

# OpenAthens Username and Password Instructions

## What Is It?

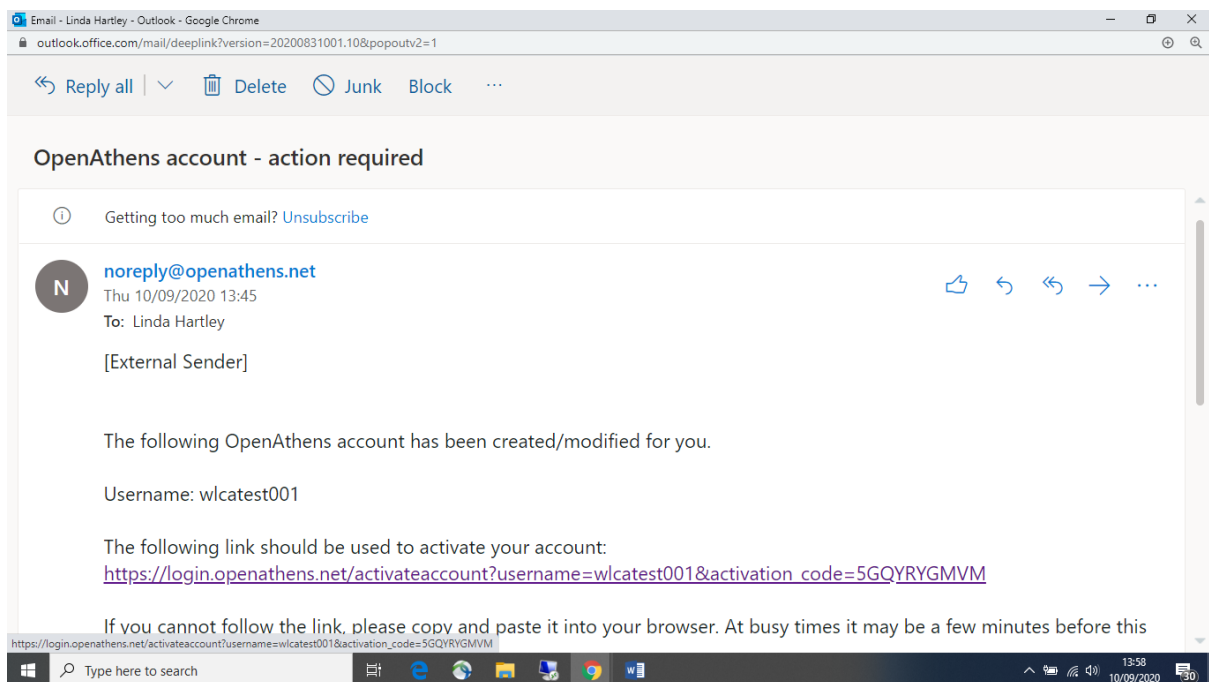
Your OpenAthens username and password will give you access to the electronic books and other online resources the college has licensed. All the resources available to you are available via the College library Moodle pages, or within your course pages on Moodle. Once you have your username and password, you will be able to access these resource anywhere with an internet connection.

## How Do I Get My Username and Password?

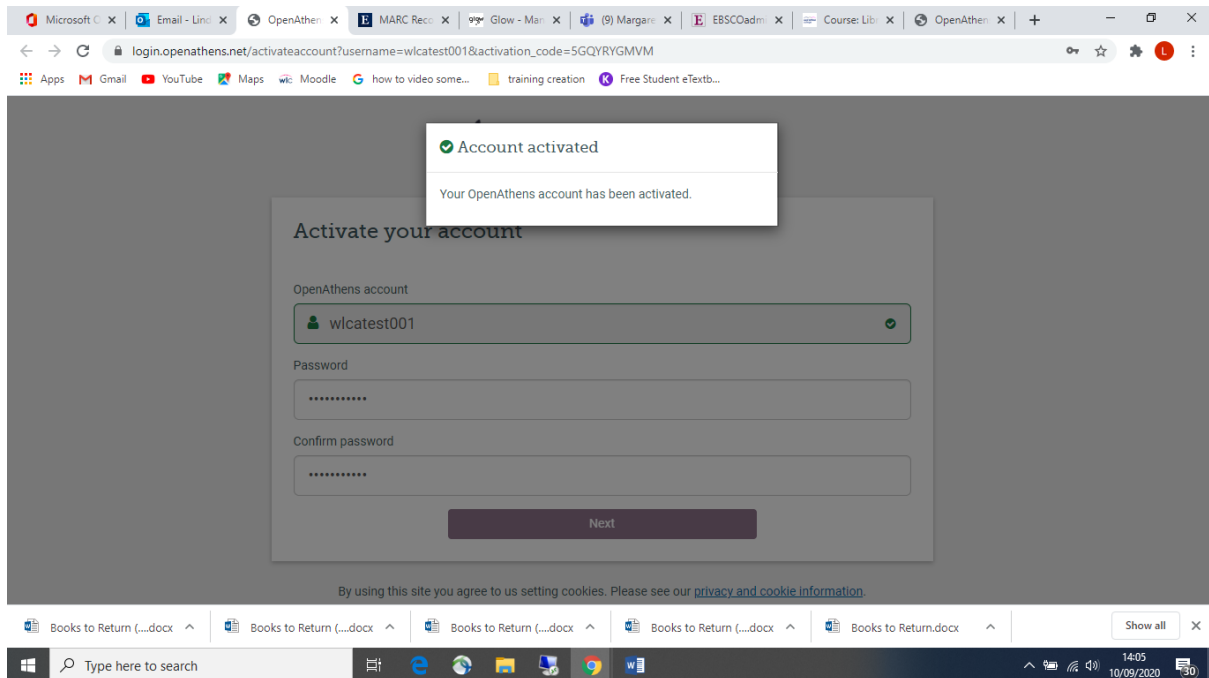
Near the beginning of term, you should receive an email from OpenAthens.

This email will give you your OpenAthens username plus a link to activate your account. See the example below for Andrew Test. In this example, Andrew's username is wlcatest001

Please note all West Lothian College usernames start with wlc



When you follow the link on your email from OpenAthens, you will get the screen below:



Create a password and confirm the password. You will then get the “Account activated” message as above.

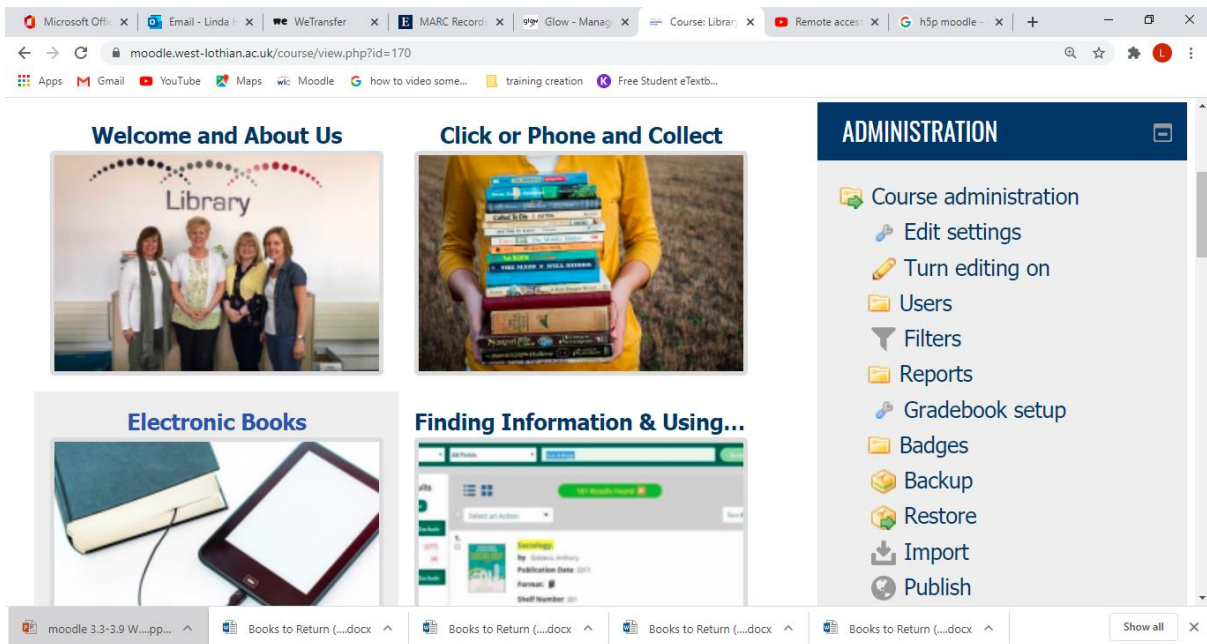
**PLEASE NOTE YOUR PASSWORD WILL NEED TO BE AT LEAST EIGHT DIGITS LONG AND CONTAIN A MIXTURE OF LETTERS AND NUMBERS EG**

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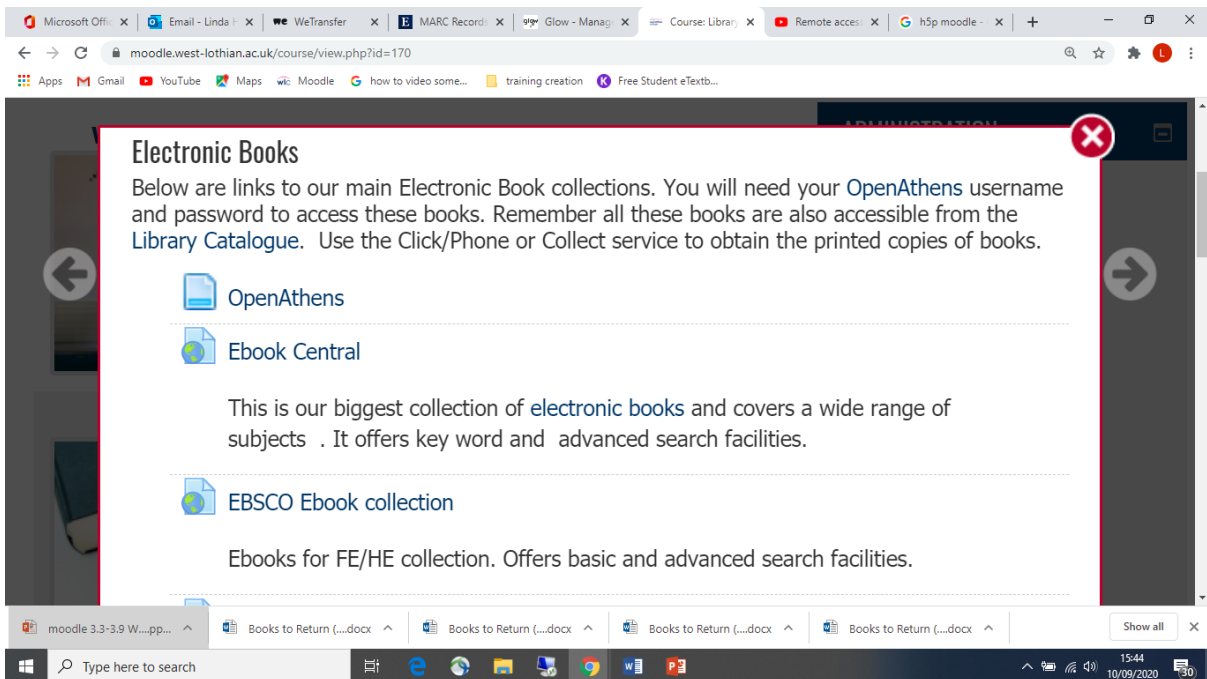
## **How Do I Access the Books and Other Online Resources?**

A Full list of the resources available to you are accessible from the college library Moodle pages. For a quick example click on our [EBooks button](#)

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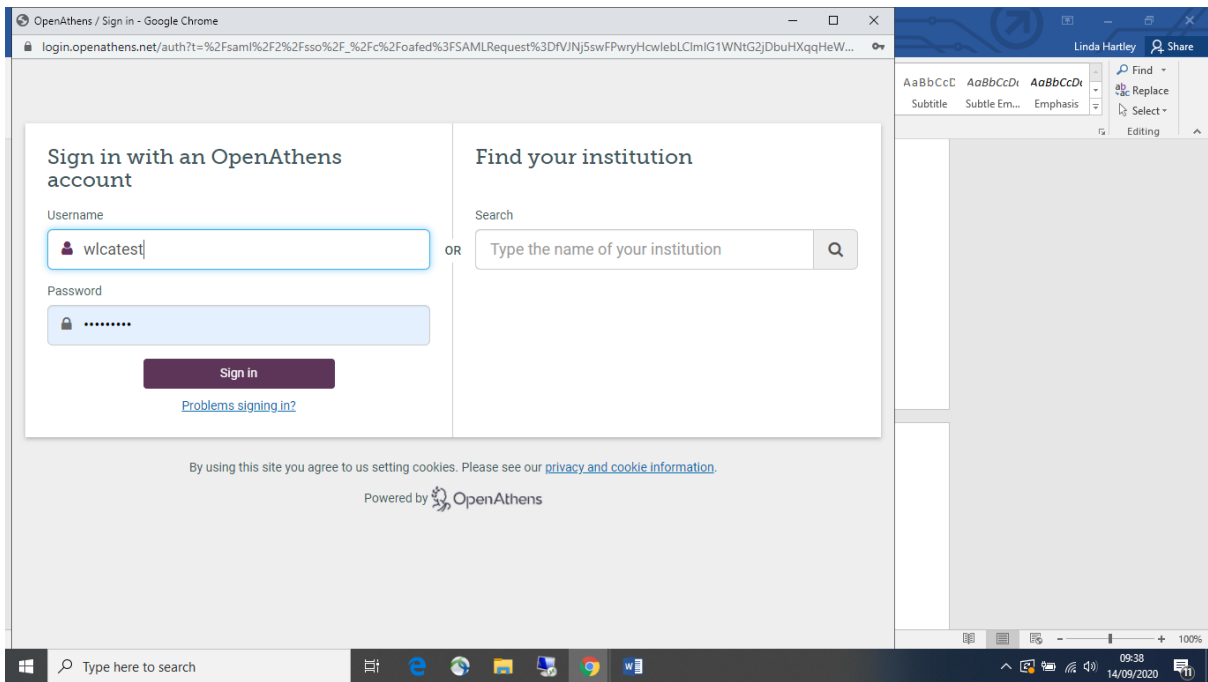
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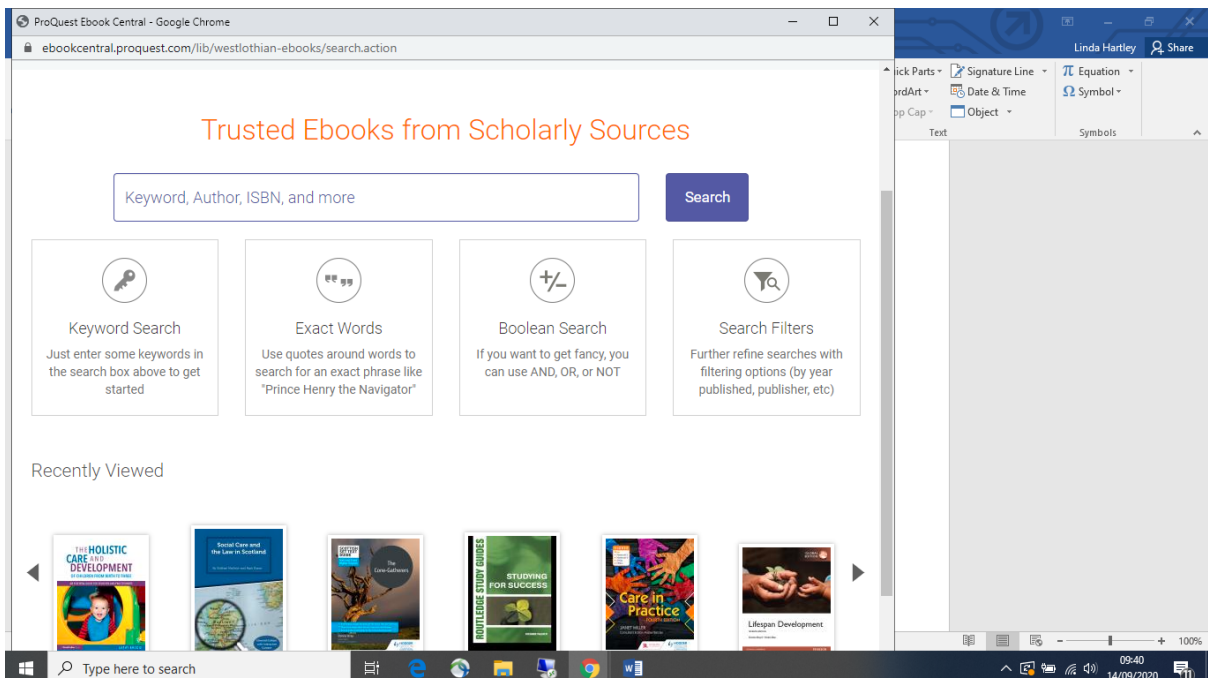
Look for the OpenAthens login or it may just pop up.

Enter your Openathens username, E.g. wlcatest001 and whatever password you created.

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You will then be taken to the collection of electronic books you have click on. The example below is from the EBook Central Collection



Direct links to specific books have also been added to your course information on Moodle.

If you have problems with any of this process, please speak to your lecturer or contact library staff direct at:

[Library@west-lothian.ac.uk](mailto:Library@west-lothian.ac.uk)

You can also search for electronic books via the [Library Catalogue](#).