How do learners experience change through their learning journey? 05/08

Technology

'I think that I have learnt how to use a lot more technology as I learn coming through from A-levels to university you are required more to use things or technology to aid your learning.' 39

'I think my learning has changed great deal really. At the beginning I thought my assignment writing was good as I've got a level in English but I've learnt through the last three years, that it has changed… I now use a lot more research, and a lot more data from research journals and journal writing' 58

'I am a mature student I'm 28 years old so my learning before university was very limited especially in the technology that was used so therefore since I had been at university the variety of technology that can be used to aid learning is probably the biggest difference' 17

'The biggest change I have had in learning that I have been at university is definitely the reliance on computers which I never had before and not just in my course although that is major of say that it is just in the reliance on communication through computers through e-mail' 32

'I understand a bit more better than I did a few years ago when it comes to the Internet' 56

'I am now much more comfortable with using a different recourses and technology, and they are there, so that they can help my learning they have been very helpful in the last few years. Now, my learning is much more structured and my research investigation skills have been improved' 54

'Where obviously when you start at college, you can still handwrite essays and things like that so that was one of the things which has changed a lot... coming to uni, everything has to be typed up' 13

'the biggest change in learning was the use of study net you can receive lectures, talk to lecturers direct even and ... get an effective and fast response from them and talk to other students over study net anything you want basically to do with your course was on study net to look for books or journals it has been helpful' 41

'So my learning has changed over the last three years because I was not familiar with pen tablet or programmes I'm using now before I came to university.' 32

'The biggest change is that there is a larger amount of communication via e-mail between myself and lecturers...I never used to ever need to use email' 18

'The biggest change in learning I experienced and will be because it's been such a huge gap between the present education as a student and my previous one and just how technology has moved on so far from research was done in the library with books were questioning things from the librarian for articles there really was no online facilities or help simply technology wasn't there nothing was word processed there was no Google search box that you just find out information at the click of a finger' 49

'Well, they have changed ... see I wasn't so reliant on things like MSN and Skype in the first year, I think I probably knew what MSN was in my first year ... didn't use it. Not until probably the third year for transferring files back and forth, arranging group meetings and checking up with each other how others parts was going.' 45

'well obviously it has changed as in the 1st yr I just used normal computer and normal packages like office and Microsoft office and PowerPoint and Word and Excel. But over the three years I have had to do presentations on that side had to be able to gain new skills and do presentations in front of people, so I have had to use different technologies' 15

'My learning has changed dramatically because coming to university three years ago I was doing A-levels and used computers at my sixth form College and the musical equivalent on tech that they had there of a similar standard to what i actually owned myself now, so my learning has changed because technology has got better.' 18

'I think nearly everything is IT focused now certainly everything you hand in has to be word processed a lot of resources are now online, and again often, we will have a sheet printed off with various Web links.' 42

'The biggest change in learning has been the use of study net, as I had never used the system like this before to help with my learning and I was not familiar with it. But study net kept my learning up to date, kept me informed in events and topics' 54

'The time I've spent on the computer has increased an awful lot. The fact that you have to spend so much time typing a Word documents and making presentations now, whereas before you could handwrite it for A-levels most of it was handwritten'. 4

'The biggest change is that there is more subjects ...using technologies such as the pod casts to help us and allowing us to record in a lectures and also putting up valuable information on study net.' 3

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