

WEB DESIGN

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USER PERSONA EVALUATION:

Upon visiting the MCAST website, Willow was surprised to find.... nothing. The front page was blank aside from the logo, banner and navigation tabs. There were no images or bodies of text on the page, nor was there an options tab for accessibility settings.

Confused, she moved on to the next tab, “About”, only to be greeted with, once again, nothing. The page contained no information aside from the words “About Us” at the top of the page. There was no back button, so after some confusion she discovered that clicking the MCAST Logo would return her to the front page. She tried the “Contact” page next, and was relieved to find a contact form, however was disconcerted by the absurdly long body of text just below it. The contact form functioned well, and she was able to contact the school for her queries. She returned to the front page and navigated to the “Study” tab next, unsurprised to find the same layout as the “About” tab- a blank page with the words “Study at MCAST” at the top. After returning to the front page one last time, she figured she would try the last tab- FAQ- a try. The page loads a 404 error. She closes the website in frustration.

Aesthetically speaking, the website had potential. The fonts chosen suited the institution however “the font size of the text is a bit small compared to the logo so it isn’t that balanced.” The color design was “good as it’s the same colors of the original website”, despite minimal showcasing of it. The navigation tabs were functional and simple enough to follow, however a ‘back/return’ button may have worked better than using the MCAST Logo to return to the front page each time. While scrolling through the multitudes of lorem ipsum, the Banner could have remained at the top of the page (NOTE: this is why the lorem ipsum was there to begin with- to test whether the header would stay at the top as intended) for easier access of navigation.

PEER REVIEW:

It is about a website that is a remake for MCAST website. The purpose of the site is clear that is for school but the first thing that I noticed when I opened the website for the first time that its completely empty. I was a bit confused why it's like that.

To switch between the pages it's a bit hassle as when I'm on one of them apart from main page I have to press the logo to take me back to main page then I just have to press the other pages that I want to check. One of them (FAQ) doesn't work (not the fault of the owner as it's a bit confusing why it's not working). Like I said before, there is no information to see what it is apart from the navigation bar.

The font size of the text it's a bit small compare to the logo so it isn't that balanced. The colors are good as it's the same colors of the original website that is currently used.

The website doesn't behave that much as the navigation bar moves when pressed for another page as the text disappears so the padding/margin changes. There is a broken page that won't let me enter which is FAQ. On the contact page, there is lorem huge paragraph underneath the contact and I can't understand why. Overall, the website feels really empty and not finished. For the improvement, try and still put effort into it even if it's rushed as I have experienced this before as last year we had the strike and had all home works all at once but I'm still happy you still tried to make the website 😊.