# Slide 1 introduction

Hi everyone and welcome to the March e-books for FE clinic. Thank you for taking the time to join us today in these strange times that we find ourselves in, it’s great to see so many of you here. I am Helen, the e-books for FE coordinator and I am joining you today from sunny Wigan, in the North West of England. We are all working from home now at Jisc too so I am using my home broadband which is not always too reliable, so I apologise in advance for any connection issues. We will be keeping streaming to a minimum and I will just be sharing a presentation with you, so hopefully everybody’s internet can cope!

As hopefully you are all aware, we decided to change our scheduled webinar today to give a summary of all the resources that are being made available to FE members during the coronavirus pandemic. We know there has been a lot of information circulating on the mailing lists and thought it would be helpful to combine all of this so that you can clearly see what’s available for your students to access from home. This is not a definitive list and I am sure there is a lot more out there, but these are the resources that Jisc have been working internally and with external publishers to make available.

# Slide 2 outcomes

So the outcomes of the session are to summarise the free content that has been made available by Jisc and by other publishers. There are links to all of these resources throughout the PowerPoint, and I will send this document out to the mailing list after the session, so don’t worry about taking note of any links or trying to click on the links whilst I am screensharing. At the end of the PPT there are also some more general links that might point you to some more general useful websites and blogs, for example advice on homeworking. As always we will have time for Q&A at the end of the session. Feel free to post Qs in the chat section throughout the session, and I will pick these up at the end.

# Slide 3 e-books for FE

We will start with e-books for FE. As you know, this service includes over 500 titles that can be accessed from home. We are pleased to announce that we have been working closely with ProQuest and Pearson, who have generously agreed to reactivate 66 expired e-book titles for free. This means that students will be able to access additional e-book titles covering a range of vocational qualifications. The additional titles will be available until 31st July 2020. The full title list can be accessed via our blog on the link here that you will receive after the webinar. To access the titles, simply search for the ISBNs on Ebook Central. However, the titles are not yet live on Ebook Central, so do keep an eye on the e-books for FE Jiscmail where we will announce their availability. We expect them to be available in the coming week.

# Slide 4 Jisc VLRs

Jisc's vocational learning resources are now free until the end of the academic year. The services provide online learning resources in the following subject areas:

* Construction (<https://construction.jisc.ac.uk/>)
* Digital and IT (<https://digitalandit.jisc.ac.uk/>)
* Education and Childcare (<https://educationandchildcare.jisc.ac.uk/>)
* Hairdressing (<https://hairdressing.jisc.ac.uk/>)
* Health and social care (<https://healthandsocialcare.jisc.ac.uk/>)

Jisc is making these resources **open and freely available** to all schools, work-based learning and college providers in order to support organisations during Covid-19 closures.

* The resources:
  + Are curriculum-mapped to NVQ, SVQ, BTEC, T Level, CACHE and the latest NOS
  + Are engaging and interactive, and use realistic work-based scenarios with quizzes, case studies, animations and videos
  + Support accessibility and inclusion, so alternative formats, such as transcripts or audio files, are available where needed
* Our [support site](https://vocationalresources.support.jisc.ac.uk/) provides information on how to make the best use of the resources, as well as detailed [information about the units covered](https://vocationalresources.support.jisc.ac.uk/curriculum-support)

# Slide 5 HT & JA

Jisc’s Historical texts service is a single platform providing access to over 400,000 texts from four key collections, dating from the late 15th century to the First World War. This service is especially useful for humanities learners, as well as learners completing an extended Project. This service is now free until the end of the academic year, and you can find out how to access using the link on this slide.

A single platform providing access to over 600 journal backfiles from eight publishers' archives, including journals from Brill, Institution of Civil Engineers, Institute of Physics, ProQuest, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, the Royal Society of Chemistry and Taylor and Francis. This service is also now free until the end of the academic year, and you can find out how to access using the link on this slide.

# Slide 6 FE licenced collections

Free resources are available for FE through the Licencing subscriptions manager. There are 21 resources available on the Licencing subscriptions manager that FE colleges can subscribe to for free.

To view all resources available:

* + Go to the Licencing subscriptions manager catalogue
    - <https://subscriptionsmanager.jisc.ac.uk/catalogue>
  + Refine search by only free products and FE college in account type

Resources highlights include:

* + Media Plus
  + Cambridge University Press Cambridge Journals Digital Archive
  + Primal Pictures
  + Geospatial
  + JSTOR 19th Century British Pamphlets
  + Vogue Archive
* We will send out a complete list of all free resources on the LSM after the webinar.

# Slide 7 ProQuest

ProQuest are offering unlimited access to Ebook Central holdings. ProQuest has partnered with more than 100 publishers to support libraries in providing unlimited access to Ebook Central holdings for all patrons – at no extra charge

ProQuest Ebook Central customers impacted by COVID-19 get unlimited access to all owned titles from these publishers through mid-June

This means that all licenses – including single-user and three-user models – have automatically converted to unlimited access for that period, helping librarians bridge the gap for their patrons in this rapidly changing environment

The unlimited access also applies to additional titles purchased through mid-June

No action is required by librarians to switch on unlimited access – this will be done automatically, and the transition will be seamless for users

More information can be found by following the link on the slide.

# Slide 8 Pearson

Digital textbook bundles are freely available through ActiveLearn platform

The bundles include:

* KS4 General and Vocational Qualifications (including English and Maths)
* KS5 General Qualifications
* KS5 Vocational Qualifications

Revision

* KS4 Revision Guides
* KS5 Revision Guides
* Functional Skills Revision Guides

You can request access by following the link on the screen.

Pearson are also offering core eTextbooks are also available for free via HN Global until the end of June. You can create an account and view the titles available by following the link on the screen.

HN Global also offers a wealth of online services that can support independent learning, including: videos to support students with assignment writing and developing workplace skills, study skills modules and the careers Centre

HN Online for FE colleges delivering HN qualifications We are also offering HN Online at a significantly reduced price of £30 per unit for purchases made from now until 30th June. Contact Pearson to find out more by following the link on screen.

# Slide 9 Practice Labs live-IT lab

Practice Labs are offering free access to the live-IT lab environment until the end of July 2020 for IT students and apprentices from JISC member colleges. The Practice Labs Environment consists of real-world technology accessible via web browser or learning management system, providing flexibility of access should students and apprentices need to study away from college premises.

A broad range of IT topics are covered – including those related to the Network Infrastructure Technician or Network Engineer apprenticeship standards

Complete the request form here by following the link on the slide and a member of the Practice Labs’ team will be in touch to arrange access

# Slide 10 Britannica

Jisc FE members can access Britannica resources free of charge for the time that they are closed

This means non-Britannica subscribers will be provided with free access during the period of enforced closure

Britannica are also are offering free webinars to go through the features and highlight how the resources can be used for distance learning

Request access by following the link on the slide.

# Slide 11 British Online Archives

Annual Reviews has made their content completely open without being governed by IP, login etc.

To assist the many students, faculty, and researchers who are working and studying remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, effective today, we have made our journals available to all, without access control, until Thursday April 30, 2020.

On that date, they will assess the need to extend this policy.

For those who don’t know, Annual Reviews is a non-profit publisher dedicated to synthesizing and integrating knowledge for the progress of science and the benefit of society.

# Slide 13 useful links

Here are some more general further links that you might find helpful, especially if you are working from home for the first time.

# Slide 14 Q&A

We will go into our Q&A section now, however in a slight change to our usual Q&A, before we go over to your questions, I have three questions that I would like to ask everybody here so that we can better support you all here at Jisc. So, after I have asked each question I will give you a minute or so to answer in the chat panel. Please give as much information as you can, so that we can use this to put in place whatever support mechanisms we can.

Question 1: What are your most pressing concerns around the current crisis?

Question 2: What one thing have you tried or done about it that has proved successful?

Question 3: What further support would you welcome from Jisc?

# Slide 16 Q&A

Now we will go to our usual Q&A. I will give you a minute or so to reflect and think of any questions that you might have, and then I will do my best to answer these, but I might need to defer some to my colleagues following the session and get back to you.