Skills for Study: Information for staff
What is Skills for Study?

- Skills for Study is an interactive online study skills resource which will help students hone their academic skills, employability and approach to personal development.
- Skills for Study is based on the work of, and developed in collaboration with Stella Cottrell, author of the bestselling *The Study Skills Handbook*.

_This book literally wills you to succeed, it’s inspirational!_
- Student

_Essential reading!_
- Dr Ian W. Archer
  University of Oxford
What is Skills for Study?

Through Skills for Study, students have the ability to develop their skills in:

- Getting ready for Academic Study
- Reading and Note-making
- Writing Skills
- Referencing and understanding plagiarism
- Time Management
- Confidence with numbers
- Groupwork and presentations
- Projects, dissertations and reports
- Critical thinking skills
- Exam skills
- Research principles
- Employability and personal development
Benefits of Skills for Study

• Allows students to personalise their learning
  Students can choose their journey through the site, record their progress and work through modules at their own pace, on or off campus. Can be used as a COLA/Blended Learning resource.

• Encourages independent study
  Engaging interactive modules motivate students to take ownership of their learning and work on key skills independently

• Supports a wide range of students
  Accessible for undergraduates across subject areas; international students; distance-learners; and mature students

• Complements existing study skills teaching and resources
  A versatile tool which can be integrated into teaching via deep links or printed materials
Key features of Skills for Study

- **Diagnostic tests** help students identify and focus on the most beneficial areas
- **Practice activities** help reinforce new skills and **downloads** include a wealth of additional checklists, exercises and advice
- **My journal** allows students to reflect and keep downloadable notes
- **Module assessments** test understanding and allow you to monitor students’ progress
A few ideas for using Skills for Study with students

• Link to Skills for Study from your Moodle course
  Links are also available from Online Library in Moodle, Library Help Guides and Library web pages.

• Embed videos into your VLE
  The Skills for Study videos are quick and easy to show in class or embed into Moodle.

• Recommend Skills for Study to students who need extra support
  The diagnostic tests enable you to highlight areas where a student may be struggling.

• Incorporate Skills for Study into your own study skills modules
  Skills for Study has diagnostic tests, self assessments and practical activities which are timed so that they could be used in self-learning time.

• Additional content
  There are also additional resources which can be downloaded to use in class.