**My Experience thus far and Aims for the Future**

In this essay I will be talking about my experiences on academic skills, and my goals and aims for my future. Every part of the experience with Lucy has been outstanding. We have had many different sessions on academic learning. One of these sessions was learning how to cite and reference for essays. While on the these sessions, Lucy gave me and Oliver the chance to interact while on these online seminars on a power-points that she sent out so we had help when completing different tasks like how to cite or reference. In the beginning I found this difficult based of the current situation with corona virus. However, over the last few months of these online seminars taking place it’s become more normal and I’ve got used to it and started the thrive in doing these calls and tasks.

I feel the main issue why I struggled was because it was all online. In all my life I’ve been a very hands on/face to face person. As most of the sessions we did took place online I found it difficult. One of the sessions was about self-motivation and I think that was one session that really hit because of how relevant it was. In recent times, I’ve found it hard to work the way I normally would due to staying inside. After this session, my self-motivation improved and everything changed and it was clear what had been going wrong.

Another session I really liked was the citation exercise. When looking at citations before I was completely lost and I had no idea where to go to get any help. However, Lucy walked us through step by step on how we could do citations to a good level. She gave me the opportunity to get hands on look at how to do citations. After this, my attention towards work changed and more time was put into doing the work. Instead of getting distracted by Xbox and the television I worked harder on my work.

Once the online seminar happened, things changed right away. Instead of looking for distractions, I took them away. I was more prepared for the work that was been handed out, which also meant my stress levels weren’t as high as I knew that I could complete the work on time.

Overall, the calls and sessions were very useful to me and helped me grow as a person. I now know that in life we all need to learn and improve and never stop moving forward in a positive direction.

From now will be talking about how I want my future to look in the next few years from now. Such as what coding languages I want to learn and what job opportunities I’d like to go for. One of the main areas I’d like to look into is JavaScript (Eich, 1995. JS) as it’s very well-known, highly effective when people see this on my CV and contributes to my growth at Covea Insurance. I know it well known as it’s used in almost every website with an estimated 95% using JS. (Elliot 2019, A medium Corpora) if I can master this I can work on any website for any company. I’ve already completed a course on Scrimba (Aarsaether, 2020) on JS and created my own working “console.log” on my own website which can print names and numbers out thus far with the little work done on it.

Scrum (Sutherland, Schwaber 1993) and Agile (Sutherland, 2000) have also caught my attention over the last few months after seeing them in use at Covea Insurance when working in teams and doing daily stand ups. Also, seeing the scrum master lead the stand ups and asking other employees what needs to be done and if they can move onto another part of the project yet. In the next few years it would be good if I could grow into a role and lead my own team. I know that not all Agile coaches have a good understanding of bare code as while I worked in the teams at Covea Insurance they didn’t really have much hands on work with the bare code. Although, Agile coaches can still do their job to a very good level. However, if I mastered JS, Python (Rossum 1990) and Java (Gosling 1995) this would help me to support my team if they were struggling with tasks that have been set for them

Learning Python would support my apprenticeship enormously. In a few years down the line a change in job roles may appear which I would like to take. Learning Python may allow this change to happen and I could help people with Python. Covea Insurance could also see me as a more valuable member of the team too.

Overall, this is what my aims look like for the next few years. JS is the first thing I’ll be looking to have a very good understanding of, with Python and Java coming next. For Covea Insurance, seeing me learning all these coding languages may makes them offer me bigger roles on projects like actually designing my own section of a website or leading a couple of people within the project.

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