

New Learning Space at the Carlisle campus - the Learning Gateway



LIS are pleased to announce the opening of the Learning Gateway on April 3rd 2006.

The Learning Gateway is very different from other College physical spaces as it has been designed from the outset with student learning in mind. At a cost of £4 million it is a significant investment by the College and the Higher Education Funding Council.

It recognises that students are not passive in their learning and have varying learning needs at different times. The aim of the space is to offer complete flexibility combining social and informal space alongside more formal settings. It will bring together learners, tutors and support

professionals in ways that foster truly independent learning, working in partnership, enabled by state of the art ICT facilities. The Centre for the Development of Learning and Teaching are based in the Gateway at Carlisle. It provides:

- * Wireless network with laptops for loan anywhere in the Gateway
- * 150 seat lecture theatre using advanced real time video conferencing and interactive polling
- * Adaptable seating via furniture designed to foster collaborative working
- * Seminar rooms for group work - known as flexi-rooms

- * Individual and group seating areas
- * Scanning, printing, portable VC facilities, resource areas
- * Social learning space - comfortable seats and informal groupings
- * Refreshment (vending) and bar seating
- * Touchdown space for short stay

A new Learning Gateway staff team has been recruited to assist students in this new environment

Why not visit us on the LG Web cam - <http://www.ucsm.ac.uk/library/learninggateway> or if you study near Carlisle please pay us a visit.

Students can book the flexi-rooms by following the links on the LG web page or telephoning: 01228 616188, or by email to: learninggateway@ucsm.ac.uk

Opening hours are 8.30am - 8.45 pm during "term time"; 9.00-5.00 in "vacations"



24 hour telephone renewals service

SMART (St Martin's Automated Renewals by Telephone) has been introduced to enable students to renew their loans any time of the day or night. This is an automated service and users will need their library barcode and PIN number to use the service.

SMART 0845 602 6124

All calls are charged at local rate which means you can call from a mobile or a land line.

SMART allows a library borrower to:

- Renew all books, with an option to hear which books have been renewed
- Renew a specific book
- Hear a list of books and renew specific ones from the list
- Hear a list of books currently on loan with their due dates
- Hear a standard message giving library information]

Don't get fined - be SMART

Did you know...?

Final year students or those carrying out their final assignments are entitled to borrow 15 items from the Main Collection of the library (instead of 12).

To use this service, collect a form from your nearest site library and get your tutor to sign it for you.

Check your College e-mail - you may learn something to your advantage...

If you want to avoid fines, please look at your College e-mail regularly.

The Library sends automatic notices to your **College e-mail address** to remind you when your books are due for renewal, if they are already overdue or if an item you have reserved is ready for collection

Please make sure you check your College e-mail account regularly. You can access it by going to the [College home page](#) and clicking on St Martin's webmail.

Learning and Information Services Libraries are open on all 3 campuses, during the evenings and weekends during peak times.

Services provided are:

- * Book borrowing and return, journals and newspapers
- * Photocopying and printing
- * Study space and PCs
- * Staff to help and advise
- * 24 hour access PC rooms - check your email; surf the web, access your files and folders. Do that assignment! Use the e-resources.
- * Group study rooms
- * Binding, laminating

Leaving this Summer?

We hope that you have enjoyed your time at St. Martin's College and wish you well for the future.

Could we remind all students to pay outstanding fines and charges and to return overdue books by 22nd May 2006 to ensure that there are no problems with your graduation.

Please could you also return all items promptly at the end of your course.

You can now pay your fines and charges by debit and credit card, at the service desk or by telephone.

Lucky Winner!

In April/May of 2005 an **Information Access Survey** was conducted by the library with the full support of the SU. Finding out how and why students use the library is crucial in enabling the service to improve its facilities for the future. Each student who completed the survey was eligible to enter the prize draw for £75 of vouchers. The winner was Julie Smith, a QTS student from Carlisle who is pictured here receiving her prize from Sarah Ruston, the Ambleside Site Library Manager.



Renewing books for Final Year students.

You may find you are unable to renew books via the web or the SMART automated telephone as you near the end of your course. This is because the items cannot be issued beyond your expiry date. You will still be able to renew items by asking at the desk, by emailing or by telephoning any site library.