

Yes, Social networks can be used to aid learning

If I want to leave a message or a personal e-mail, I can do it on their face book account and gets straight there. Whenever I post onto study net doesn't always go straight there then so I been using that as I think it can be used to aid learning. You can e-mail each other. It also builds up a friendly relationship between the two of you or three or however many there are a few and it builds up that relationship so that you get that relationship and helps the way you go and meet up and that sort of thing. When you do face-to-face meetings, you can meet up and work at it. 31

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Definitely actually I use face book a lot for communicating to people within my team. We use it as more a casual way of using it. 33

I've spoke about using MSN, which is a type of social network to communicate with people from my course so that we can know what we are doing tomorrow. So I have been using that. 33

It is more social than educational. I suppose it could aid in learning in how to use the Internet. ... through practice of using that you would have a better understanding of how to use other websites. 23

If I don't understand or something I want to let other people in my group know instead of me using e-mail, I would use face book... reasons is by e-mail, you have to go through the email process and you have to know the persons email address, think of a subject to write subject. There is a certain way of formatting email or if you want to attach files to there it is much more of a long and complicated process. 19

Yes, because the university site which is study net is a bit difficult to understand at times. A social network like face book could be used to sort of tell the rest of your group what is going on if you understand it better and also to interact if you are having a practical difficult to solve so you could chat it over social network. 29

Especially face book, and yes they could be used to aid learning, although they are social networks, I guess. I find them very useful, I keep in touch with friends who are doing other, who are studying law at other universities, and we have been able to compare notes sometimes. 43

It is easier access on face book like an event system, and I've just got the volunteer centre to start using it where you can set up events and invite people to come along and even study groups could be made over face book. 7

We have a face book group from a course which is really useful in posting things up to see when everybody is in and keeping in contact with each other and put our websites out there so we can get feedback up from from each other. I think it works a lot better than study net which can be difficult to find things on sometimes. 44

For example in face book, you tend to catch up with people and find out how they are doing but on learning level we can also communicate with our peers on the subject and stuff. So I do believe it can aid learning somehow. 22

I personally use face book every now and then it is a nice break from studying so may be (laughs). Yeah basically face book my space, I suppose would be quite a good way to aid learning, especially some people as they seem to spend a lot of time on there (cheeky grin). 17

I can't really see how it will work. You can't necessarily do any research on there etc. you can but obviously to keep in touch with people sending e-mails and that sort of thing it does aid your learning it does make communication a lot more effective for group work. It is very successful but not necessarily for other types of work. 31

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No it won't and the reasons that this is because you are taking a personal element out of it. There is no teaching, there is no person, there as no other end to talk to. 32

The answer is a big no, because they are more than a distraction they don't help you they make you to drift away from work I have a face book account and yes, you get the odd tendency to open up and look at what you are doing an essay and I spend more time on face book than I really want on the work so I've learnt not to try and do two things like that at the same time, 40

I think face book is one of those which has been used to combine your studying and your leisure time and one girl in my group suggested making a face book group for IP (no) because face book is for face book and Uni is for Uni and you don't kind of want to mix work and pleasure if you catch my drift.. 13

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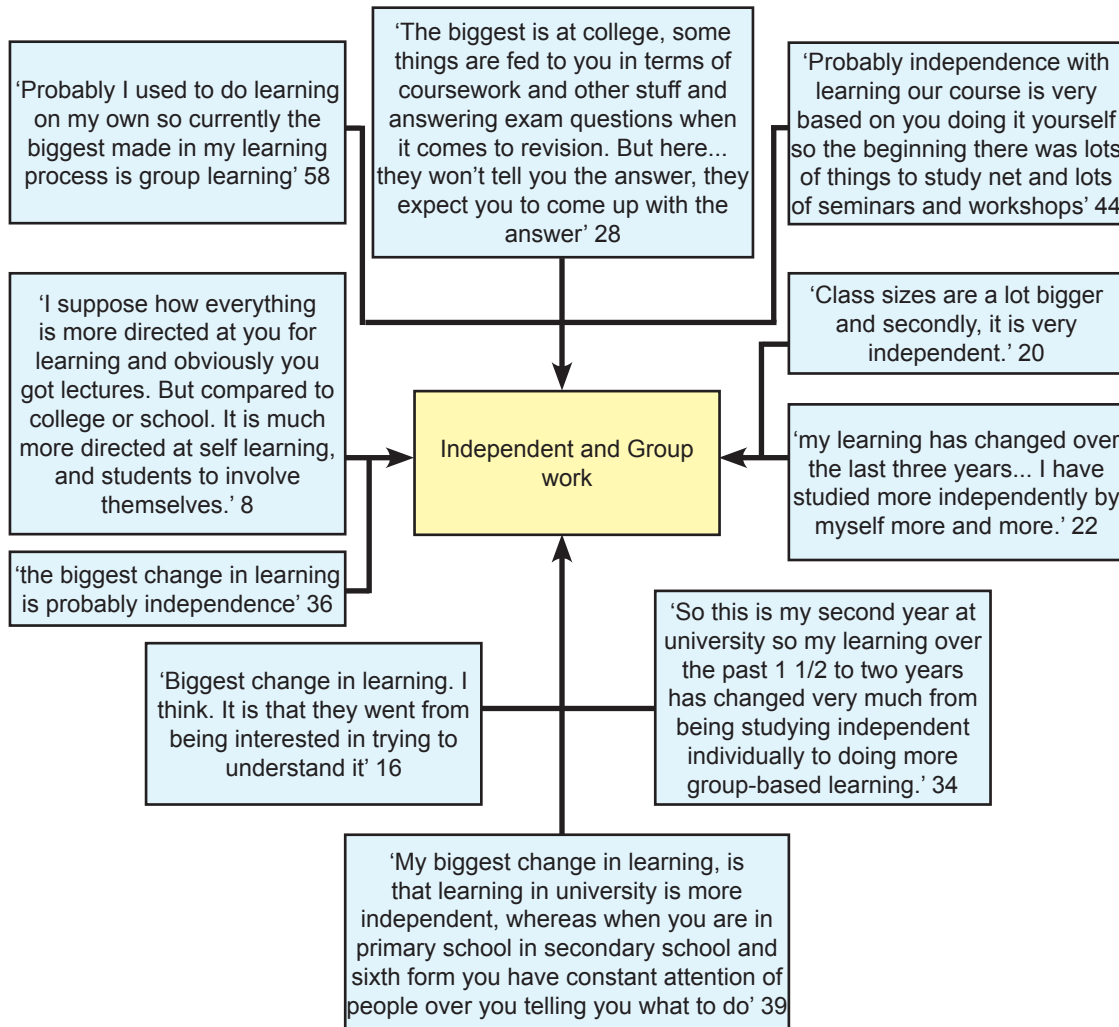
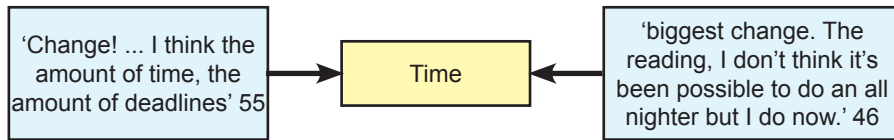
No it is a straight no actually, simply because face book and my space are avenues to get away from learning not to help learning...also because within the University of Hertfordshire as we all know we have study net I don't think there is any need to have face book to do the role that study net already does. Because study net in itself is a way to learn and I think that is a very useful way. 41

I would imagine that the networking it provides for discussion it provides it would be an informal study net, really. Study net has become part of my life over the last few years. It is so easy to log onto and check up and see if he had got any e-mails and it is in value. Keeping in touch with your peers and if the work on the project and you all in different places. 9

It doesn't really work. Too much of an easy distraction, in study net although you can have the social side of it. but primarily it is used for studying. Which makes it much more focused towards that 43

I'm going to say no initially because obviously as far as UH is concerned there is obviously study net which is something which can be monitored by teaching staff. 8

I think the University has got study net and a lot of lecture notes and lecture slides and even video or audio version of the lecture and discussion forums and e-mail and messaging. Really, we have our own sort of network there which I don't think the social network needs to fill in that gap. Because the gap isn't really there. 37



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