pm
Saturday	9.00am – 16.45pm
Sunday	1.00pm – 16.45pm

<http://www.winchester.ac.uk/?page=3725&athens>

Fine system:

Standard four week loans –	10p per day
Seven day loans –	20p per day
24 hour loans –	50p per hour
4 hour loans –	50p per hour
Learning Café fob –	50p per hour

The library agreed last semester that 24 hour loans will not be restricted to the actual hour they are taken out, but must be returned by the end of the next day.

I am currently in discussion with the Library staff to attempt to persuade them to email a day or two before a book receives a fine instead of the day the loan is overdue.

It should be noted that students are currently responding well to the computers being moved around the library as it encourages quiet work. However we are researching this at the end of the year to see if this is still the case.

There is still the same amount of computers in the library as there was last academic year 2006/2007. However with the Learning Café there are 50 more computers and another hot spot area (place where laptops/computers can pick up wireless).

Any other information then the contact details you need are:

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