

Personal Development

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Self-Management

There is no doubt that I find managing my time very difficult, especially when I am studying at home. Due to the reduced time I spend studying, I sometimes have difficulty submitting assessments on time. Despite that, I will be putting more time into self-studying in this new cycle, aiming to study each module for at least 1 hour and 30 minutes daily.



Community Engagement

On the first day of the semester, I went on a trip with the college around Colchester during the welcome week. There were a lot of historical places to be learned about here in Colchester as a result of the trip. There was nothing I enjoyed more about the trip than visiting the park. The park is so big and there are so many sections that are why I fell in love with the place.



Teamwork

As a shy person, I have a hard time opening up to people and tend to feel so unnatural when speaking with other people, that is why I am so glad that Kaplan organizes project work for students. I cannot exactly understand what it is about teamwork that upsets me, but I am not a fan of it. The more I learn with Kaplan, the better my ability to communicate with people, which will guarantee us a better chance of gaining work expenses.



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Academic Exploration

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Critical Thinking

The use of critical thinking in my project enabled me to develop skills such as scanning, skimming, analyzing, evaluating, and summarizing. By using each of them in combination, I developed my own techniques and reached a higher level in terms of writing reports due to the ability to use each of them individually.

Scanning and Skimming:

With the help of this technique, I have been able to improve my reading ability. So, in order to find specific information quickly, I will use this search engine. When scanning, I have a question in the back of my mind and so I read the passage in order to determine the answer to it, disregarding irrelevant information in the process. However, when it comes to skimming, it refers to the practice of reading only the main ideas that make up a passage so that you can obtain an overall impression of the content of the piece.

Analyzing vs Evaluating:

As a matter of fact, there is a difference between the two: evaluation means arriving at a conclusion about one's skills or the quality of something.

An analysis is the study of the material in-depth in order to gain a better understanding of the information presented in the article.

Summarizing:

The goal of a summary report is to provide the reader with a concise, written communication that may serve many purposes, such as the following:

- A brief description of an event for the reader
- Provide an analysis, conclusion, and recommendation



University Ready

My growing confidence, which is dependent on my ability to speak good English, learn new skills, and have a brief idea of what I will take as an undergraduate, has shown me that I am ready to start my university career. By experiencing this, I feel as though I will be more ready for starting university, and I am glad to have a chance to experience this before I join. As well as taking tours around the university, I have the chance to get to know each department and how they can help me in the future. My excitement as a student is filled with the discovery of the library as a whole experience.



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Communication Ability

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My competitive spirit

In my opinion, I do not feel that it would be a good idea for me to compete in my class, but I believe that in the Initiatives contest I will be the first winner. For instance, in 2021 I won a contest sponsored by an Initiative named our morals (Akhlaquna). The project was based on 4 moral identities that are the basis of the project called the noble virtues (mercy, tolerance, honesty, and generosity). "Grass Banking" is the name of our project, and it has the aim of integrating classrooms with the field of agriculture under one umbrella in order to integrate both education and agriculture. A team went on an expedition to find a suitable agricultural environment where they identified neglected spaces that could become green areas. The official link for projects for 2021 can be accessed at: <https://www.akhlaquna.qa/projects/>. The reason I feel like this is due to the general comparative spirit I have. I will utilize this spirit at the university for me to reach my maximum potential and excel in my field of study. Not only that, but I am also planning on applying for the education excellence day award. This award aims to inspire Qatari students to become more knowledgeable and spread the culture of creativity and greatness. Therefore, to get this award I must participate in university activities and competitions in order to qualify for it. You can find more details about this competition at: <https://hukoomi.gov.qa/en/service/apply-for-education-excellence-day-prize>.

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Digital Skills

VLE:

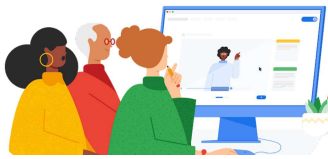
I have found it immensely beneficial to keep all the resources online, particularly the VLE. In my experience, the VLE was very easy to use and all the worksheets, PowerPoints, and books were easily accessible.

Zoom:

During February of this year, I remember a strong wind hitting us, but this did not prevent us from learning all the classes that day which had been converted online, of course, using Zoom.

Vivi:

By using the vivi application in class, each participant can share this screen through a simple, two-step process, and preparing a presentation becomes much more manageable.



Academic language

Comparatively to the first time I joined college, I have made so much progress in my academic English. As a result of a variety of reasons, every module helps me develop new skills.

Extended project:

It took me a while to get accustomed to reading academic journals, articles, and books as I had never done so before. I felt lost at first because I didn't know how to do so. As a result of learning how to read academic articles by applying critical thinking, I have gained more confidence to explore. When it comes to researching a topic, I now prefer to use Google Scholar to get a more accurate result than Google.



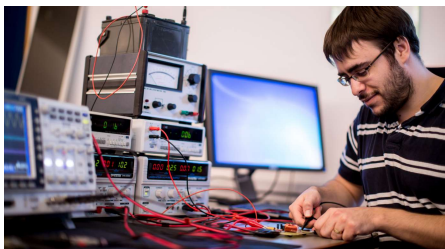
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Knowledge, Skills and Experience

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Engineering Field

There are many topics covered in the information technology module that cover most aspects of the university curriculum such as programming, networking, and digital systems. There is a lot of benefit in being able to know the brief of each contact, as this will make it easier for me to identify some terms, and this will help me to maintain a confidence shield throughout my studies.



Gained Skills

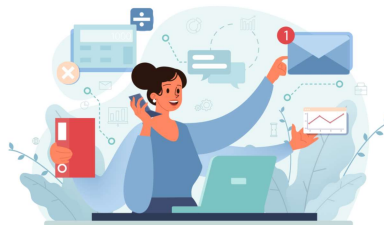
My college experience taught me some skills that I will be able to apply in my future studies at the university:

Teamwork:

I believe that teamwork entails responsibility on my part. In my opinion, the ability to work in a team helps to improve the productivity of each team member, especially if there is a positive relationship among team members if they like each other and the team members enjoy each other's company. In addition to working in such a team, I also hope that my mood will contribute to building good relationships with other members of the team.

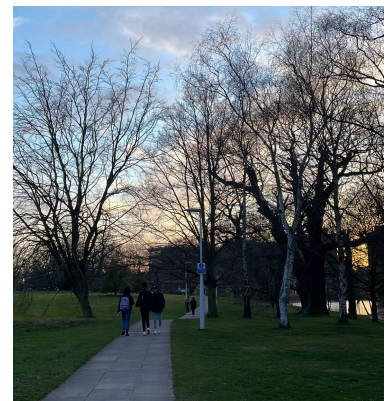
Creativity:

In order to be creative, one has to be willing to think outside the box. To be creative means to put things together that have never been put together before. I believe that once you understand the foundation of creativity, you have the ability to open up a world of possibilities that is almost endless.



Experience

For the first time in my life, I am living in the United Kingdom. Between my home country and here there are quite a lot of things that are quite different between the two countries; the most noticeable difference is the weather and learning facilities. But the food was made in a much smaller quantity as well. I believe that living alone is also very exciting because it teaches me how to take care of myself, and I can dedicate more time to my health. The most challenging thing I have faced so far is finding accommodation. However, after three months I managed to find one.



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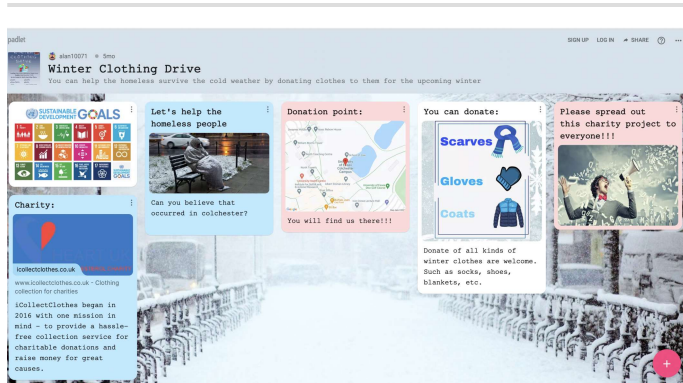
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Applied learning week

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Padlet



Winter Clothing Drive

During our class, we discussed the importance of charity and what makes it special. As a class, we were divided into groups, where each team was to brainstorm ideas for charities. First, during the project, members of my group and I were investigating sustainable development goals and trying to think outside the box in order to achieve a significant objective. This goal is to assist our world by the year 2030. Second, we have chosen to help homeless people as the topic for our charity project. Furthermore, considering all possible avenues to help them, we decided to collect donations and to contain daily necessities for winter cold which is winter clothes in order to keep them warm. Moreover, our aim is to achieve the sustainable development goals of zero poverty and the spread of peace and justice on earth, the first and sixteenth goals respectively. In the end, that was our charity project, and we will conduct further research and conduct additional activities related to our current topic.

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