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The SCHOLAR Programme Explained
and a Password for Parents

Is your child in S5 or S6?

Do you know about the SCHOLAR Programme?

Would you like a password to see what SCHOLAR is about?

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Login and learn

Education is changing. We know that many students learn better if they can be shown visual explanations such as animations, or if they can learn at their own pace (e.g. by accessing material on the computer outside of the classroom).

Introducing SCHOLAR

Heriot-Watt SCHOLAR is the world's largest e-learning education programme, with 100,000 registered users. Created by Heriot-Watt University (http://www.hw.ac.uk/), based in Edinburgh, SCHOLAR provides computer based learning materials to support teaching and learning in a wide range of subjects:

Advanced Higher	Higher	Intermediate 1/2
Biology Business Management Chemistry Computing French Information Systems Maths Physics	Accounting Biology Business Management Chemistry Computing Economics French German Human Biology Information Systems Maths Physics Psychology Spanish	Maths

SCHOLAR does not stand still. New courses from August 2009 are noted below.

Advanced Higher	Higher	Intermediate 1/2
Accounting Economics German Spanish		Mandarin

The SCHOLAR programme is designed to promote self paced, student centred learning in a teacher supported environment. The online learning materials are complemented by opportunities for teachers to attend staff development workshops and learn how to use SCHOLAR when teaching.

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Proven approach

SCHOLAR offers a well proven, innovative approach to academic study within schools, Further Education colleges and foundation programmes within universities. Over 400 secondary schools in Scotland are benefitting from using SCHOLAR.

Interactive

The online learning materials have been professionally developed and consist of textual and graphical descriptions, animations and simulations and online formative tests. The material is embedded within a Virtual Learning Environment that provides channels for student and teacher communications, frequently asked questions, and progress reporting and monitoring.

Achieving potential

- A recent survey showed that SCHOLAR had an 80% acceptance rating by teachers and that 95% of students would recommend the programme to a friend.
- 32% of the online study time is undertaken by students out of school hours.
- Peak usage time is between 7pm and 9pm Monday to Thursday in direct competition with prime-time television.

SCHOLAR Password for your Son or Daughter

Teachers in school have been provided with passwords to issue to all pupils studying a range of subjects at Higher, Advanced Higher, Intermediate 1 and 2 Maths and Intermediate 2 Mandarin as summarised in the table. If your son or daughter has not yet received their password, encourage them to ask their teacher.

A Password for Parents

In order to see the course materials SCHOLAR provides for your son or daughter, go to our website at http://scholar.hw.ac.uk/ and click on Scotland, followed by "Try SCHOLAR" on the left hand menu bar.

You will be presented with a preview of the available SCHOLAR courses. This is just a small sample of the entire course. If you would like to see more, contact info@scholar.hw.ac.uk for a password which will enable you to browse the content of the entire course.

Please note that this password does not provide access to the following features:

- Discussion – chat boards for students, tutors and teachers to discuss courses
- Reporting – allows students to monitor their progress and assessment results

Feedback

We also welcome your feedback. Email the SCHOLAR Unit at info@scholar.hw.ac.uk