

And so begins another year...

Welcome to all new and returning students! It's been a while since there's been a Library newsletter, but what better time to start it up again than the beginning of a new academic year? So grab a cuppa and buckle in for all the latest from your library...

## A new look

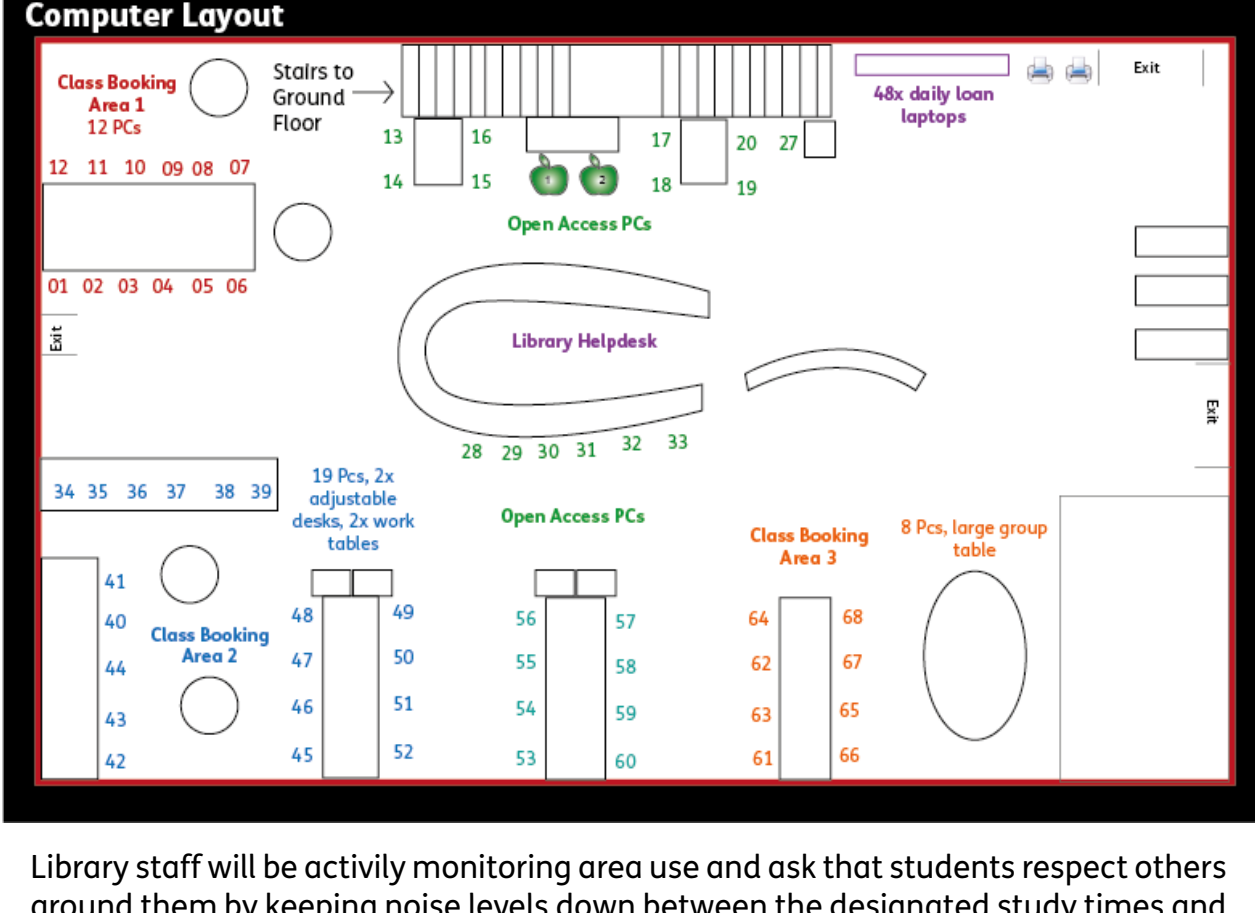
The Library has undergone a slight revamp over the summer period. The first floor computer suite has caught the gardening bug and is now home to a variety of plants (yes, they're real) and beautiful, newly painted columns! Why so many plants you may ask? Well, firstly, many of the library staff are avid plant enthusiasts and secondly, did you know there are a number of benefits to having plants in a study environment? These include (but are not limited to) better air quality, creating a calming environment, which reduces stress, increased productivity and well, they look great too!

The Library will be celebrating it's new image and efforts to help the environment during Green Libraries Week, starting 7th October, and staff and students will have the opportunity to adopt their very own plant cutting from our pop-up plant library. More details on this will follow soon.

## Need to use a computer?

As a result of student feedback at the end of the last academic year, The Library has implemented a new computer booking system. This will enable us to manage the area to ensure that computers are always available and accessible for those who need them.

The first floor of the Library is now divided into four distinct zones, three of which are prioritised for group bookings, leaving the green areas available for individual/walk-in use.



Library staff will be actively monitoring area use and ask that students respect others around them by keeping noise levels down between the designated study times and not using the space as a social area.

If you'd like to bring a group down to use the Library, please contact us to check availability and make a booking: [library@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:library@barnsley.ac.uk)

## Importance of READING

Yes, we're slightly biased, but we cannot express the importance of reading! Don't like to read? That's because you haven't found the right book! This year, The Library is determined to encourage as many students as possible to read for pleasure.

We have a growing collection of Fiction and Reading for Pleasure books on the ground floor of The Library, as well as a free app called Libby (details below) which includes a host of graphic novels and audio books, available anytime on any phone or tablet.

Can't find what you're looking for? Please get in touch with your book suggestions:

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## Meet



## Libby.

OPEN 24 HOURS

A One-tap Reading App from the Library

A state-of-the-art reading experience.

An intuitive and beautiful audiobook player.

Browse, search, and discover.



If you have any book suggestions so we can grow our collection, please get in touch: [library@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:library@barnsley.ac.uk)



Use this QR code to get started

## Get to know your Library

It's been great to see so many of you at our 'Task Master' themed library induction, but if you're a returning student or just want a refresher don't forget to go to the 'Library Services' tile on MyDay to find The Library's more in-depth induction. This is a self-led, interactive story which delves into all the library services, followed by a very brief digital quiz.

All completed quiz entries will be in with the chance to win their very own mini Book Buddie.

Find the Induction [HERE](https://barnsley.myday.cloud/pages/library_tutorials) ([https://barnsley.myday.cloud/pages/library\\_tutorials](https://barnsley.myday.cloud/pages/library_tutorials))



## Have your say!

Do you love reading and want to be the first to know about the latest additions to the shelves? Do you want to influence the policies and have a say in what happens in your library? Do you feel like you could be an ambassador for the Library and share our passion for literacy? If the answer is YES to ANY of these questions, join us at this year's first Library Committee meeting to see how you can get involved:

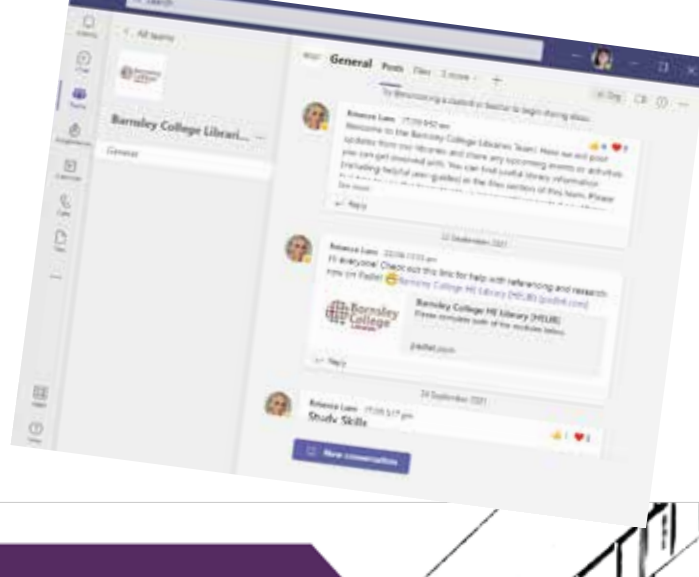


Wednesday, 25th September Drop in between 1-3pm Library in OML, Ground floor Refreshments provided!

## Keep up to date

Make sure you join the **Barnsley College Libraries** Team on Microsoft Teams to ensure you keep up to date with all the latest information, displays, competitions and events happening in your Library!

If you have any enquiries, please email us: [library@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:library@barnsley.ac.uk)



## The Ultimate Student Handbook



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## STUDY SKILLS

One-to-One appointments in the new academic year with Cherie Cartwright and Helen Digman  
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