Hodder Education A Level and GCSE Magazines Archives

If you're a new subscriber to Hodder Education's A Level or GCSE Magazines Archive, you will find everything you need to know in this useful summary page. Further information is available on the Hodder Education website.

If you have any further questions, or if you encounter any issues resulting from the Dynamic Learning platform, please contact the publisher, Hodder Education, by email at dynamic-support@hodder.co.uk or by phone on +44 (0) 203 122 6481.

If you have any questions about your subscriptions, or need any help with anything, please contact us.

Logging on

- When you try to access your Hodder Education A Level or GCSE Magazines Archive subscriptions, you will be redirected to Dynamic Learning to log in.
- The new URL to bookmark is http://my.dynamic-learning.co.uk/.
- You do not need a centre number, and you can continue to use your existing admin user name and password.
- If you have forgotten your login details (they would have been sent to you when you first subscribed), please click on the "Forgotten your login details?" link to be sent a reminder. If your email address is not recognised, please email the publisher, Hodder Education, at dynamic-support@hodder.co.uk.

Creating links

- If you have previously accessed the Archive via referring URL, you will need to generate a new link. To do so, login in with your admin username and password and select "Magazine Archive" from the sidebar. Click "Add a direct link to your archives" and the new link will be displayed immediately. For full instructions please click here.
- Authentication by IP is not an option. So, in order to access the site without being prompted for a username and password, please enable access via referring URL (see above).
- Having problems inputting the referring URL link into Moodle? Moodle does not allow a link with ? after it to be put into the URL plug in. However, a workaround is to input the link into a Label instead. (Thanks very much to Christine Whittingham and Henry Nurdin from North Shropshire College for sharing this information with us!)

Accessing your subscriptions

- When you have logged in with your username and password, or accessed the site after setting up the referring URL, you should see the subscriptions your institution has access to grouped together in a package called "Magazine Archive".
- You can select "Magazine Archive" from the dropdown menu or from the left-hand navigation panel.
- Click on "Magazine Archive" to access your subscription(s). Each archive you have access to will be shown in colour with the expiry date below.
- If any titles are missing, or if the expiry dates do not accord with your records, please email the publisher, Hodder Education, at dynamic-support@hodder.co.uk.
Creating accounts for teachers and students

If you are the User Manager for your institution, you can set up a self registration option for teachers and students in "User Manager preferences" in the "Manage DL" administration pages. You can also choose to set up accounts manually.

*Not listed as the User Manager?* If your institution had subscriptions to other resources available on the Dynamic Learning before the Archive moved to the platform, someone else may be listed as the User Manager. To change the User Manager, please email the publisher, Hodder Education, at dynamic-support@hodder.co.uk.

Teacher accounts

The User Manager and Teacher Admin users (which can be set up by the User Manager and also, if specified in the "Manage DL" administration pages, other Teacher Admin users) can manually create individual teacher accounts in the "Manage DL" administration pages. Alternatively, the User Manager can send a link to all teachers that need accounts to enable them to self-register.

If you are not the User Manager for your institution, you can find out who is under the "My Account" drop down menu.

a) Manually creating individual accounts

- Click on "Manage" in the top right hand side of your screen to go to the administration pages.
- Choose "Manage Users" from the popup window.
- Select ‘Manage teachers & administrators’ and click on the ‘Add teacher’ button.
- Enter details of the teacher user and click ‘Save’.

b) Self registration

- Click on "Manage" in the top right hand side of your screen to go to the administration pages.
- Choose "Manage Users" from the popup window.
- Select "User Manager preferences".
- Tick "Allow teachers to self-register" and click "Save".
- Copy and paste the URL into an email to your colleagues.

Student accounts

Teacher account holders can:

- Click on the "Share" button on a magazine archive.
- Click "Create access link for students".
- Click "Assign access to other titles in this package" if you would like your students to be able to access all content your institution has access to.
- Send the link to students so that they can register for a personal account. The link is valid for 28 days.

If you are a Teacher Admin user, you can also add students individually or upload multiple student users with a CSV spreadsheet. You can also create and manage groups.
A video tutorial is available here.

Benefits for teaching and learning

Build, share and export lessons with ease: Using Dynamic Learning’s Lesson Builder tool, teachers can group together articles and other resources quickly and easily into a lesson which can be accessed and presented in class via a single browser window. Lessons can also be shared with students and colleagues, and exported to VLEs.

See below for links to useful video tutorials:

- How to create a lesson
- How to edit lessons
- How to share lessons
- How to search for resources

Share content with ease: Direct links to articles can be included in documents (e.g. reading lists), presentations, and emails.

Create tests and track students’ progress: The Dynamic Learning platform enables teachers to create tests for their students using the Philip Allan Online Magazines Archives. They can also track the progress and results for groups of students as well as individual students. All reports can be exported in Word or Excel format.

Improved search options
- Search for topics and keywords across all the archives you subscribe to
- Sort results by "Best Match" or "Most Recent"
- Refine your selection by subject, archive, volume or issue