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Hello, and welcome to the August edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. The summer is nearly over, a new term will be starting for students everywhere and we have some great top tips for those going off to University. Here in the office we have been busy providing a robust proofreading service and helping organisations complete their IGTs.

Private companies to be given access to GP records for just £1

Under plans revealed by NHS England, private companies and researchers will be able to access data from GP records for £1.

The body's chief data officer has revealed he wants to reduce the costs for companies to access NHS datasets, from around £20,000 to £30,000 currently, to just £1.

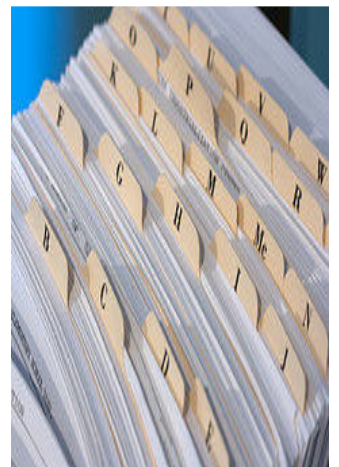
NHS England said the data would be used to identify where improvements and efficiencies could be made in the NHS and that only approved companies would have access to the data.

However, the GPC has raised concerns that private companies would have access to NHS patient data 'on the cheap'.

Earlier this year NHS England announced plans to create Care Episode Statistics, where identifiable data extracted from GP records and sent to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) could be linked with information from secondary care sources.

There have been concerns from the BMA and campaign groups, so health secretary Jeremy Hunt has assured patients that a flag will be put in their records if they do not want identifiable data sent to the HSCIC.

Currently universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, King's College London as well as a number of private companies have gone through the application process to receive the data, which involves proving adherence to information governance laws, and have been granted permission to receive data.



The King of horror prepares for a TV series based on one of his books

Writer Stephen King says the new television series based on one of his books is not political, but the gripping drama about a town sealed off from the world that has lessons for us all about the world we live in and what we are doing to it.

In the opening scenes of *Under the Dome* an impenetrable dome falls over the fictional town of Chester's Mill. The residents quickly realise there is no getting out, or in. Families are separated, emergency services are unreachable, and food and fuel are strictly limited.

He began writing his novel *Under the Dome*, on which the series is loosely based, in 1972, when he was working as a high school teacher, but he then put the book aside for more than 30 years. It was only finished in 2009.

The TV series has exceeded all expectations in America; *Under the Dome* has already been commissioned for a second season. Since its debut on CBS in June, more than 11 million people have been tuning in, plus nine million online.



Ten things to know before you start university

As college and sixth form students make their final decisions on UCAS this month, it seems appropriate to share 10 useful pieces of advice that each student should bear in mind.

Modern architecture: You will probably be trying to imagine your daily life at university. No doubt most of your ideas of what it will be like come from E4 dramas, or glossy American television shows. University is nothing like that. You are less likely to find one of these gleaming, ultra-modern, expansive-lawned, universities and more likely to find concrete, grey buildings, and 60s throwbacks they hid from view at the open events.

Crumbling halls: One of the most time-consuming decisions in the application process is deciding where you are going to live. Inevitably, it's a competition between price and comfort for most students, and many try to find a happy medium between the two. But do not be afraid of applying to the old blocks. Living in a building that's close to falling apart really fosters a sense of community and camaraderie between the housemates. It adds to the spontaneity, surprises and overall excitement of the experience.

Mountains of books: You do not need to buy everything on your book list. In practice, you are probably only going to read a few chapters from each text for any particular seminar and then need a completely different book the next week. If there's a reference text, or a book that forms part of the course for several weeks or terms, they're worth investing in. However, check the library in most cases, before you spend the extra money.

Making friends: Leave your bedroom door open. Wedging your door open makes your room a potential social hub, and it is acceptable to say hi and introduce yourself to anyone and absolutely everyone that passes by the door.

First-time laundry: One of the more daunting aspects of university is the practical side of living alone. Don't worry if you don't know how to do laundry. It is likely that the machines are old, at some point they will swallow your money and there will be those buttons that you have no idea what they do, even by the end of the year. Just wash old clothes first and you'll soon get the hang of it.

Gourmet cuisine: It is handy to know how to cook pasta when coming to university, but not essential. In fact, don't worry if your repertoire doesn't stretch that far. Chances are, you will learn a few recipes from others living on your floor and you can find some easy recipes to follow online.

Share and share alike?: If you leave your kitchen utensils in the kitchen area, you are saying that these are public property and can be used freely by all in the flat or house. If you like to find your spoons and pans in the same drawer as you left them, or you don't want to find them dirty in the sink, it might be best investing in a cupboard lock or leaving these items in your room.

Join that Society: Join as many clubs as possible in fresher's week and spend a great amount of first term deciding which ones interest you with taster sessions. Most likely you'll already know which ones you will stick with, but university societies are so diverse and growing year on year it is worth giving them a go.

Going for broke: Be a bit thrifty with your money. That way you can save up and visit friends at other universities across the country. Once the first term of partying at university has taken off the immediate excitement of clubbing, travelling to other cities and meeting new people really reignites that spark of fresher's week.

Facebook can be good: At university, Facebook is virtually indispensable and is the adaptable medium for project groups, societies and nights out. The wealth of people and contacts you create not only helps to enhance your university experience on both social and academic levels, but you're inevitably creating a web of contacts for later life.

More than anything have fun, and find what works for you. You'll find that your university experience is an absolutely fantastic part of your life and no matter the nerves on arrival, those soon dissipate among new friends, new lessons and new drink combinations.

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Publishers

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HAMLET as a Choose Your Own Adventure:

<http://n.pr/176p3ml>

In other news...

- This week the NursingTimes.net are hosting a discussion surrounding adult wards. Do they isolate teenagers? Are general teen wards needed? What are your thoughts?
- Booktrust invites entries from publishers for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2014, which will celebrate children's books published in the last year in two categories: Best Story and Best Book with Facts. Closing Date is 5pm 30th August so be quick!
- The royal Free Hospital team return from their research trip to Everest into the effects of low oxygen.
- The Book People has partnered with the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). The organisation will donate 10% of its events earnings to the charity in October.

Things that we like this month



The Laura Ashley Garden Range



The sorted crew Food With Friends eBook now available to download.
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