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Credo

You may have been familiar with Xreferplus. This has now changed its name to **Credo** and describes itself as a 'digital reference library': dictionaries, encyclopaedias and other reference tools across a wide range of subjects. But there are Science, Technology and Medicine resources in there so you may find it useful for teaching, research and of course to recommend to students.

Find it as usual in the Subject Directory.

Stop press:

As we go to press news just in of two volumes being updated to their new editions:

The Collins Dictionary of Medicine and *The New Penguin Dictionary of Science*.

6 hits from 3 different sources for 'coastline erosion', the *McGraw-Hill Concise Encyclopedia of Science and Technology* proving the most helpful in this case.

You may be aware that the Library holds copies of dissertations in electronic form. These are usually those that have obtained 2.1 and above grades.

Please consider submitting students projects in this fashion as they can be a great aid to students looking at how projects

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- name of the student's department and name of faculty
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ACM Redux

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