

From Isolation to Collaboration: Empowering staff communities to support student transitions into university

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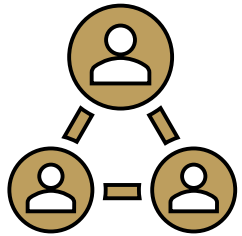
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Setting the Scene

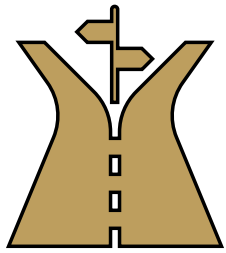
- Student Mentor Scheme – supports students with the ***transition into university***
- Depends on ***endorsement from staff*** (not within prescribed role responsibilities)
- To ***encourage collaboration*** and effectively enhance the first-year experience, a staff network was created to foster the exchange of best practice and address challenges
- Informal “Lunch & Learn” sessions are also organised where staff can receive concise service updates and ***meet other colleagues***

Outcomes

*“These network events have been brilliant in interconnecting staff with diverse remits but a uniting passion to **enhance student experience**. I have experienced this community as a chance for open dialogue, a source of valuable inspiration for my own project work, a resource in **connecting with likeminded individuals**, and invaluable in driving community and belonging initiatives forward”*



Meaningful
connections



Informs service
delivery



Reduces frequency
of emails



Improves
cohesiveness



Lunch & Learn