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Student Skills and Development Centre

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Session objectives

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We would like you to leave the session today with:

- An increased understanding of what 301 is and what opportunities it offers to our students
- An increased understanding of the support that 301 can provide to our staff
- An understanding of the collaborative opportunities we offer across the University

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What is 301?

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301 is about "bringing together in one place a variety of support activities that were aimed at extending the skills mix of our students"

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Our mission

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To help our students develop the skills they need to be successful at university and beyond

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Location and opening hours

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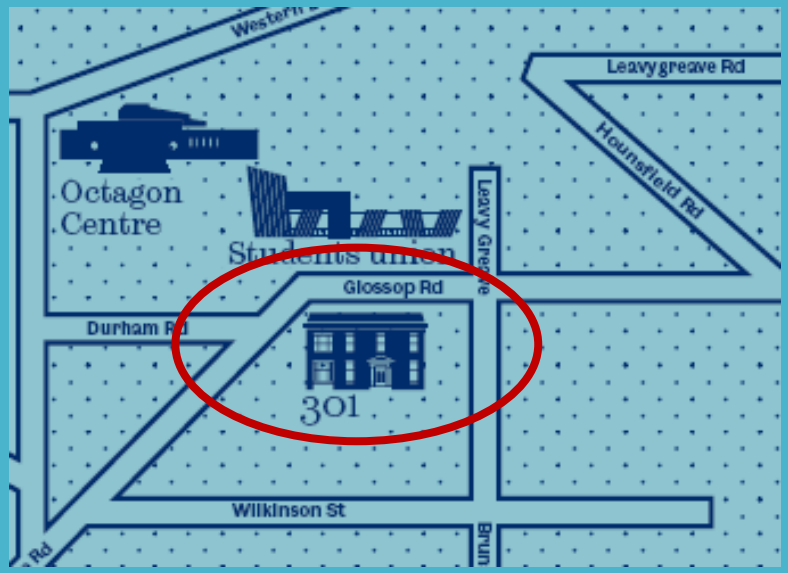

Opening hours

Mon – Thurs – 08:30 -20:00

Fri – 08:30 – 17:00

(term time)

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What do you think of when you hear that 301 supports students with academic/study skills development?

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How is 301 structured and what services are currently available?

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The structure of 301 - collaboration

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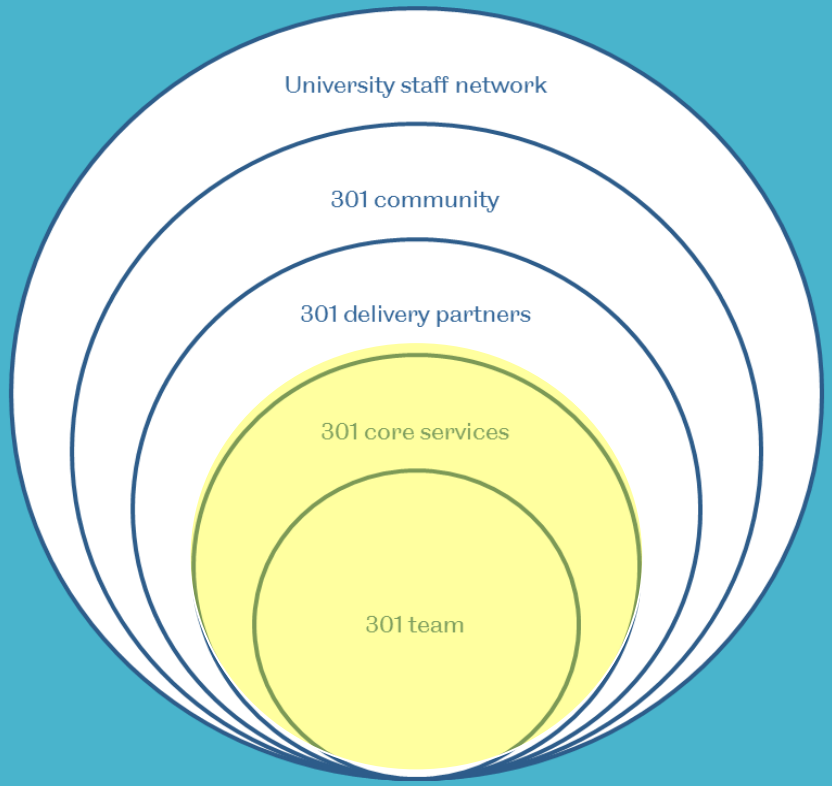

- 301 was founded on a collaborative delivery model
- This involves delivery of services both from teams based within the building and from across the wider University community

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Which services are based in 301?

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- 301 Core Team (inc. Maths & Statistics Help)
- The SpLD Tutorial Service (ELTC)
- Support Workers Service (DDSS)
- ELTC Language Tutors (ELTC)
- Student Services Directorate Office

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The 301 Team

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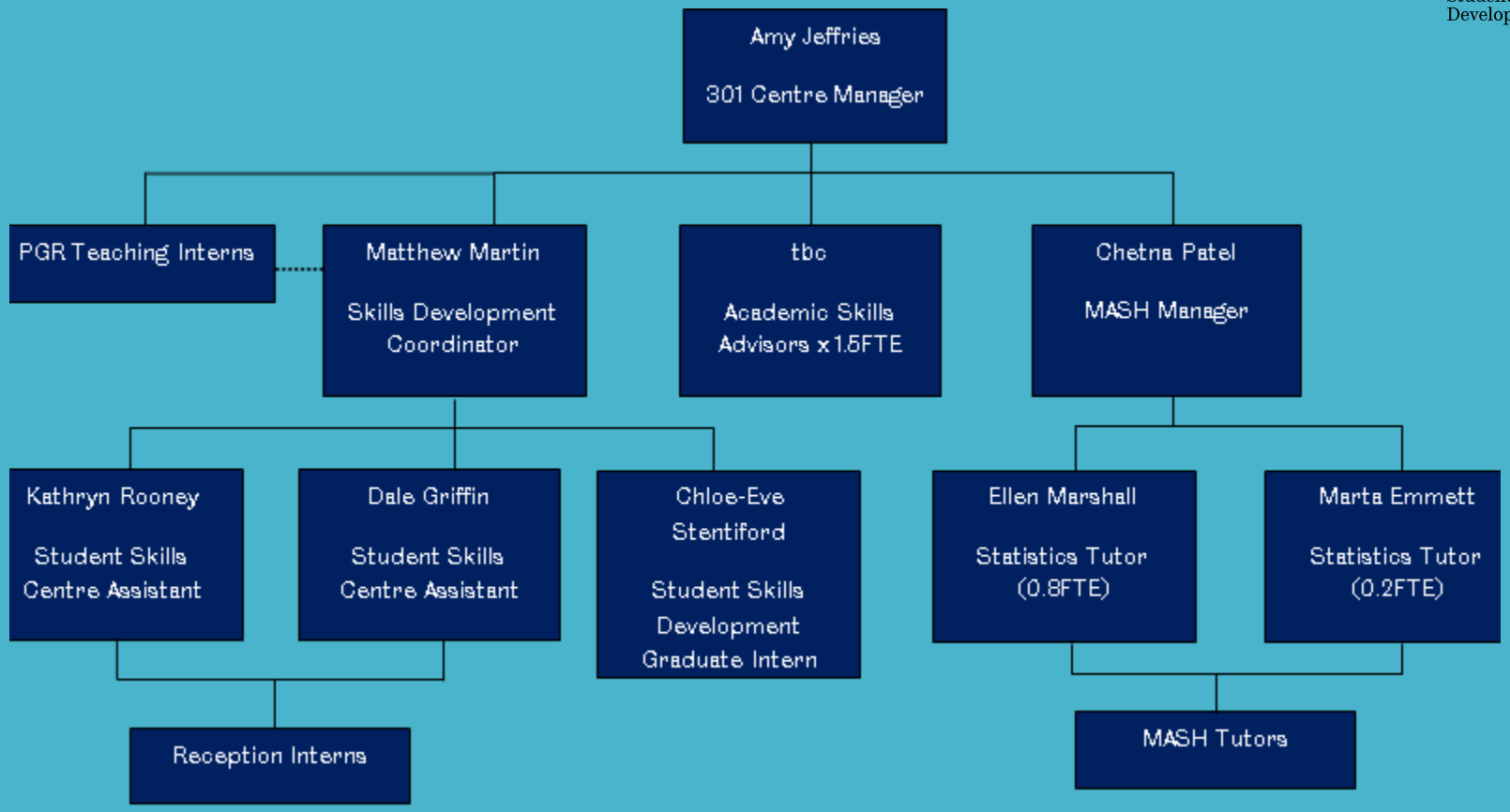

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Academic skills workshops

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Mon/Tues/Wed - 17:30
Fridays - 12:00

1 – 1.5 hour, interactive sessions

Different topics every day

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301 Skills Workshops

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Time Management

Speed Reading

Working in Groups

Exam Technique

Presentation Skills

Reflective Thinking and Writing

Critical Thinking

Exam Revision Planning

Mind Mapping

Research Skills

Reflecting on Skills

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Who is currently using the 301 Academic Skills Workshops

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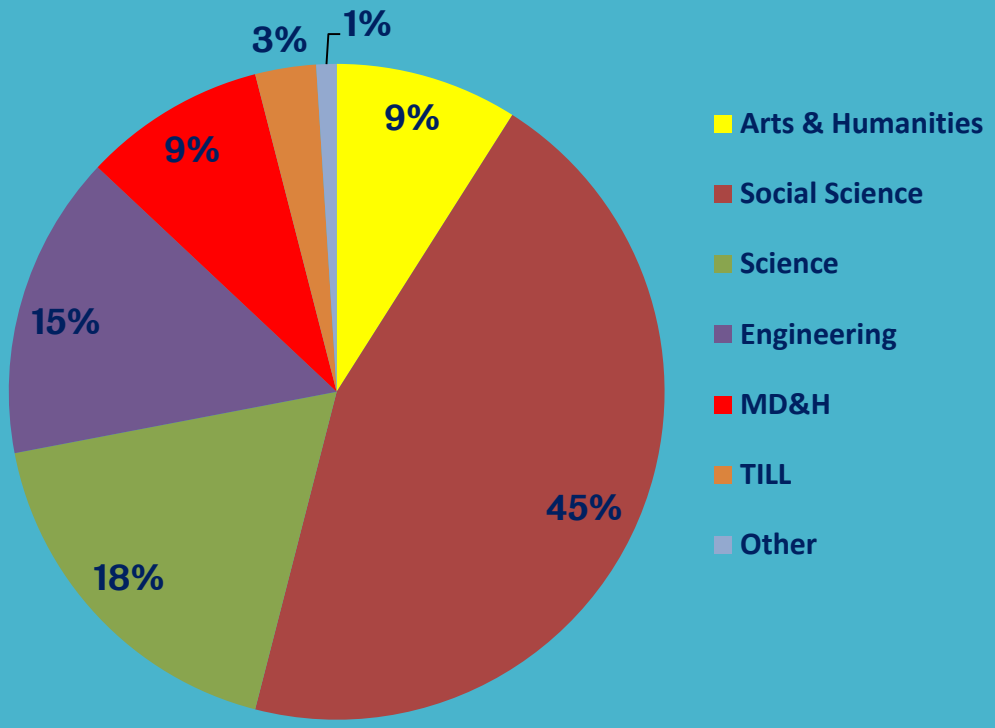
- There were 419 attendances at workshops in semester one 2013-14
- 65% of attendees were UG students and 35% PG
- 53% were Home students and 47% Overseas (by fee status)



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1-1 Study Sessions

Study skills tutors available daily for bookable appointments and for drop-in on Fridays

For any student needing advice on a wide range of academic issues

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Who is currently using the 301 1:1 study skills sessions?

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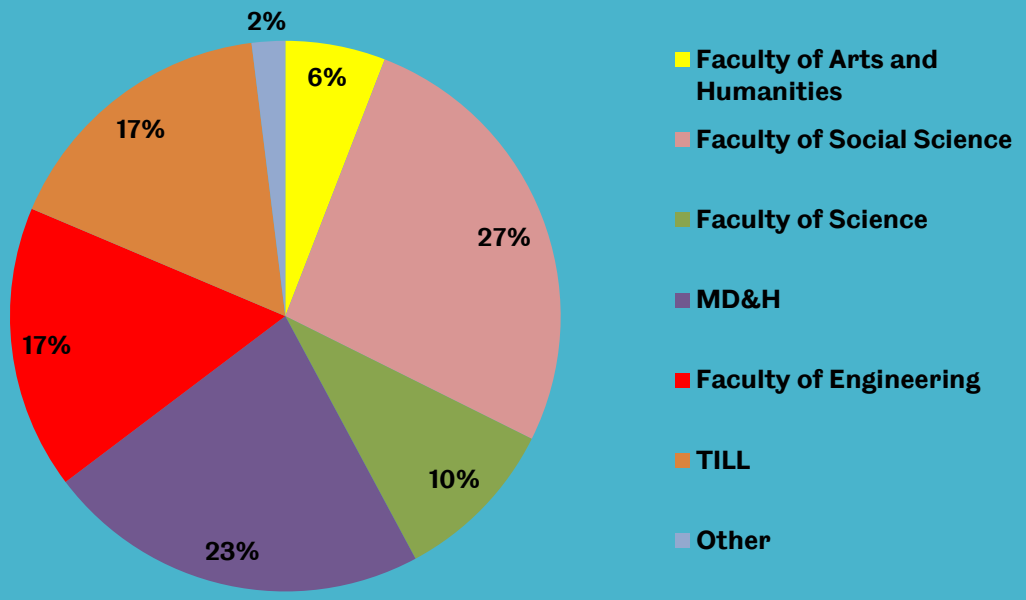
- 115 students attended drop-in sessions in semester one 2013-14
- 66% of attendees were UG students and 34% PG
- 50% were Home students and 50% Overseas (fee status)



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Presenting issues

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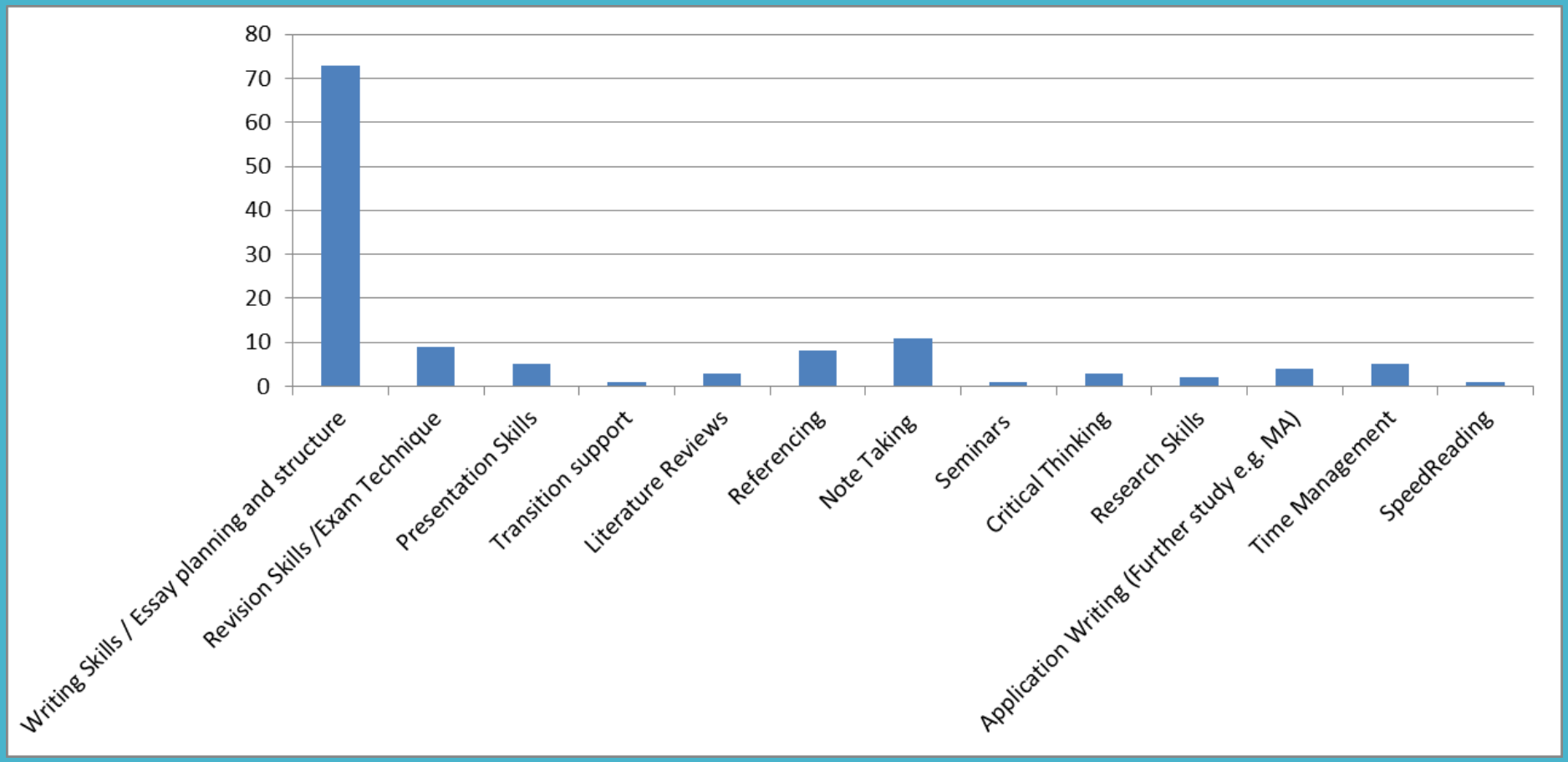

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Maths and Stats Help (MASH)

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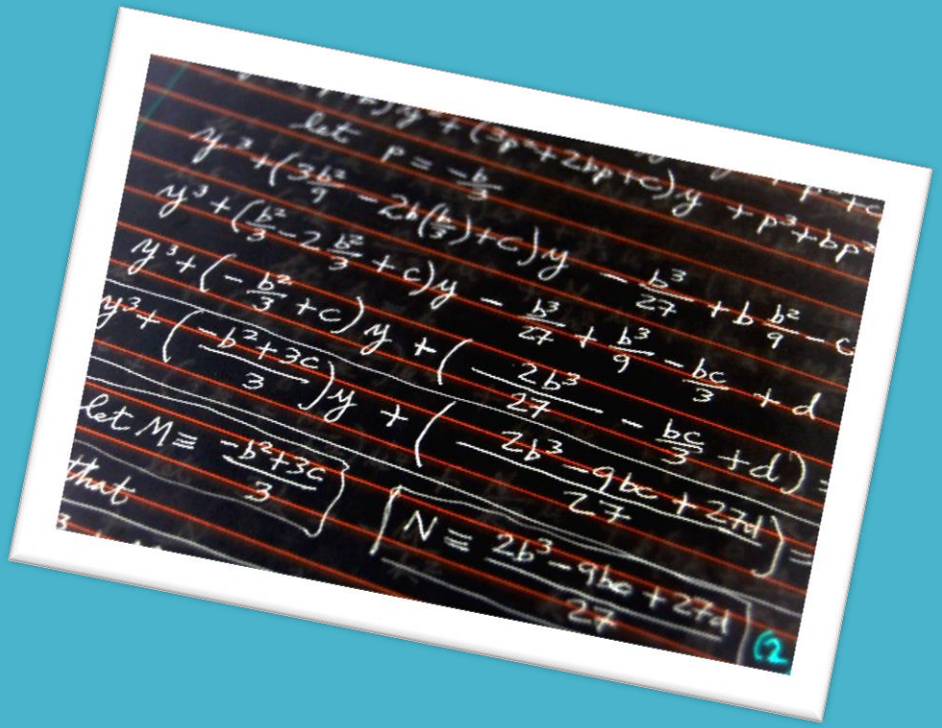
Drop-in and bookable support with Maths and Statistics

Open daily during term and reduced hours in vacation/exams

Diagnostic tests



Who is currently using the MASH service

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During semester one 2013-14 MASH has supported

		SupportSubject		Total
		MATHEMATICS	STATISTICS	
SUPPORTTYPE	DIAGNOSTIC	603	229	832
	ONE-TO-ONE	533	357	890
	WORKSHOP (Attendees)	191	214[1]	405
Total		1327	800	2127

	Support Subject		Total
	MATHEMATICS	STATISTICS	
Faculty of Arts and Humanities	1	2	3
Faculty of Engineering	232	21	253
Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health	8	99	107
Faculty of Science	23	26	49
Faculty of Social Sciences	24	103	127
Other and Unknown	245	106	351
Total	533	357	890

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What are the benefits to students of engaging with the services offered by the 301 core team?

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Benefits to students

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- a central enquiry point for students with study skills questions
- a programme of academic skills workshops and 1:1 appointments aimed at students who would benefit from additional support and/or are looking to enhance their skills and maximise their potential within their studies and beyond
- Recognition for their commitment to skills development via the 301 Academic Skills Certificate and HEAR recognition

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What are the benefits to staff of engaging with the services offered by the 301 core team?

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Benefits to staff

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- a central referral point for students with skills development queries
- a programme of academic skills development workshops aimed at students who would benefit from additional support
- study skills drop-in sessions for those students in need of urgent help with academic study issues
- a venue for cross-university collaboration focusing on skills development
- the opportunity to work in collaboration with 301 to develop subject-specific academic skills development activities for students

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Support Workers Service (DDSS)

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Service accessed by referral

1-1 guidance

Team of 15 Support Workers trained to support students with a range of disabilities

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SpLD/dyslexia tutorial service

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Service accessed by referral

1-1 guidance

Team of fully qualified tutors

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We host a range of student skills development activities run by other services, including:

- Skills for Success workshops
- Career Management Skills module
- Students' Union societies training
- Skills for Life sessions
- Politics Society Study Group
- Give It A Go sessions

Skills For Life

Skills for success

give it a go

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Languages for All

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- This programme ensures that all UG students at L1 & 2 have had the opportunity to study a language during their studies without cost

- The programme has grown in popularity with 276 fee waivers provided in 2013-14 (72 in 2012-13)

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Collaboration

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- 301 has an extensive core programme of academic skills workshops and 1:1 support
- We recognise that there is a limit to many of these topics when divorced from the discipline/subject context.
- We have already worked with several departments to develop tailored, bespoke academic skills development sessions for delivery alongside specific modules/programmes

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Case study 1 - Geography

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- 301 offers Group Working & Presentation Skills workshops within our core programme
- Geography module GEO163 is assessed via group work and group presentation
- 301 worked with the Geography department to tailor the 301 core programme sessions to the module

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Geography Student Feedback

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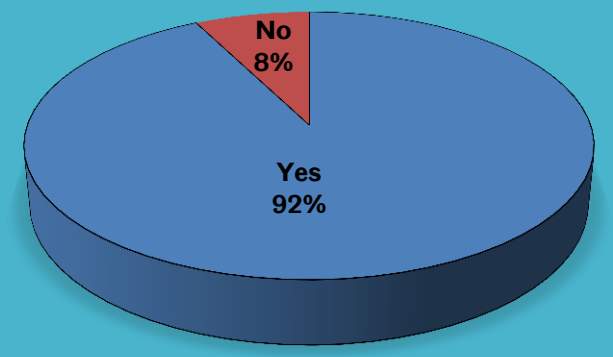
"The workshop was very well led and the tasks were helpful"

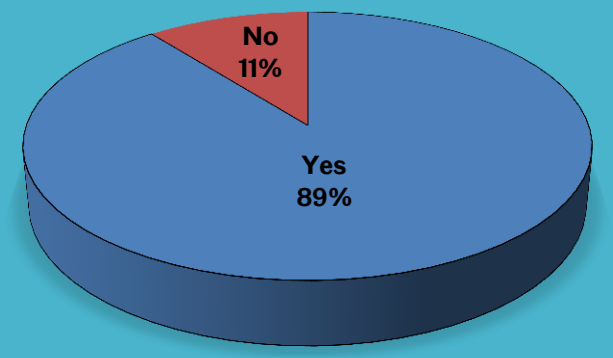
"Good mix of presentation and discussion"

"Helped with building confidence before presentations"

"Helped understand how to plan a presentation"



I feel more confident in the topic area?



I would recommend this workshop?

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Case Study 2 – Geog Soc

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- 301 was approached by the Geography Society to support members with exam technique and revision planning.
- Using module handbooks and past papers 301 were able to develop a bespoke session for delivery to Geography students.
- The feedback from students was very positive and Geog Soc are in discussions with 301 for the delivery of additional sessions in the future

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Working with Students

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"At 301, the staff care about the experience that their interns have and help them develop skills essential for academia and beyond."

"The 301 Study Skills Workshops help attendees both gain greater awareness of their current abilities and develop strategies for improving relevant skills. Workshop facilitators are post-graduate students so can easily relate to attendees and often draw from experience when offering advice and refining the workshops."

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What does the future hold for 301?

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- Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)
- Sprint Women's Development Programme
- Further bespoke departmental academic skills workshop delivery
- Realising Opportunities
- Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience
- Faculty Challenge Events
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