

Library resources for 2nd year Maths projects

<http://mathsprojects.wordpress.com>

<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/library/subjectsandsupport/maths>

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Useful information

- Maths projects blog
<http://mathsprojects.wordpress.com>
- Maths subject page
<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/library/subjectsandsupport/maths>
- Library website <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/library>
 - Library catalogue
 - Find an e-journal, A-Z lists of databases and e-books
 - How to access e-resources
 - Including Virtual Private Network (VPN) information
 - SFX
 - Links to full text



Project books

- Located in the Core Text collection in the Central Library
- The Core Text room is next to the Issue Desk on Level 1
- Available on overnight loan only
- Must return them by **11am** the next day: books returned late will incur a fine
- Issue them to yourself on the self issue machines in the Core Text room

Relevant resources

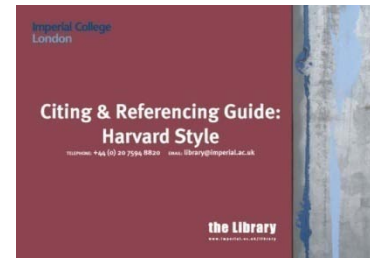
- Books (print & e-books)
 - Textbooks and research collection of books
 - Central Library Level 2 (some of the physics collection is on Level 4)
 - CRCnetBASE <http://www.crcnetbase.com>
- Journals
 - Online and print
 - Print journals located on Level 4 of the Central Library
- Databases
 - MathSciNet, Web of Science
- Web resources
 - Wolfram Mathworld <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/>

Plagiarism: a definition

Plagiarism is: when you copy or use someone else's work or ideas in your essay, coursework, thesis, etc and then **do not acknowledge that you have done this.**

How do you avoid plagiarism?

1. Plan the time you need to research, write and review your work
2. Take good notes, including details of sources and page numbers (when appropriate)
3. Practice your writing:
 - write in your own words;
 - paraphrase other people's words; and
 - don't rely on quotations
4. Cite and reference the sources you use in your work



Referencing is...

- Not just including a reference list at the end of your project but about **acknowledging** within the text of the project if you have taken an idea OR exact wording from a source
- Choose one style and use it consistently
 - Harvard and Vancouver guides both available on the Library website
<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/library/subjectsandsupport/referencemanagement>

WRITTEN REPORT

This should be a joint report/essay by the group on the topic addressed and should not be a straight copy of other written material. It should have some organisation, including, at least, a contents list, comments and a **list of references**. Typing/word processing will be allowed but is by no means essential, though handwriting should be legible. It is suggested that the written report should contain 5,000 - 7,500 words of text (about 20-30 sides of double-spaced A4) with diagrams, program listings, etc. as supplementary or part alternative. **All sources, including web pages, should be referenced not only in the bibliography but in the text itself. Any help from outside the group must be acknowledged. Written reports must carry the statement: "This is entirely our own work unless otherwise stated" and this must be signed by each member of the group.**

[http://www.imperial.ac.uk/workspace/mathematics/Public/students/ug/projects/2ndYearProjectInformation\(2\).pdf](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/workspace/mathematics/Public/students/ug/projects/2ndYearProjectInformation(2).pdf)

Questions?

- Mathematics Learning Centre
 - Mondays 1pm – 3pm
 - Thursdays 11am – 1 pm
 - Today: 3pm – 5pm
- Central Library Help Desk
 - Fridays 11am – 1pm
- Email, phone
 - j.evans@imperial.ac.uk or phone ext 45736 or 0207 594 5736
- Send an IM from or comment on the projects blog