

Geomatics digital buddy system

What did/do you do?

Use of Facebook to create Students Buddy system to enhance communication of students between stages.

Who is involved?

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How do you do it?

We have setup two Facebook groups for Geomatics, one for everybody including alumni and one of all current students to enhance their communication with each other. Once a student has accepted a place for Geomatics they are invited to join the Facebook page prior to their arrival at Newcastle. The Facebook group is visited by students of all three UG stages and acts as support for all students to support their life in Newcastle and during the degree course.

Why do you do it?

Instead of a formal buddy system which has not been accepted by the students, students however accept social media, such as Facebook.

Does it work?

Students certainly monitor it and like the accessibility.

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Coherent Curriculum themes:

- Student engagement
- Student Induction