The Impact of using Microsoft Teams as a Standalone Digital Learning Environment
Why Shift Platforms???

• To **improve** the human experience

• To make teachers’ jobs **easier**

• **Prepare** our students the best we can for life, engaging them in **real world experiences**
The Journey thus far...

Research  Change Management  Launch  Present Covid-19 Response  Future Support and Development
The Engagement Since Lockdown

- Nearly 5000 active users in teams – virtually the equivalent of our entire FT student body and staff
- Combined average of over 30000 chat and channel messages per day!
- Roughly 1750 webinars / meetings per week
- Anecdotally, through discussions with teachers, attendance was better than classroom sessions in many classes
Mobile Access

Anytime, anywhere, any device!

Teams device usage report
May 04, 2020 1:38:43 PM UTC
Date range: Apr 27, 2020 - May 3, 2020

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RECENT REMOTE LESSONS REVIEW (with students):

...showed the wide range of different activities being undertaken during the 2 weeks between lockdown and Easter holidays.

- 1:1 chat messages with teachers: 251
- Message posts in the Team (including assignments): 236
- Using the shared resources (like videos and notes): 263
- Watching recorded presentations: 114
- Joining a 'meeting' (webinar): 238
- Taking part in live online quizzes: 88
- Using the Assignments tab: 237
Quotes from Students:

“I get more work done as I don’t have any distractions and I can do it at my own pace throughout the whole day.”

“I'm actually really enjoying it after struggling at the start. I really enjoy face to face learning and was daunted by online but I’ve actually really enjoyed it and think it has been really useful given the circumstances! Thanks”

“They are already great! Maybe some time for a social chat at the end of the meeting?”
Staff Feedback:

“Thank goodness the college had the foresight to trial TEAMS last year - and thanks to Simon for speedily ramping this up with training when this whole situation suddenly got so serious.”

“Students feel we are doing much more than they expected us to which helps them to feel less isolated and ‘lost’.”

“The last couple of weeks have been a time of reflection and challenge, doing my job remotely, lots to learn and modify. Yet, I have been there for my students teaching every timetabled lesson (with high learner attendance and engagement)… …Tonight I received an unexpected message from a student thanking me for all that I do, I feel so valued and appreciated!”
Impactful Cross-College Initiatives

- SGS Students+
- HE Student Experience
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SGS Students' Union elections 2020

Elections now open
SGS Students+ is calling all students! SGS Students’ Union 2020 elections are now OPEN!

Want to add your CV to UCAS application? Socialise with a wide range of people? Develop life skills, and build valuable working relationships.

See more

Megan
04 Learning Resource Centre

GET ACTIVE

Some easy ways to Get Active at home
As many of you have probably seen, exercising from home has been massively on the rise since the beginning of lockdown, however for some people it is just not there thing! Missing out physically is so important for both our physical and mental health and with being stuck inside for a lot of the day we need to be a bit more creative with how we can do this.

See more

#StayFitWeOut | Sport England
Details of our Join the Movement campaign that’s using #StayFitWeOut to keep or get people active as we stay at home during the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic:
www.sportengland.org

POMBOMB DAY 2020

It’s Pombomb Day!
SGS Students+

It’s Pombomb Day! We’re pombombing the college to raise awareness of mental health. Look out for pom poms around the college or please put your own up so everyone can see. We’re inviting staff and students to write a positive message for others to find. If you’d like some pom poms in your department area, contact any of the Bristol LRCs.

See more

Rebecca

Information about assessments (UoG courses)

Hi HE Student Experience
A joint message from the University of Gloucestershire and SGS College

April 28, 2020

HE Enrolment 18th September 2020

To ensure that your finances are in place for the next academic year, this is a reminder that returning students need to re-apply for next year’s finance before 19 June 2020.
SGS Actifit

JOIN US ON ACTIFIT FROM HOME

Daily Challenges and Timetable

Megan

Yesterday 10:21 AM

29.04.2020

What’s on, FitBit Group and HIILATES Video

Good morning ActiFIT From Home,

Hope you are all ready for yet another day as we look forward to you joining us in our workouts!😊

Today:
12:45-1:15 - Low Impact HIIT (easier on the joints) - Megan
4:45-5:15 - Legs and Glutes HIIT - Emma

(Please like comments below if you plan on joining us)

FitBit Group
One thing that motivates me to get active and moving during the day is our SGS FitBit group. It is a really great way to stay connected with colleagues and pushes you to try and sneak in a few more steps than then... If you have a FitBit and would like to join then please message me your email address attached to your FitBit and I can add you in😊

Increasing My Move Time
Inspired by Ali and Lara, every hour on the hour, I am going to complete 6 sets of the stairs in my building (there is quite a few) to get my heart rate up, feel energised and get that blood pumping around my body! Why don't you give it a go too? I'll race you!!!

HIILATES VIDEO
Last night we had our first HIILATES session, which I think was quite a success! It was fun and fast paced and combined classic pilates moves with HIIT exercises to keep our heart rate nice and high. If you fancy it, the video is attached below. Let me know how it goes!
Staff - The Impact!

- Forced the move to one system – speed and ease of working
- Better organisation – everything in one place
- Development of adaptable and flexible approaches
- Strengthening of a culture of positivity
- Ability to embrace changes and become more solutions-focused
- Senior management appreciative of agile nature of staff
- Development of new skills
- Higher levels of confidence
- Banks of rich and engaging resources
- Able to forward plan in a much more informed way
Students – The Impact!

- Mobile access – anywhere, anytime, any device.
- Increased engagement of learners, refreshed the learning experience.
- Created an accessible and inclusive environment for all learners.
- Bespoke learning experience for students.
- Improve student autonomy and independence.
- Increased collaboration between learners with ease.
- Improved communication between teachers, students and tutors.
- Flexibility of student workload and time.
- Quality teaching, learning and assessment.
- Changed way of working moving forward for both students & staff.
Future – Support and Development

- Expand our Digital Team to support and develop curriculum skills
- Rewrite Education strategy, including new digital, teaching and learning plan
- Develop new models of delivery through action research and other projects
- Put in place support for students to access learning remotely
- Develop training programmes to support and improve student digital skills
Thank you for your time..

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