

## Resources for searching for resources

### Search Engines

One of the primary aims of today's session is to give you experience of searching a variety of search engines – and in so doing understand better the various ways in which they work. Below you will find the names of (and links to) some of the major search engines, listed alphabetically. You should try searching as many of these as possible, and at the end of the session we will discuss your findings on how useful each was.

<a href="#">Alta Vista</a>	<a href="#">AskJeeves</a>	<a href="#">DirectHit</a>	<a href="#">Dogpile</a>
<a href="#">Excite</a>	<a href="#">FastHit</a>	<a href="#">Google</a>	<a href="#">GoTo</a>
<a href="#">Lycos</a>	<a href="#">NorthernLight</a>	<a href="#">OpenDirectory</a>	<a href="#">Yahoo</a>

For information on the different ways in which these work see the '[Major Search Engines](#)' section of Searchenginewatch.com.

### Collections of resources

A second way of searching the net is to use a site which has already built up sets of links. You need to be familiar with those sites which have built up collection for IT, not least for when you are looking for teaching/learning resources during PTE. Although in time the three government sponsored sites listed below (especially Teachernet) may become the major portal sites for lesson plans and resources, at present they do not have enough links for the **subject** IT to be used on their own. Therefore on your study days, as well as searching these collections, you should look in at some or all of other sites listed to help you find the resources you need to complete the task set.

#### Government-sponsored sites:

The [National Curriculum](#) web site

[Teachernet](#)

The Teacher Resource Exchange on the [National Grid for Learning's](#) Virtual Teachers' Centre (confusingly, you will need to register twice for this – once for the NGfL and once for the TRE.)

#### Other sites

Angliacampus - site tour resources - <http://www.angliacampus.com/>

BBC Schools on Line - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/schools/>

Birmingham Grid - <http://www.bgfl.org/>

CLEO - <http://cleo.ucsm.ac.uk/>

Educate - [http://www.educate.org.uk/teacher\\_zone/index.htm](http://www.educate.org.uk/teacher_zone/index.htm)

Learning alive - <http://www.learningalive.co.uk/>

ICTeachers - <http://www.icteachers.co.uk/>

Kent NGfL – <http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl/>

Northern Grid - <http://www.northerngrid.org/>

Schoolsnet - <http://www.schoolsnet.com/>

Schoolzone - <http://www.schoolzone.co.uk/>

Teaching Ideas - <http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/>

Note that a number of these sites do not appear to distinguish between resources for the subject I(C)T and the use of ICT in other curriculum areas. Sifting through the resources they provide for 'ICT' should help make this distinction clearer in your own mind.