YOUNG APPLICANTS IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

The Open University
SCOTLAND

Purpose for today

01 Introduction to The Open University (OU) and the YASS programme

02 Discuss how learning and support works with the OU

03 Get you thinking about the study skills you can develop

04 Invite you to ask questions

THE OU AND YASS

OU Overview

What is YASS?

- Study a first-year university module, with the Open University, in S6, alongside your other subjects in school.
- You have a choice of about 30 modules in 10 subject areas.
- Over 10,000 students across Scotland have taken YASS modules since 2007.

What can I study?

Around 30 modules are offered in 10 subject areas:

Arts

Business and Management

Engineering, Computing and Technology

Languages

Law

Mathematics

Science

Social Sciences

Health and Social Care

Sport and Exercise

Who pays for my YASS module?

Funding is available for all modules through a grant provided by the Scottish Funding Council.

The funding grant will cover the full cost of one module per pupil.

Scottish Funding Council
Promoting further and higher education

What are the benefits of YASS?

Builds confidence and helps you to get ready to move from school to university, college or the workplace.

Develops important skills such as independent study, IT skills and time management.

Study a subject that links to what you want to study at uni or college or might not be available in your school.

Helps make UCAS, college, job applications and your CV stand out.

What other benefits can you think of?

How Much Do I Have to Study?

10 credit modules:

3 – 6 hours per week

30 credit modules (6 months long):

12 – 14 hours per week

30 credit modules (9 months long):

8 – 10 hours per week

HOW LEARNING AND SUPPORT WORKS WITH THE OU

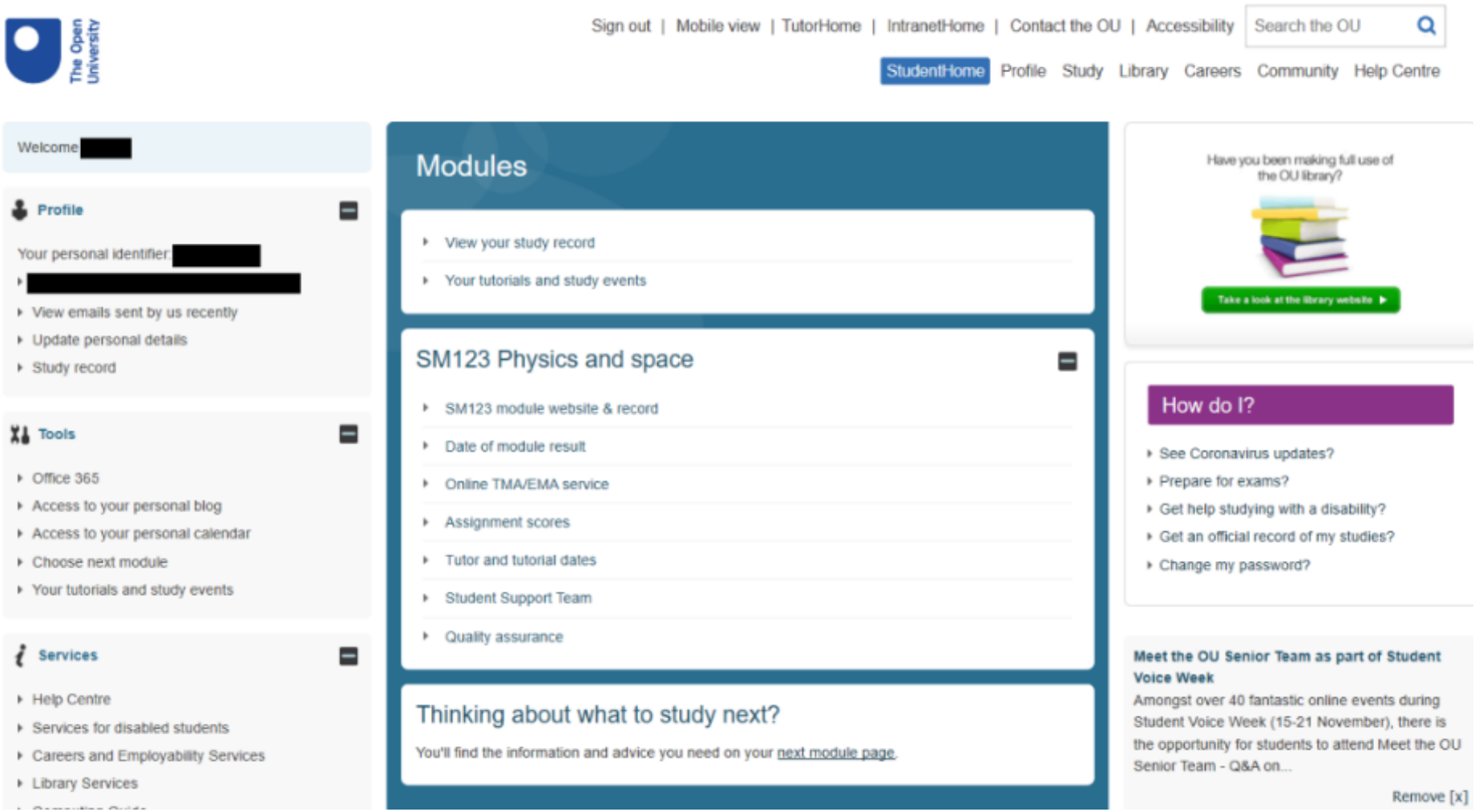
How OU Study Works

Once you're registered on your module, you receive access to your StudentHome page which is the online platform for study with the OU.

Each module has different study materials, some have hard copies of books, some have online materials only.

You'll use a study planner to keep track of your learning and any deadlines for assignments.

The StudentHome Page



Study Planner

You last viewed: Skills development in Resources: Skills development

WEEKS 5-6 — Topic 1: Forces around you — 31 October – 13 November — 0 of 7 completed

WEEK 7 — Python 1: Introduction to Python — 14–20 November — 0 of 3 completed

Please note that if you are using the **OU Study** app for this Python week, you will require an internet connection to be able to use the embedded interactive programming windows, called trinkets, in the app.

- Python 1: Introduction to Python
- Skills development

WEEKS 8-9 — Topic 2: An introduction to energy — 21 November – 4 December — 0 of 7 completed

News

Institute of Physics open lecture hosted by SPS
Posted: 18 Nov 2020

"The Moon's water: past, current, and future perspectives"
Dr. Jessica Barnes, University of ...

Python 1 – We welcome your feedback
Posted: 13 Nov 2020

Python 1 – We welcome your feedback

Next week you will get an email inviting you to complete ...

View all

Assignments

Different modules have different ways of assessing students. Some modules only have one assignment due at the end while others have several assignments due throughout the length of the module.

It’s really important to look ahead once you’ve got your study calendar to see if any of your YASS assignments clash with school deadlines or exams.

Advice and Support

All YASS students can get advice and support about general aspects of OU study from their Student Support Team and the Computing Help Desk.

You will have an individual tutor or team of study advisers who can help you with all the academic parts of the module.

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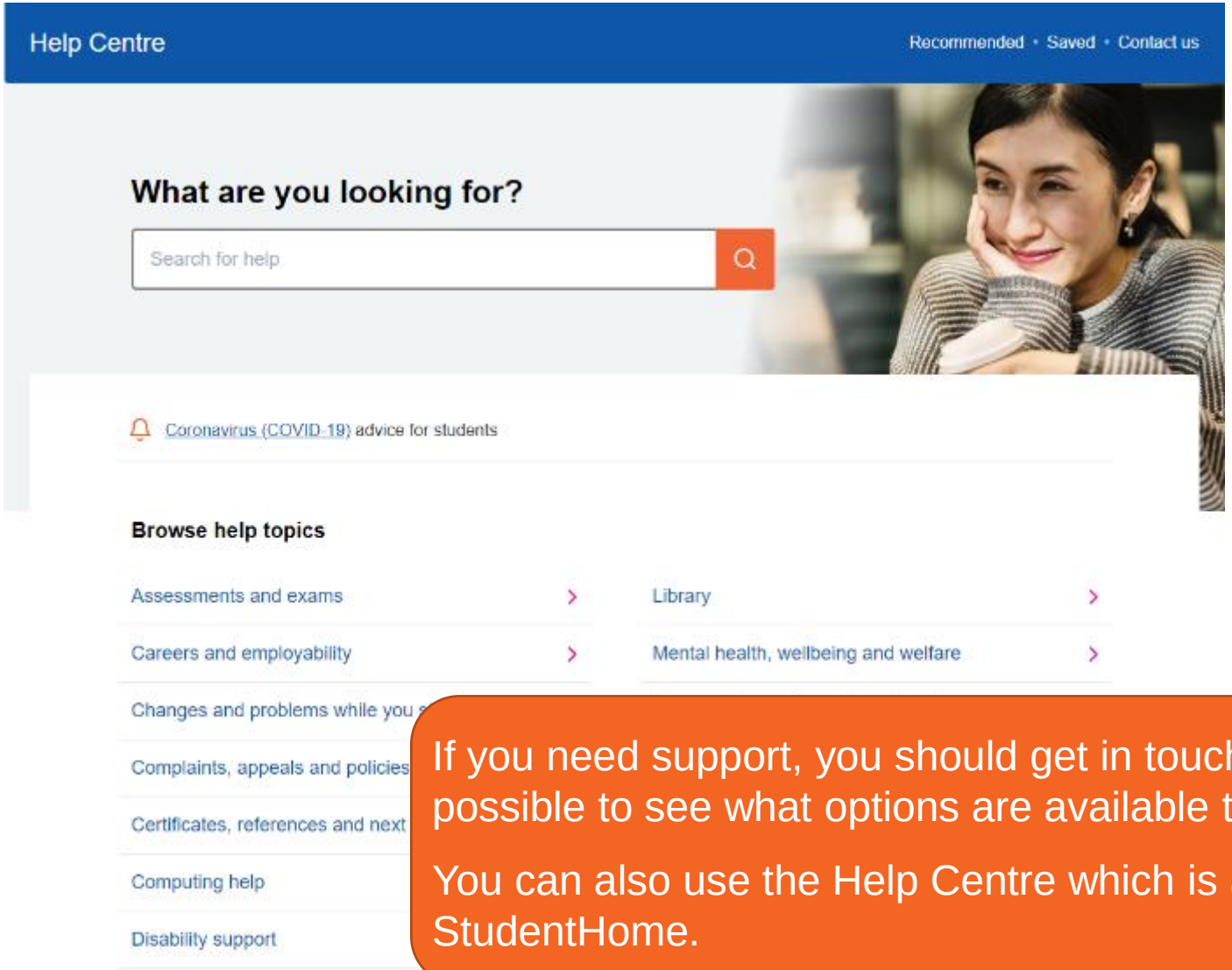
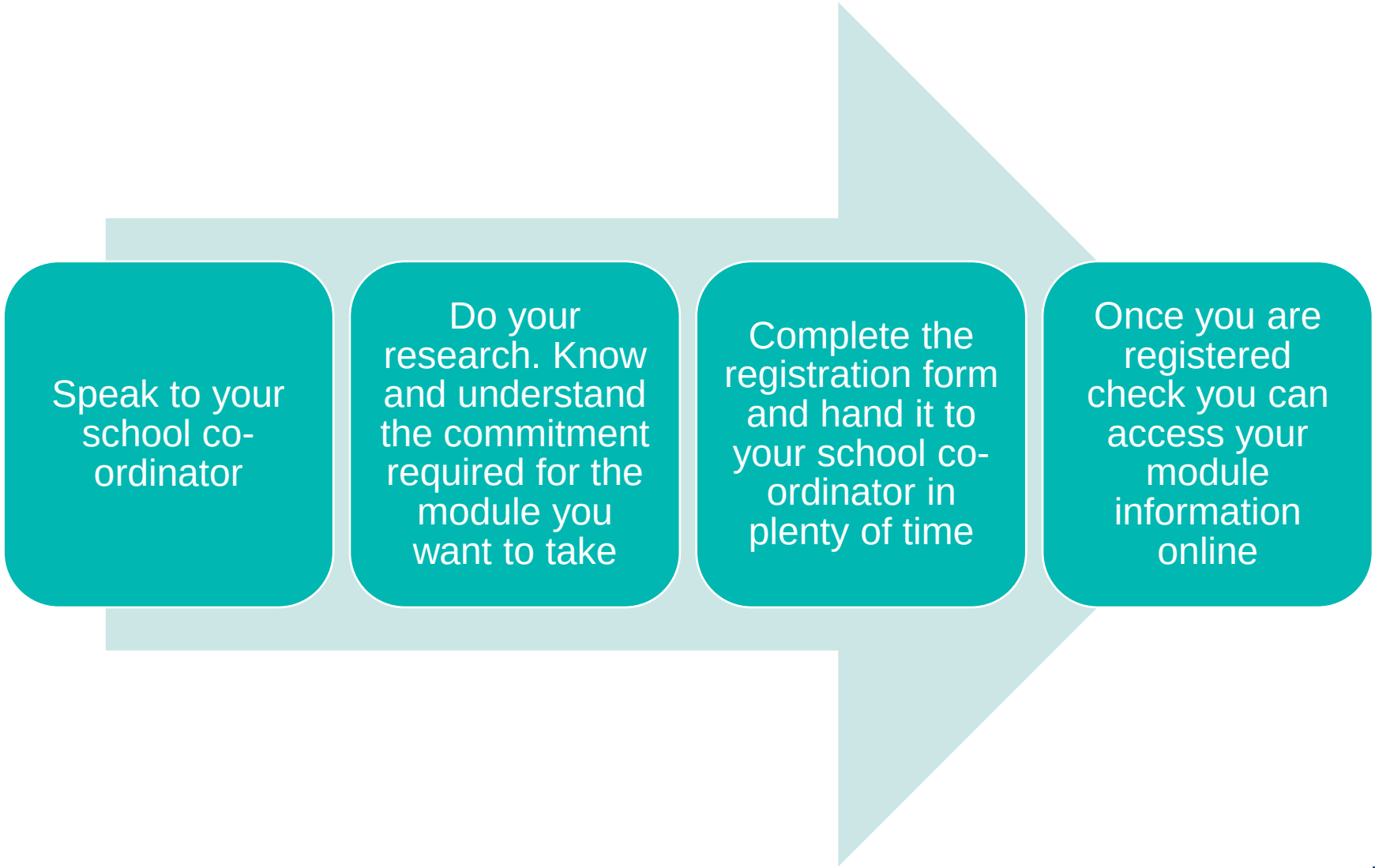


If you need support, you should get in touch as soon as possible to see what options are available to you.

You can also use the Help Centre which is accessed from StudentHome.

What should you think about before taking a YASS course?

How to Get Started



What do students say about YASS?

Any questions?

Further Information

Speak to your school co-ordinator or get in touch with the YASS team.

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www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/young-applicants-schools