

## **IB PMS course CamTools focus group, selected quotations:**

“I found it particularly useful during exam time actually; what I quite liked on it was the list of the past essay titles, and then you also had exemplar essays on it so when you read through the essays and you’re thinking how do you begin to answer it and there is actually one on there so its like oh yeah, yeah I actually knew that. So I found that really quite helpful.”

“I found that it was really useful during the holidays, for looking up lectures or references or just points y’know when you’re going through notes, maybe you missed a lecture or something, having everything – I know a lot of lecturers don’t agree with giving you the notes at the time or whatever, but you miss lectures, you will invariably miss lectures and having them in a place with the references and diagrams was actually really useful when it came to revision.”

“During the term [site usage] was more day-to-day, especially as it had other functions such as telling you when your practicals are, if you had any meetings, and any other events, but yeah definitely near the end, like around the whole revision period.”

“What I found really useful in the revision was didn’t Keith Johnstone and David Coomes make a presentation it seemed like addressing the really difficult parts of the course ‘cos I found that useful and the lecture sort of went over my head, and even when I read over it it went over my head, but when I came back to really revise it like a couple of days before the exam it was there and like yeah, I get it now.”

(When asked why they would go to CamTools to read a lecture) “... possibly the quality of the handouts, initially, I think. If they’ve got a lot of references then I would come on to CamTools to find them, and open it up and scroll down. [...] so you’d be looking for references, or clarification of something.”

“Certainly from my perspective, because I have to fly back and forward I’ve got weight restrictions, which means I can’t bring all my lecture notes home, especially last year when I was doing three subjects, so I tended to bring home the notes I struggled with more, and just left the notes in Cambridge that I thought I could probably just read on the internet easily – if I wanted my own handout with my notes on I’d bring those home in preference to things I could find easily on CamTools or whatever.”

“Another thing that would make you look at these is some lecturers have a habit of just printing out their notes as sort of the slides just printed out and they’ll put several on one page, so if there’s a graph on it and it’s been photocopied twice and its now a quarter of a page so you have to look at it on CamTools to really decipher what it was if you missed it in the lecture.”

“I would have more videos. And not just for the novel aspect, I find they’re really good, maybe if you like pick out one or two difficult aspects of each course, and help to explain it, even by different lecturers, they way they put it across, not everyone understands.”