

ONLINE LEARNING CASE STUDY

Will Matthews, Higher National Diploma in Computing student at Selby College discusses how he has found online learning...



How have you found online learning so far?

I have found online learning an efficient method of teaching and it has been a relatively easy transfer from classroom-based lectures to online lectures.

What support have you received from your tutors?

My tutors have been on hand (as always) to help myself and fellow students with any matters relating to the course, online learning and personal matters. They have also been on hand to help us both personally and from an education point of view, with any concerns that we have regarding the current situation.

What are the benefits of online learning?

I would say the key benefit is the ability to easily ask questions and receive answers among others using online conferencing. This has meant that we do not have to ask the same question twice and are able to gather inspiration from others if we are stuck. In addition,

online learning using online teams has proven a very effective method of sharing resources that have been provided by the tutor but also from students.

"Online learning has enabled myself and my fellow students to collaborate and share ideas, which are available during and after lessons. It has proven to be an effective way of course delivery with a seamless transition from face-to-face learning to online.

Furthermore, the ability to use online learning on a variety of desktop and mobile devices means that tutors, course resources and lesson content can be accessed 24/7."

Do you prefer face-to-face learning or online learning?

Although I fully support the use of online learning, I do believe that there has to be an aspect of face-to-face learning to ensure that all learning styles are catered for. This is particularly important in practical subjects where a face-to-face demonstration can sometimes be easier to comprehend than an online guide, for example. However, online learning has proven to be a useful methodology for course delivery and has no major complaints from me.