

A Futures Curriculum for the University of Birmingham'

How should technology change the classroom experience?

I strongly believe that technology should add something extra to the classroom. With all of the advancements in technology in recent years, it is easy to forget the importance of spending time with other people in order to develop skills that cannot be built by sitting in front of a computer screen.

Studying a distance taught course at the University of Birmingham has been an eye-opening experience for me. I am in awe of the technology that allows me to participate in such a course- the emails, group chats, the accessibility to reading materials and library content, Skype and even YouTube videos to enhance our learning further.

Despite all these advancements, I often find myself lost... I would like to think that I am quite 'tech-savvy'. I do not feel I am out of the loop with the technology side of things but I must admit I often find myself in need of a bit of reassurance. I took for granted my undergrad days when I could just ask a quick question or simply see how other people were getting on. Don't get me wrong, I know I can email people to reassure myself but it seems quite formal in comparison to asking someone a simple question.

SO to summarise, technology shouldn't change what is already an effective means to educate people but I truly believe it should add something extra.