Off-campus access to online collection

Material which The Library has bought to be accessed online you should be able to get onto using your University login (which used to be called EASE).

If you have entered it at any stage in your browser session, if you’ve been through MyEd for example and entered your University login details, and then go through library links to a journal online or a database, then that should be enough for your access to be recognised as coming from somewhere which has paid for access to the content and you should just get straight in.

There may be a few resources, very few resources, for which you have to create a username and password for. In those cases, there will be information about that from the link out in the library pages.

Another way to get access to material The Library has bought is if you were on-campus the IP address of an open access machine for example (of a machine that has been registered with the University), that IP address is often kept by the publisher so they know you are coming from somewhere that has bought access. To mirror that off-campus, or indeed if you are using a laptop, then the VPN, the Virtual Private Network, service provides that as well.

www.ed.ac.uk/is/vpn

If you are using the VPN then it looks like the IP address of your machine is one the University has registered and that can be enough to mean that you are given access to journals The Library has bought online for example. The VPN is not set up to do that but it is a by-product of it. It is what you would use to access your University drives from home or off-campus.

There’s more about connecting to the network from:

www.ed.ac.uk/is/wireless

The other two bits of information on this slide are for when things are little bit more “normal”. Hopefully, for example, the very bottom information there is about the SCONUL Access scheme which is a reciprocal borrowing and visiting other HE libraries scheme, available to postgraduates. It’s not running at the moment but if you are going somewhere when things are back up and running again, then check the SCONUL Access pages to see if you can make use of the library at the place you are going to.

www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access

Eduroam, similarly is a way of making sure you can use the network of another institution when you are visiting there. Should that be something you are able to do later on.

www.ed.ac.uk/is/wireless/jrs