



*Safe, secure, reliable and ad-free research and revision
tools for 14-19 year olds.*

User Guide
for schools and colleges

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Your School / College Login Account

Both staff and students within the school/college are able to access the site in three easy steps.

1. Open your browser.
2. Type in your login address (see your **login information** for details).
3. You will bring up a page that looks like this



That's it! You're logged in and ready to go. You can start searching for resources straight away by typing what you're looking for in the 'find' box and clicking on the magnifying glass. If you would prefer to browse **amazing grades'** resources then use the 'click here' link at the bottom of the page to enter amazing grades.

Once in **amazing grades** you can continue to search for resources using the 'find' box in the top right, or by expanding the subjects in the 'browse' menu. It's as simple as that! Your search results and selected topics will appear in the main panel on the right hand side of **amazing grades**. Clicking on your chosen result will open the resource in a new browser window, leaving **amazing grades** in your original browser window, ready for you to open another resource or try another search.



Using amazing-grades at Home

amazing grades can also be used at home by both staff and students. The best way to do this is to create an 'Access Anywhere Account'. An access anywhere account allows you to save your favourite resources by clicking on the 'add to favourites' button, meaning they are right there for you next time you log in without having to repeat your search. To create your access anywhere account:

1. Log into **amazing grades** site using your school/college log in.
2. On the welcome page in the top left hand corner it says 'Create your Access Anywhere Account' as shown below.



3. This will bring up a page which asks you to fill in your personal details. Teachers will need their code – please refer to your **login information** for details.
4. Double check all your details are correct, then click on the submit button on the bottom right hand side of the page.


What happens next then depends on whether you are a teacher (with an access code) or a student (no access code).

5. **Students** - you will be taken to a page which asks you to input your subjects.
6. **Teachers** – you will be taken to the same page but do not input anything.
7. **Students and Teachers** – After clicking on submit you will be taken to a page that informs you that your account has been created and we'll send you an automatic email to your selected address detailing your user name and password.

How we select web sites and how you can suggest a new link to be added

We have specialist teachers contracted to **amazing grades** to provide content to the site. These teachers are referred to as Lead Teachers. The teachers search the internet and hand pick the best websites that support the national curriculum and vocational areas for their subject.

These sites are then loaded onto **amazing grades**. Once on the system each site is given a description about the content as well as a personal comment from the teacher as to how the site will help and we index a number of features that the site has such as whether it's suitable for revision.

For example  - this symbol means the site is suitable for further or independent study by a student. By putting the symbols in the description it saves both student and teacher even more time as they can see at a glance how the site will help them.

The websites are also split into either the 14-16 area or the 16+ area depending on the content of the site and the qualification it relates to. The **amazing grades** site is then managed by a Content Editor who constantly maintains the site to make sure all websites provided by the lead teachers are kept up to date.

We always have a website of the week and you can also see the most popular sites of the moment.

How to suggest a new site to be added or to let us know your thoughts on an existing site link

As we are constantly updating **amazing grades** we always welcome any new ideas or websites that subscribers come across. There are two very easy ways to contact us.

For general enquiries simply use the "contact us" button from your home page

If you'd like to submit a link for review, login and then

- On the left hand side you will see a box saying 'browse' with a list of subjects underneath
- Select the correct level by clicking on either 14-16 or 16+ and the subject area which the new site relates to
- This will take you to the subject intro page
- Click on tab at the top of the page which says 'web resources'
- Scroll to the bottom of the page to where it says 'suggest a link to us'
- Type in website address and click on the send button
- This will then be sent to the lead teacher for that subject who will rate the site and submit it to the correct section

The whole process should take you just a few minutes and a few days later, it should be available for everyone to use.

What others think of us...

By far the best site I have come across...highly recommended.

John Clare – Daily Telegraph

I will be happily recommending Amazing Grades to the teachers I train and schools I do consultancy work for. (Compared with others)... Amazing Grades is way better in terms of design, ease of use and the reviews are very clear, brief and professional.

Joe Nutt – Educational Consultant

I use your website to help me with my German and I found it extremely useful. The exercises are the most useful, because I was able to test my knowledge of cases and adjective endings in an active way. It was also fun.

Donna Odofin – Student

It is such a useful site. We've had all 7 Sixth Form sets in the labs for a lesson each to show them the possibilities, and will refer to sites when setting homework. The students were very positive about it.

Dave Merrit – Head of Psychology, RGS Newcastle

My daughter subscribed to Amazing Grades last year and found it invaluable. We would like to subscribe to it again for her this year.

Sally Thomas – Parent

Thank you very much for the information available on the site. It is a fantastic site which I am sure will improve my grades. Thanks.

Ryan Goz – Student, Scottish Highers

Amazing Grades encourages students in an interactive and innovative way towards independent thinking.

Jean Westacott (Psychology) - Huddersfield New College

It's an informative, effective and exciting website.

Ross Smith (Biology) - Huddersfield New College