

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



7 days

30 days

90 days

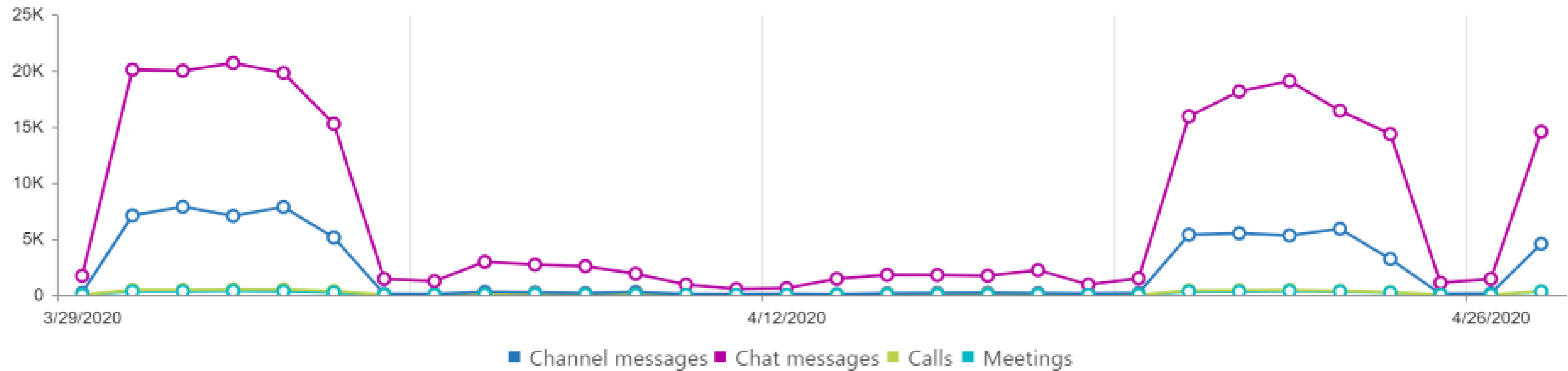
180 days

Activity Users

Data as of: Monday, April 27, 2020 (UTC)

Number of activities by type

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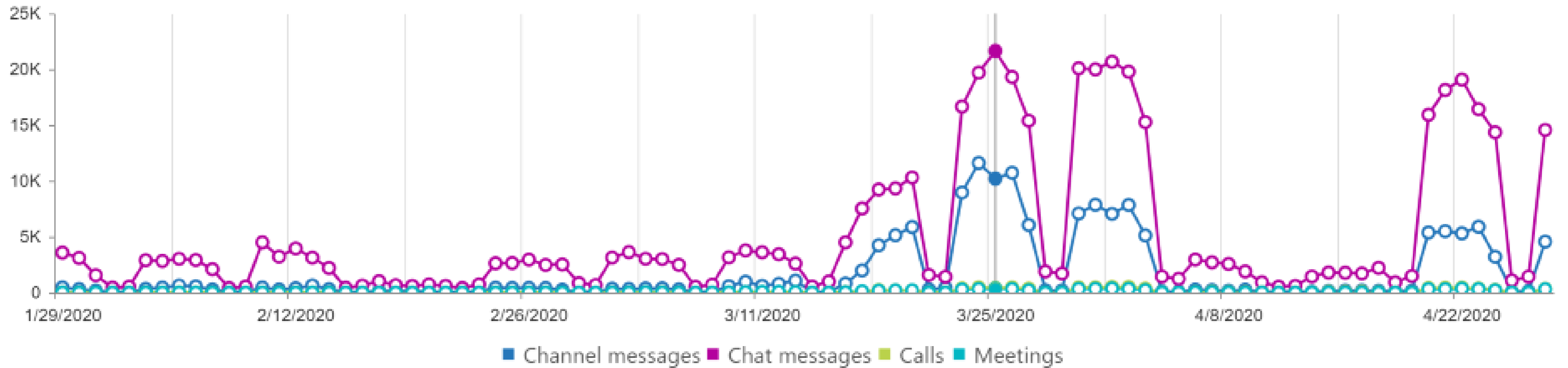
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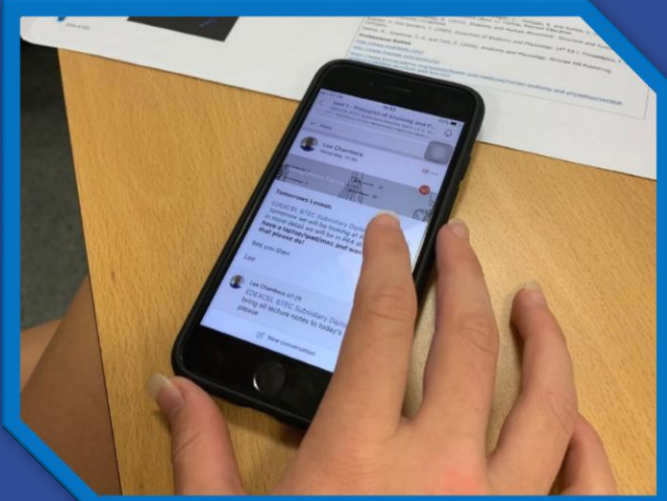
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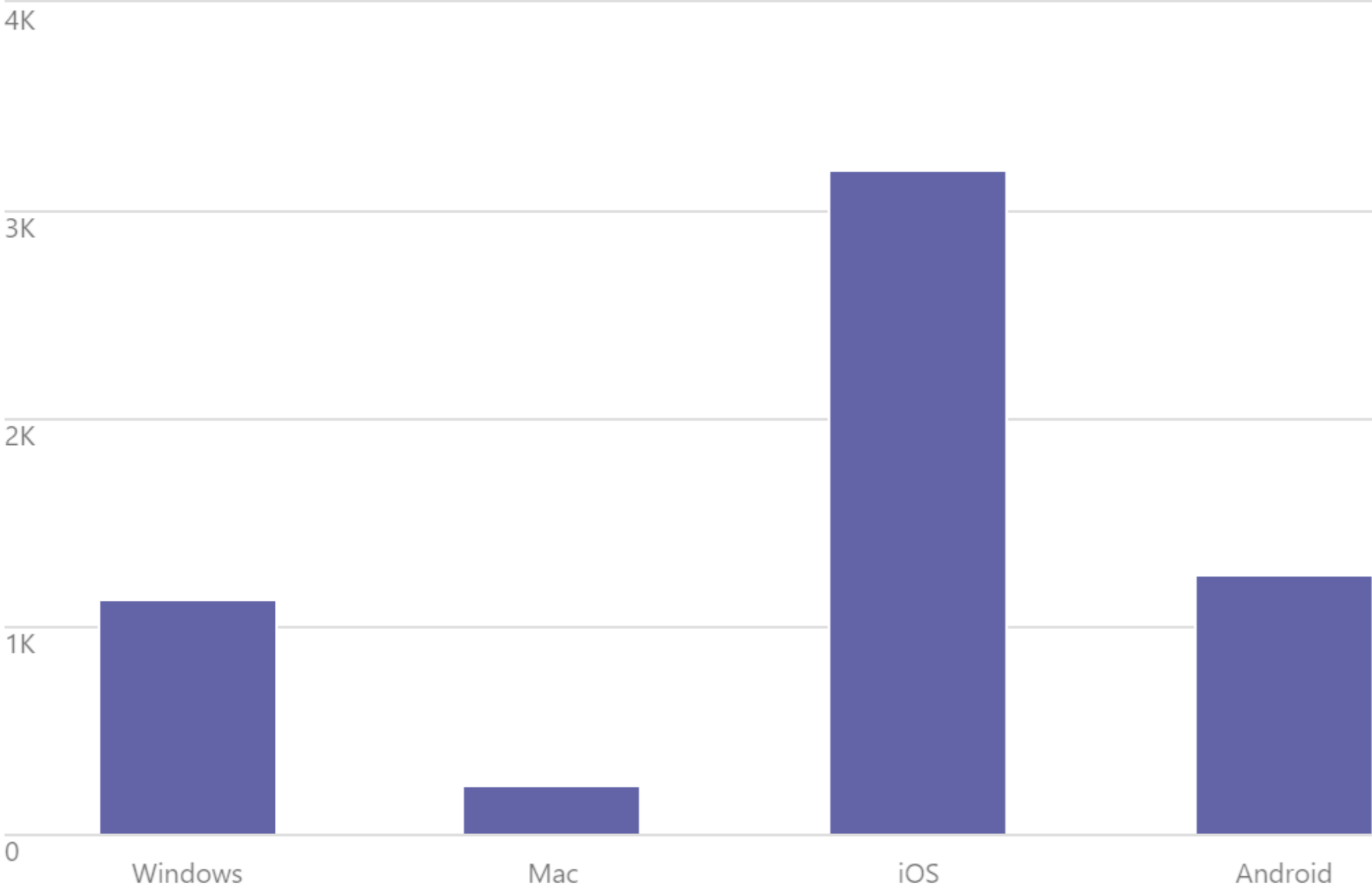


Anytime, anywhere, any device!



Teams device usage report

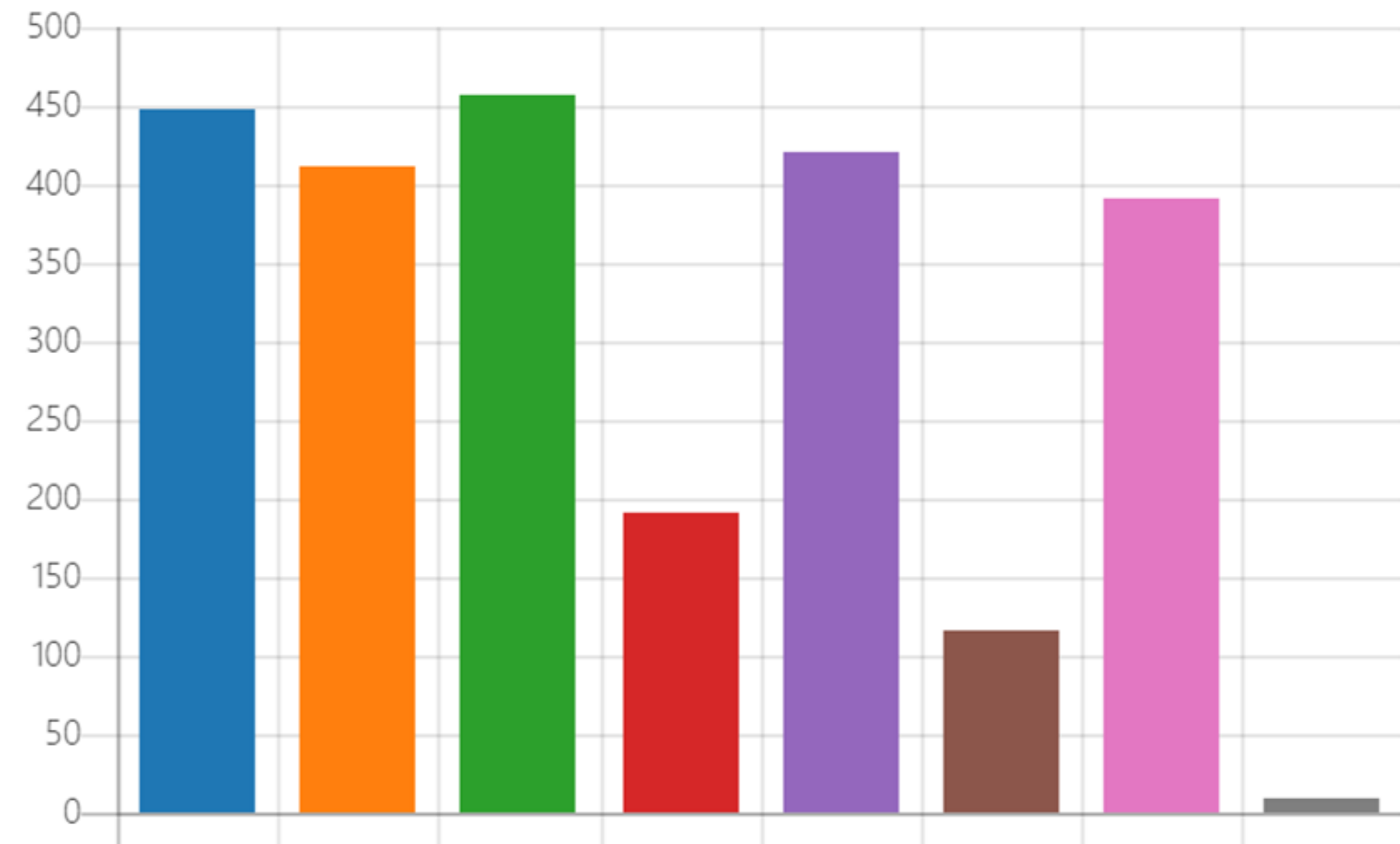
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RECENT REMOTE LESSONS REVIEW (with students):

...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 (in...	236
● Using the shared resources (li...	263
● Watching recorded presentati...	114
● Joining a 'meeting' (webinar) ...	238
● Taking part in live online quizz...	88
● Using the Assignments tab in ...	237

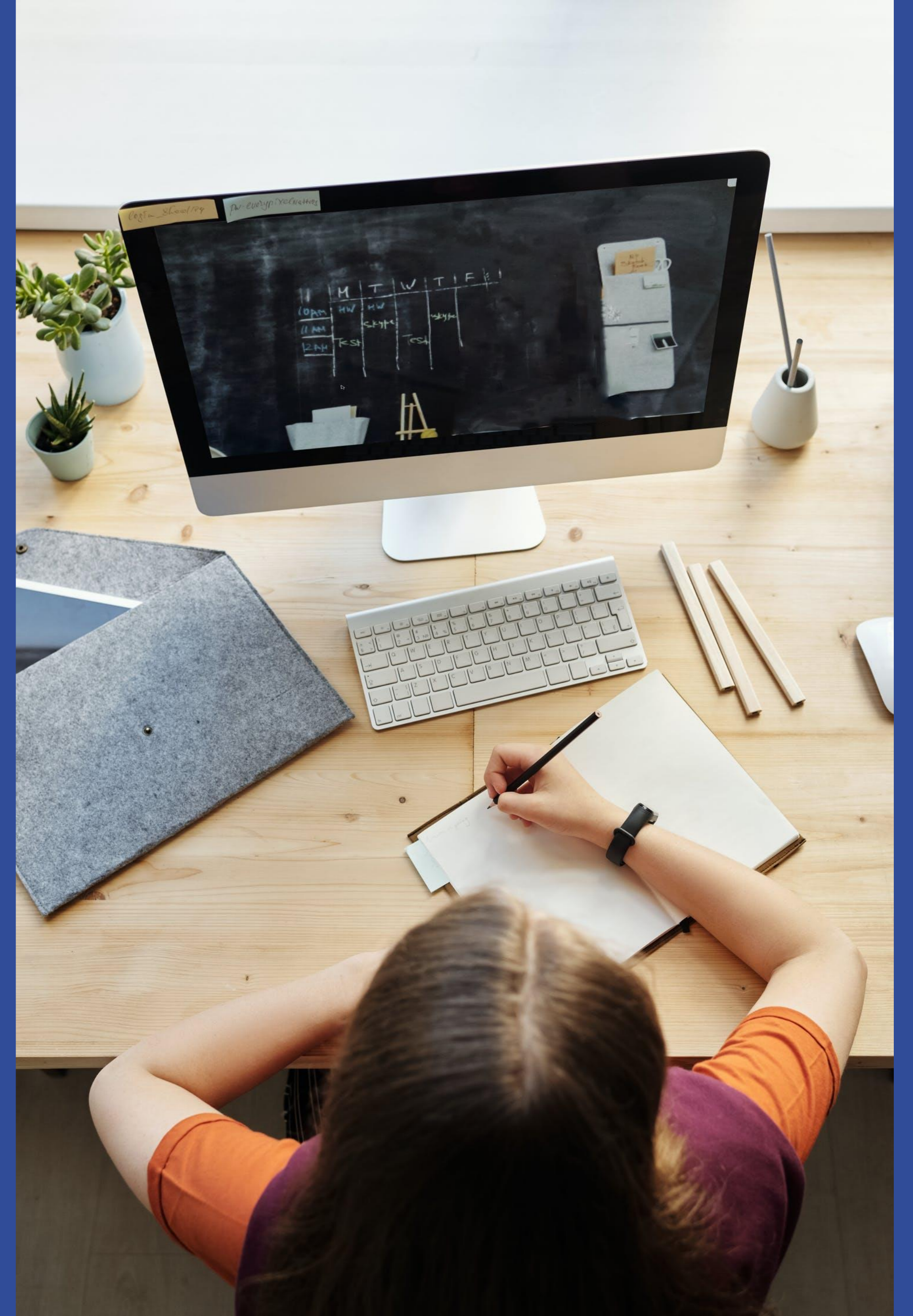


Quotes from Students:

“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

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General

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Ben Yesterday 12:00 PM

SGS Students' Union elections 2020

Elections now open
SGS Students+ Calling all students! SGS Students' Union 2020 elections are now OPEN!

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

See more

STUDENTS' UNION ELECTIONS 2020

- HEAD REPRESENTATIVE**
The member of the Union who represents students. The Head Rep will represent the Union in meetings with the College and the University.
- LEAD REPRESENTATIVE**
The member of the Union who represents students. The Lead Rep will represent the Union in meetings with the College and the University.
- EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS**
The Events & Engagement Officers will represent the interests of all students. They will work closely with the Events & Engagement Officers to plan and deliver events.
- WELFARE & SUPPORT OFFICERS**
The Welfare & Support Officers will represent the interests of all students. They will work closely with the Welfare & Support Officers to plan and deliver support services.
- LEADERSHIP OFFICERS**
The Leadership Officers will represent the interests of the College students. They will work closely with the Leadership Officers to plan and deliver leadership services.

DECIDED TO RUN?
If you are interested in running for election, please complete the nomination form below by Friday 15th May 2020.

WEARING - FRIDAY IS MAY 2020

Fill | Students' Union Election Nomination Form
Decided to run for election?... Submit the nomination form below by Friday 15th May 2020

Megan 4/22 2:08 PM

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! Moving our bodies 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

#StayInWorkOut | Sport England
Details of our Join the Movement campaign that's using #StayInWorkOut to keep or get people active as we stay at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

www.sportengland.org

04 Learning Resource Centre Posts Files LRC website LRC Twitter page 5 more +

Kelly 2/13 1:48 PM Edited

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

HE Student Experience



General Posts Files Class Notebook Assignments Grades HE Instant Feedback + Team

Jo 4/6 3:40 PM Edited 12 1

Information about assessments (UoG courses)

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

See more

Reply

April 28, 2020

Joanne Tuesday 4:33 PM Edited 5

Hello HE Student Experience

HE Enrolment 18th September 2020

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Reply

Yesterday

Joanne Tuesday 8:38 PM 3

Hello HE Student Experience

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**.

All teams **Study Help** Posts Files Notes + Team

STUDENT Sarah 4/22 4:03 PM
Hello Am I able to get technical help to access Teams on my laptop/PC please? At the moment I'm only accessing it my phone. I think how it displays and functions is probably better on a PC. I'm trying via ecampus.sgscol.ac.uk but whenever I try I get this

See more

New 2 replies from Caroline

Reply

STUDENT Sarah 4/22 5:17 PM
Thanks for your help - I asked my course how they access it and one of them mentioned he uses Chrome. I tried that instead of Safari and it now works so looks like it is a Browser issue. It's sorted now. Many thanks

STUDENT Caroline 4/22 6:29 PM
Brilliant thanks for letting me knowSarah, I can pass that on for anyone else 😊

Reply

April 27, 2020

STUDENT Zara Monday 4:04 PM
Hello, I was wondering if someone could help me. My student email has expired and I'm finding it difficult to retrieve it with the help sheet we were provided for at-home password resetting. I have emailed digital services but haven't received a reply. Thank you

New 4 replies from Jack, Ben, and Zara

Ben Monday 11:59 PM Edited
No worries: digital services offer help with apps/digital software but the helpdesk will go through to IT Services and they can reset accounts, they may call you back to ask more security questions so often good to leave a number too. Let me know if you don't get a reply.

Reply

Forms 2/18 12:17 PM Updated

Danica created a poll
Results are visible to everyone; Names recorded

Are you the first in your family to study a degree or university course?

Yes

No

Submit Vote

Reply

SGS Gallimaufry



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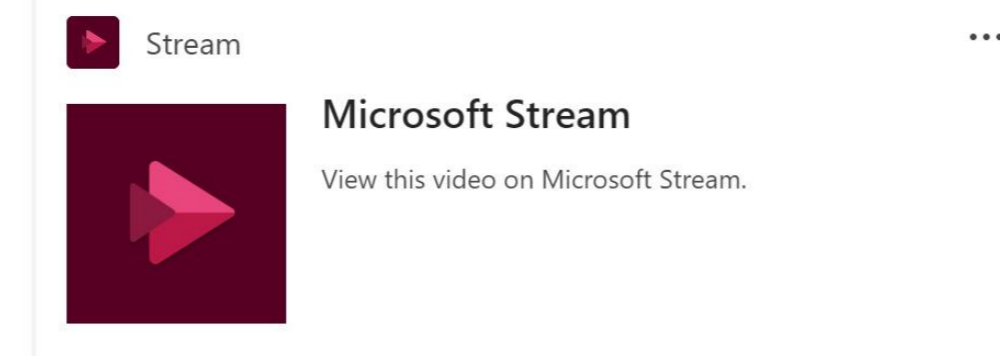
1 hidden channel

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Ryan Monday 11:15 4

Accessing JSTOR from home

Hi SGS Gallimaufry - in response to some requests from staff members I have put together explaining how staff and students can access the JSTOR database of electronic journals, e home. It's up on Microsoft Stream so you can post it directly into your Teams pages. Here <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/97ceafb1-78f3-4daf-9e5a-0bc4e45c7b51>



Reply

Aurore Monday 18:23

Please share with families you know need WiFi and Computers for their children's education. Who is eligible to receive digital devices and internet access:

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Melody 4/15 10:28 AM Edited 2

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New Teams Features

End Meetings and Custom Backgrounds

End Meetings

Rather than simply leaving a meeting - owners can now 'End Meeting' so that everyone is removed from the call.

See more

Reply

Siobhan Monday 8:46 AM Edited 17 4

SGS Gallimaufry Lee Katie [23/04 14:34] Jon

Hi Siobhan, Just wanted to bring your attention to the great work Lee has been doing. the magazine heating and plumbing even got him to make video on

See more

Collapse all

Simon Kay Monday 9:06 AM 1

Yes Lee ! I saw your video on twitter and reposted - great work!

Sue Monday 9:26 AM Edited 1

Thanks Lee - I learned a lot from this.

Lee Monday 9:36 AM 4 1

Thanks Simon Kay. It's just a few apps that I have found to be quite useful and hopefully helps people out, or at least points them in the right direction. And Sue, glad I could help. Drop me an email if you need any more pointers. As I said, I'm not an expert but happy to help.

And Jon, you didn't need to do this, but thank you very much for the shout out!



Paul Monday 9:44 AM 1

Well done Lee, just watched your video, it very good and informative.

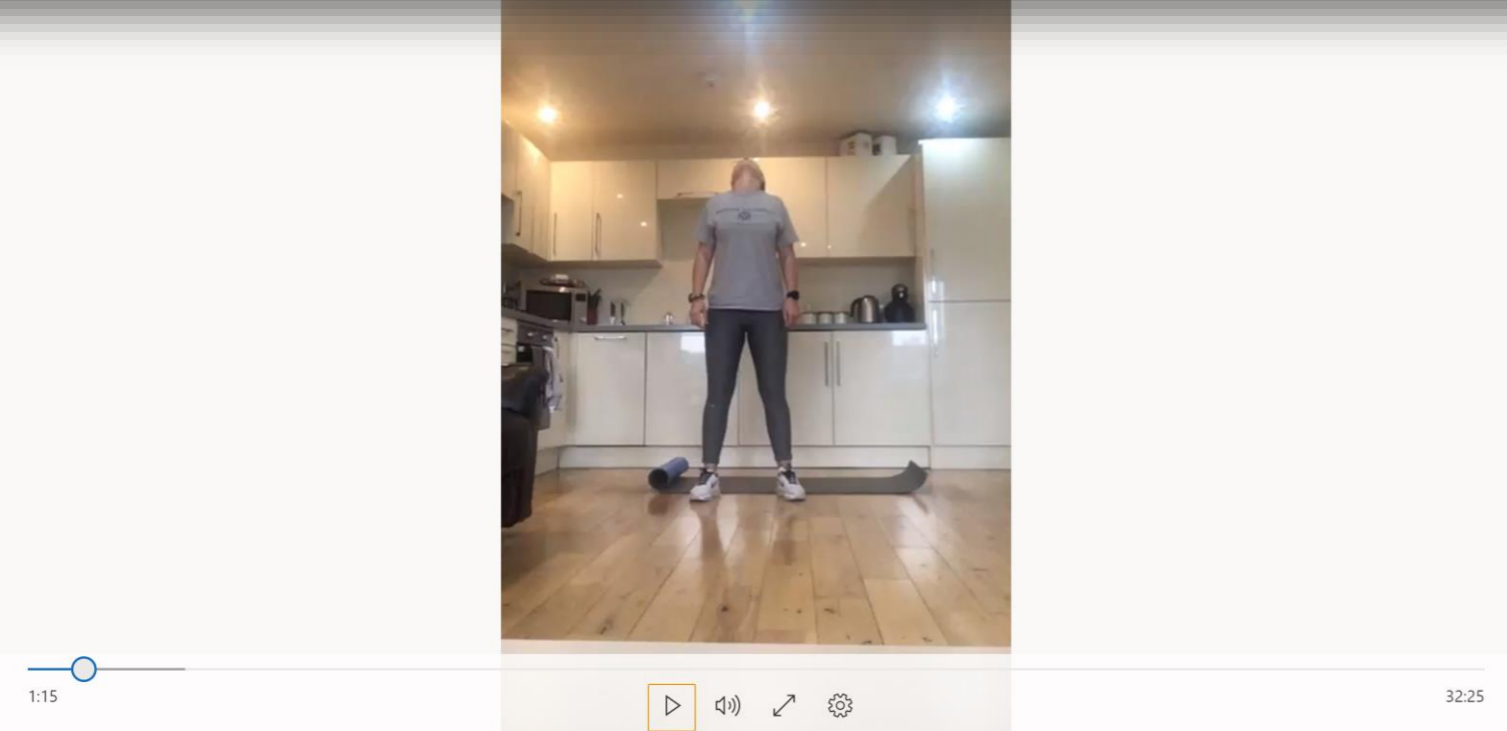
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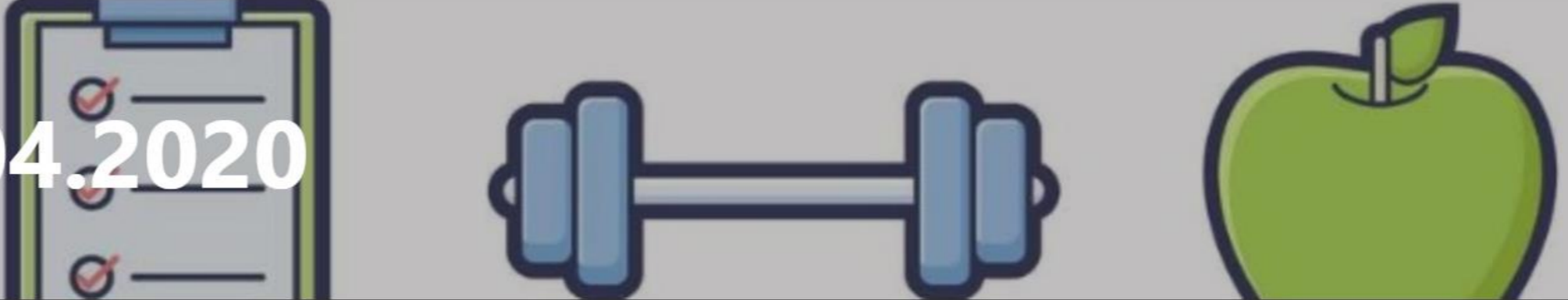
JOIN US ON ACTIFIT FROM HOME

Daily Challenges and Timetable
Hi SGS Gallimaufry,



Megan Yesterday 10:21 AM 2

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 them... 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!


Emma 10:20 AM 1

29.04.20 LEGS & GLUTES HIIT

Do you have a spare 30 minutes?
Morning ActiFIT From Home,

Here is the video from last night's session... it was a tough one! No equipment needed just a small space around you. Have a go and let us know how you find it.

See more

 29.04.20 Legs and Glutes HIIT.mp4

Nick 11:07 AM 1

Thanks for this session Emma. Definitely one of the toughest ones so far but awesome!

← Reply

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 you time..

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