Preparing students for learning at the University of Portsmouth

PrepUP — Helping you prepare to study at the University of Portsmouth

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What is PrepUP?

A website designed to help students better understand:

- learning at an HE level
- terminology (credits, assessment, assignment, etc.)
- the University structure
- academic year
- Library and other facilities
- Who’s who

Social networking groups to enable pre-entry students to:

- make friends
- help them link up with others on their course
- reduce anxieties
- boost confidence
A little history…

- PrepUP started in 2008 as a DCQE/PBS project
- Acclaim internally and externally
- Positive feedback from students and staff
And now….

• In Moodle
• 2,600+ logged in to w/site between 01 June - 11 Sept 2014
• 900 ‘friends’ joined the various Fb groups

a quick tour…
Impact…

Typical student comments:

• Anyone doing Digital Media? I've found a few people but I am eager to find more
• That's a relief then, good thing we get to start to know people before the awkward ice breaker
• lessons! I'm excited :L few more months to go then the Uni life begins!
• although spent a lot of time on the prep up thing some good stuff on there
Impact…2

Those who signed up for PrepUP are:

- Less likely to decline a place
- More likely to register
- Less likely to leave their course early: 92% PrepUP users stayed as opposed to 83% of non PrepUP users

(DCQE, 2011)
Plans for PrepUP 2015

- New look
- New videos
- Update Library tour