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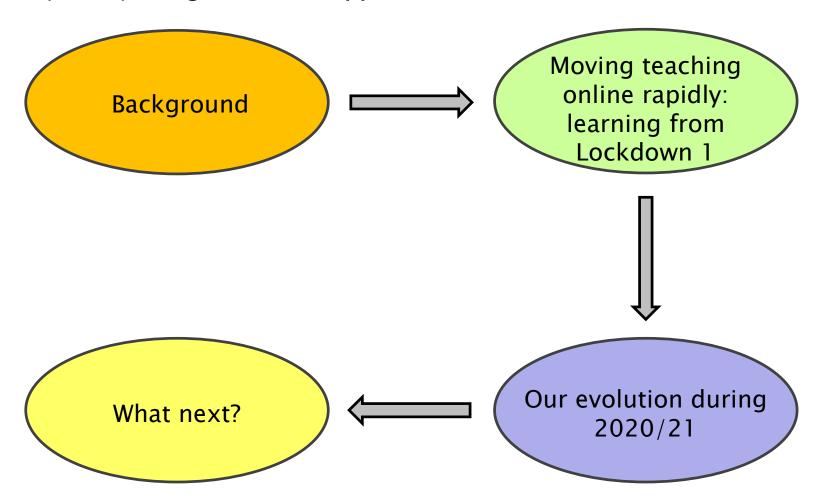
## ChemEd in 2020/21:

Mitigation, Evolution or Revolution?

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### Outline

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### Mitigation, evolution or revolution?

#### Mitigation

Emergency online teaching, 'making the best of a bad job' and a return to business as usual after COVID.

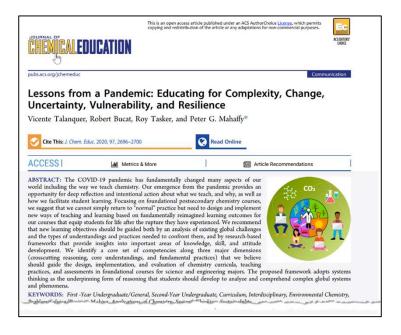
#### **Evolution**

A bit more 'flipped teaching', fewer lectures and exams, and more use of online teaching.

#### Revolution

A complete revamp of programmes, genuine blended learning, no/few traditional exams.

Talanquer, Bucat, Tasker and Mahaffy\* advocate revolution in their article from last year:



## Our approach to remote learning on an introductory chemistry course (1st lockdown)

Weekly schedule of activity

Student activity

Series of recorded mini-lectures



Workshop problem sets



'Talking mark schemes' for self-marking



Blackboard discussion board for questions and queries



'Office hours' on Teams OR Blackboard Collaborate at advertised times



Monitoring of Panopto quizzes, discussion board and self-

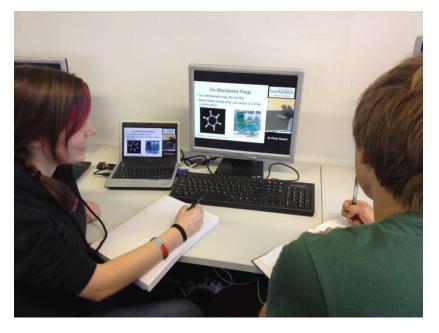
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## Problems with lectures



# A question we've asked before: Do recorded lectures foster independent learning?

"Online lecture recordings are the most helpful thing I have experienced in education."



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### What did you do with your lectures in 2020/21?

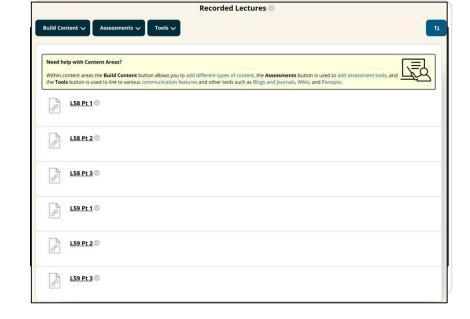
1. I deliver(ed) lectures live online

73.33%

- 2. I give/gave students recordings from a previous year 6.67%
- 3. I record(ed) new full length lectures
- 4. I record(ed) new lectures in short chunks
- 5. Other approach
- 6. I don't/didn't give any lectures

# Going bite-sized: breaking lectures up into 3 parts ~15 mins in duration.

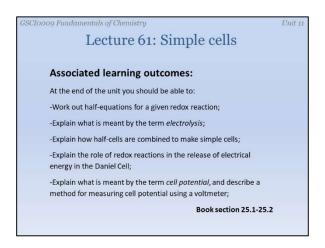
- We all know students' attention spans are limited.
- 'The 6 minute rule' arose from a study of MOOCs,<sup>1</sup> although caveats apply.<sup>2</sup>
- Segmenting is the process whereby a longer video is broken into smaller chunks.
- Much of the literature suggests ~15 mins is a good length for a video.



<sup>1.</sup> Guo, P. J., Kim, J., & Rubin, R. (2014, March). How video production affects student engagement: An empirical study of MOOC videos. In *Proceedings of the first ACM conference on Learning® scale conference* (pp. 41–50).

<sup>2.</sup> Lagerstrom, L., Johanes, P., & Ponsukcharoen, M. U. (2015, June). The myth of the six-minute rule: Student engagement with online videos. In *Proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education* (pp. 14–17).

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~50 min lecture (3 per week)



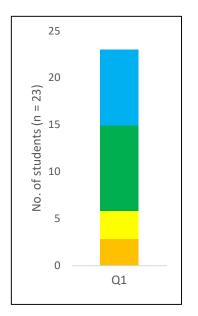


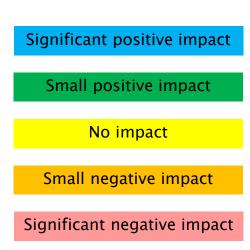




Broken into 3 parts (~15 mins each)

Q1: What do you feel is the impact of shorter mini-lecture recordings on your learning in comparison to a 50 minute face-to-face lecture?





Impact	Count
Sig +ve	8
Sm +ve	9
No impact	3
Sm -ve	3
Sig -ve	0

## What do you feel is the impact of shorter mini-lecture recordings on your learning in comparison to a 50 minute face-to-face lecture? *Thematic analysis*



"I can replay the recording"

"do at a time that works, when you are fully engaged"

"take a natural break"

"allows me to do this at my own pace"

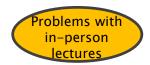


"if there are any gaps in my understanding I get to address them straight away"

"keep...focused on what i am being taught"

"think about what I had just watched. I found this aided my understanding"

> "allows me to take a break and think for as long as I need about what I have just been taught"



"in a one hour lecture a lot of the material can be rushed and there's not enough time to think"

"if you don't get a concept early on you could well be lost"

"less distracted than when doing longer lectures(40ish minutes) i find my self not paying as much attention"

"No chatter or distractions"



"Useful when going to complete the workshop questions"



"understanding helps to answer the workshop material"



"complete a brief note... before moving on ... I compile these notes together to get a deeper understanding"

"take notes in more detail than usual and spend more time on organising them which makes revision easier"

"make notes on each mini lecture in a topic which I can consolidate" The negative responses mentioned the lack of a personal aspect and the inability to directly ask questions. One student reported the videos were still too long! What do you feel is the impact of shorter mini-lecture recordings on your learning in comparison to a 50 minute face-to-face lecture? *Thematic analysis* 



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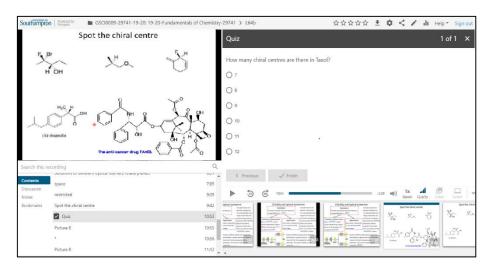
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# Embedding quiz questions into Panopto recordings.

- Embedded quiz questions have been shown to impact positively on learning.<sup>1</sup>
- Interpolated testing increases focus and improves integration of information.<sup>2</sup>
- Panopto has a built-in quiz tool, pausing the video to pose a question to students.
- Data relating to responses is automatically collected.

1. Vural, O. F. "The Impact of a Question-Embedded Video-Based Learning Tool on E-Learning." *Educational Sciences: Theory and Practice* 13.2 (2013): 1315–1323.

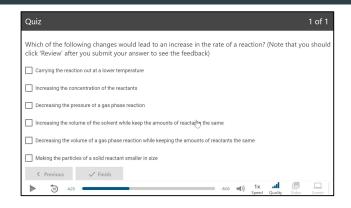
2. Jing, H. G., Szpunar, K. K., & Schacter, D. L. (2016). Interpolated testing influences focused attention and improves integration of information during a video-recorded lecture. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, *22*(3), 305.

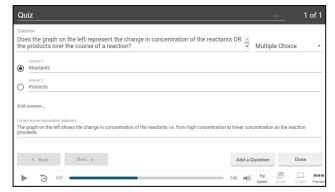


See my video guide:

https://tinyurl.com/y7bxhgve

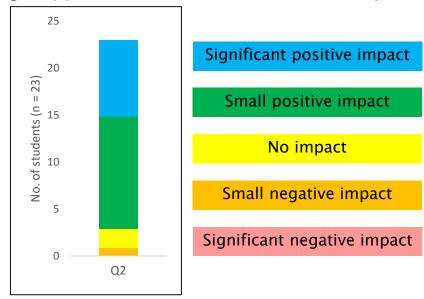
# Embedding quiz questions into Panopto recordings.







Q2 What do you feel is the impact of the inclusion of Panopto quiz questions on your learning in comparison to recordings with no quiz questions (e.g. flipped lectures from earlier in the year)?



Impact	Count
Sig +ve	8
Sm +ve	12
No impact	2
Sm –ve	1
Sig -ve	0

What do you feel is the impact of the inclusion of Panopto quiz questions on your learning in comparison to recordings with no quiz questions (e.g. flipped lectures from earlier in the year)?

Thematic analysis



"think about and practice a topic during the learning. I feel it engages me more"

"these questions push me to pay attention"

"I often lose concentration in lectures where I'm not expected to do anything"

"Check that I have been paying attention."

Monitoring understanding

"to feel that I have grasped the concept or not as the case may be"

"ensures I understand the process of working out answers independently"

"make sure I am actually understanding the concept instead of just assuming"

"see when you don't understand something straight away and go back and fix that before you move on"



"Getting the answers right also gives me a sense of achievement"

"many times I felt depressed because did not get the correct answer, but this encourages me to retry and see where i (went) wrong"

"When the questions are answered correctly this is very encouraging and provides a sense of achievement"

"the pressure of knowing that the lecturer will see the results makes me more attentive and want to do better"



"...it is easy to (lose focus) when watching prerecorded lectures."

Problems with normal' recorded

flipped lectures

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The negative responses mentioned not liking the expectation to have understood content immediately, and that when they didn't understand they felt confused.

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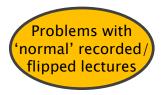
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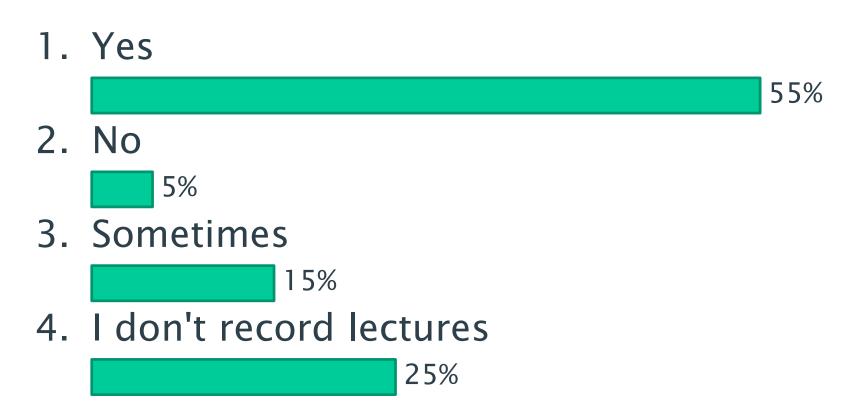
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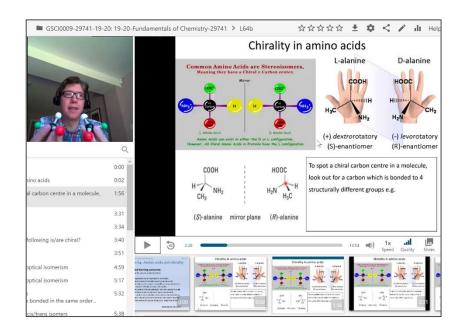
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## When you record lectures, do you include video of yourself?

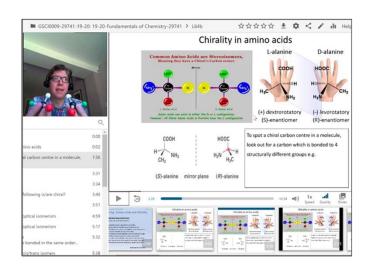


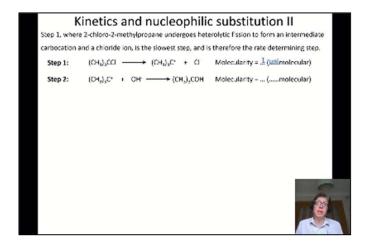
## Visibility: putting yourself in the picture

- Research is mixed on the benefits of a 'talking head'.
- Social cues may increase in active cognitive processing.<sup>1</sup>
- The 'talking head' may increase cognitive load.<sup>2</sup>
- There is limited evidence that a 'talking head' improves learning, but it may impact on motivation.
- 1. Mayer, R. E. (2014). Principles based on social cues in multimedia learning: Personalization, voice, image, and embodiment principles. *The Cambridge handbook of multimedia learning*, *16*, 345–370.
- 2. Fiorella, L., & Mayer, R. E. (2018). What works and doesn't work with instructional video, *Computers in Human Behaviour*, *89.*, 465–470.
- 3. Kizilcec, R. F., Bailenson, J. N., & Gomez, C. J. (2015). The instructor's face in video instruction: Evidence from two large-scale field studies. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 107(3), 724-739.

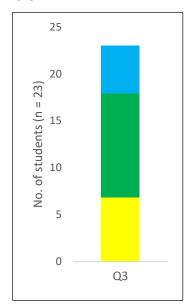


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Significant positive impact	
Small positive impact	
No impact	
Small negative impact	
Significant negative impact	

Impact	Count
Sig +ve	5
Sm +ve	11
No impact	7
Sm –ve	О
Sig -ve	О

# Q3 What is the impact on your experience of providing a 'talking head' showing the lecturer in a recording in comparison to recordings with no 'talking head' (e.g. flipped lectures from earlier in the year)?



"It feels more like an actual lecture compared to flipped lectures"

"important to see the face of the lecturer to feel involved because eye contact is necessary"

"makes it easier to feel involved in the lecture"

"Felt like I was actually in a lecture so I was more motivated to work"

"makes you feel like if you were in a real lecture"

"talking head' definitely helps with visualising"

Use of props

"useful when the lecturer is demonstrating concepts with models"

"props used in the explanations of content is very helpful in visualising ideas"

"Sometimes useful like when David used molecular models and could hold them up"



"Seeing hand movements etc make the video feel more real" Role of a talking head

"It's good to be able to have the face to face experience"



"beneficial for lecturers like David who uses his hands when explaining the collusion of molecules or transfer or electrons from one molecule to another"

"it also helps to see the hand expessions"

"the problem with the recordings with no 'talking head' is that you cannot see the facial expressions and hand movements"

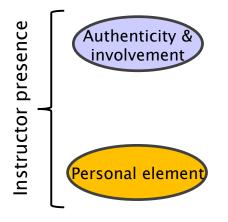
"its nice to feel like a teacher is there"

"Lectures without a face feel a little more distant"

"I found that although the 'talking head' made the lectures seem more personal, I don't think it increased my understanding of the content"

"makes the lecture more personal"

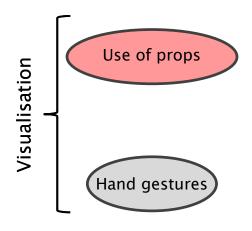
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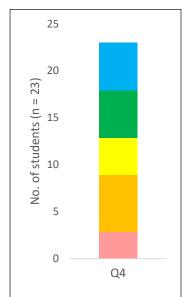


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# How do students experience online lectures in comparison to face-to-face?

Q4. What is the impact on your experience of us providing lectures in an online format in comparison to attending face-to-face lectures on campus?



Significant positive impact

Small positive impact

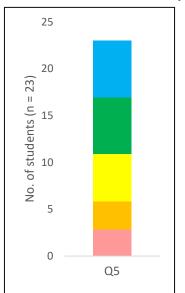
No impact

Small negative impact

Significant negative impact

Impact	Count
Sig +ve	5
Sm +ve	5
No impact	4
Sm –ve	6
Sig -ve	3

Q5. How does the time you are spending watching recorded lectures compare with the time you would normally spend in lectures on campus?



Much more time
A little more time
About the same
A little less time
A lot less time

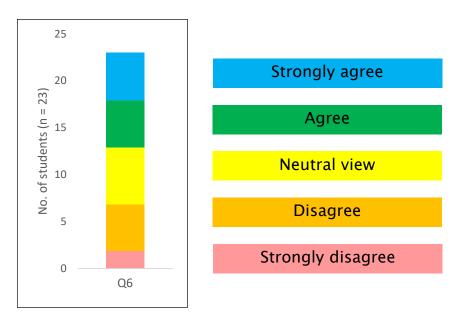
Impact	Count
Much more	6
A little more	6
About the same	5
A little less	3
Much less	3

## Looking forward to the post-COVID era...

- I have been 'dabbling' with flipped teaching for several years.<sup>1</sup>
- During this period students experienced something akin to a 'flipped' environment.
- Students were asked:

To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

"Lecture material should continue to be provided in the current format (i.e. online mini-lectures with Panopto quiz questions) when we return to on-campus teaching" Q2 To what extent do you agree with the statement?



Response	Count
SA	5
A	5
N	6
D	5
SD	2

1. Read, D., Watts, J. K., & Wilson, T. J. (2016). Partial flipping to support learning in lectures. In *The Flipped Classroom Volume 2: Results from Practice* (pp. 55–79). American Chemical Society.

### Q6. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

"Lecture material should continue to be provided in the current format (i.e. online mini-lectures with Panopto quiz questions) when we return to oncampus teaching"

"I feel I understand the content better in the online videos Enhanced learning compared to face-to-face lectures." (perceived) "I prefer to study at home (online) rather than face-to-face." Benefit Flexibility and autonomy "...enables me to plan my day." "This could allow more workshop, tutorial time to be allocated" Repurposing "If we had online lectures mixed with smaller tutorials and classes contact time on campus, I feel like that would be more beneficial" "There would be constant issues surrounding access to resources Preference for face-

to-face lecture

such as a laptop and the internet"

Impact on motivation

Disadvantage

"face to face learning and discussion with lecturers and students is far more beneficial"

"without having personal contact to lecturers I hadn't met, forming a bond and feeling they're approachable would disappear too"

## Key lessons learned:

Breaking lectures up into smaller segments, and embedding quiz questions, were very well received by students.

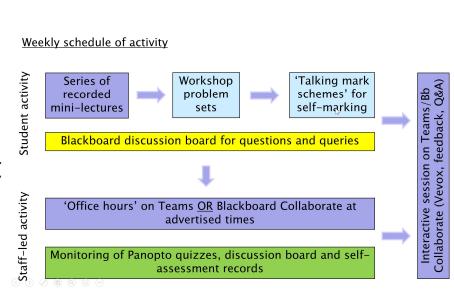
The presence of a talking head video was also strongly favoured by students, who said it made them feel more involved and that it was more like a real lecture.

Proposal: In future, explore further the possibility of moving more lecture content into a flipped model, implementing this learning into the design of the recorded material and freeing up precious face-to-face time.

# Getting students collaborating during synchronous teaching sessions

# Student engagement during synchronous teaching sessions: our experience

- Office hours sessions (Mon and Tues) were attended by small numbers, some of whom had specific questions.
- One hour interactive sessions were better attended (~25).
- There was v.good engagement with Vevox questions.
- Very few students were prepared to turn their microphones on.
- The feedback was that the sessions were useful, but where was the engagement?!



### Some comments from our students

How could more engagement be encouraged in workshops?

"...maybe assigning small student teams to work through some discussion type tasks. It would be good is more students felt able to get involved more."

"... creating teams meeting for the workshops in smaller groups...would help if students preferred being able to ask question."

"timetabled sessions for groups of students would help..."

"More <mark>enforcement</mark> of attending workshops"

"smaller and more personal teams meetings to raise engagement levels for workshops"

"Maybe a small group is assigned at the beginning of term and each week the the chair role rotates, it is then up to the students to organise themselves and complete the tasks."

## Making use of breakout groups

- Many online platforms have a built-in breakout group feature.
- To achieve the benefits of peer learning instructors must create a structure for teamwork.<sup>1</sup>
- Working on a set activity together can encourage student interaction and peer support.<sup>2</sup>
- Attention needs to be paid to the structures used to prepare students.<sup>3</sup>
- Shared documents can be used to structure activities.
  - 1. Saltz, J., & Heckman, R. (2020). Using Structured Pair Activities in a Distributed Online Breakout Room. *Online Learning*, 24(1), 227-244.
  - 2. Chandler, K. (2016). Using Breakout Rooms in Synchronous Online Tutorials. *Journal of Perspectives in Applied Academic Practice*, 4(3), 16–23.
  - 3. Kuhn, D. (2015). Thinking together and alone. Educational Researcher, 44(1), 46-53.

Blackboard collaborate



Breakout

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## Have you used breakout rooms with students in synchronous online sessions?

1. Yes, very successfully

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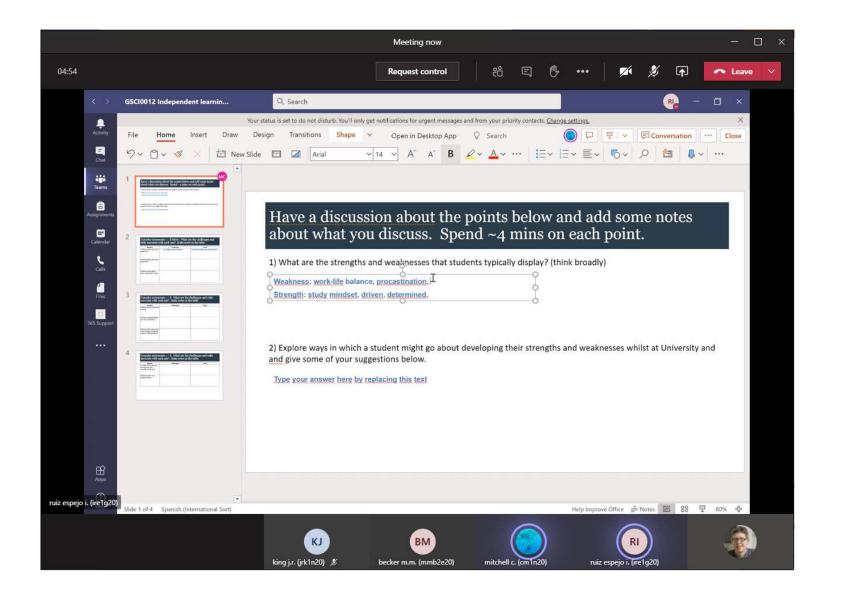
2. Yes, quite successfully

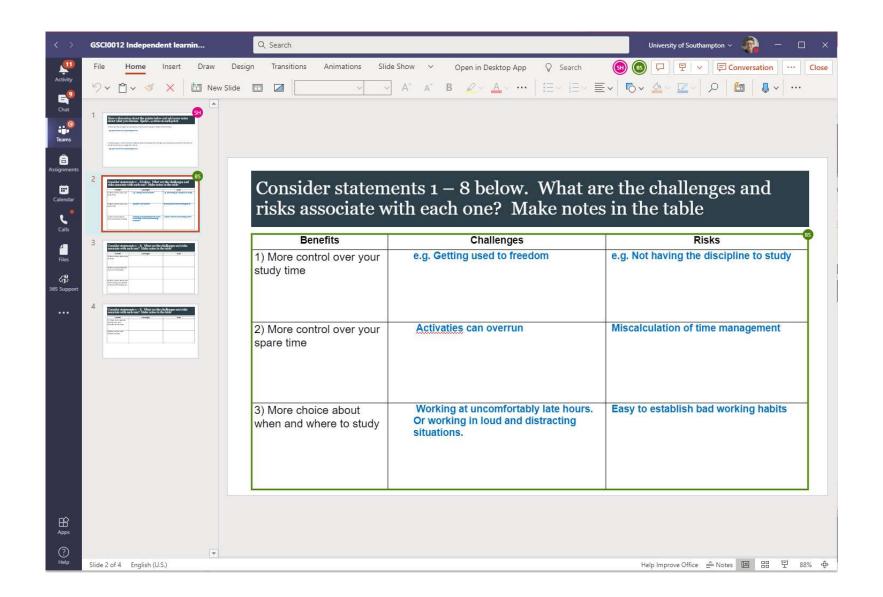
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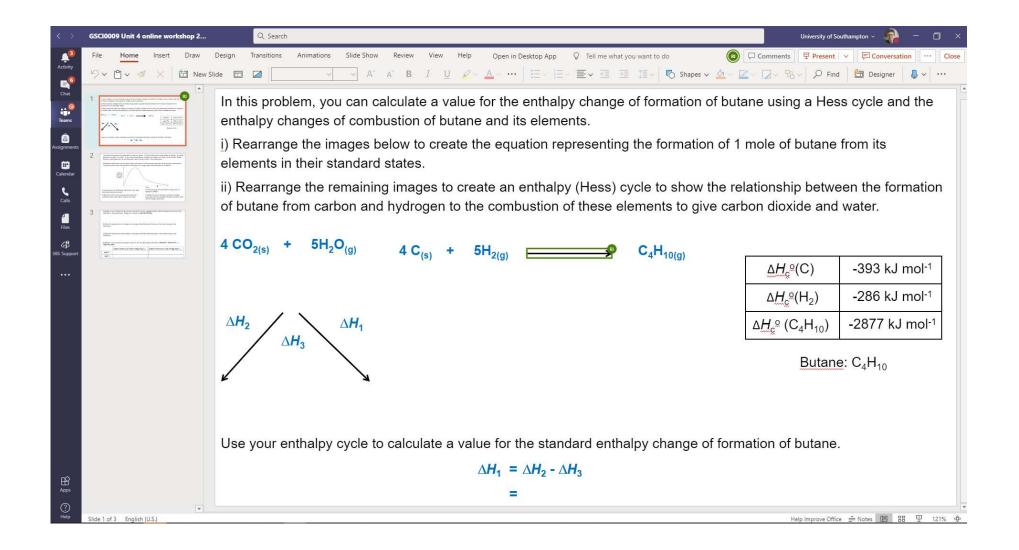
- 3. Yes, with limited success
- 4. Yes, unsuccessfully
- 5. No

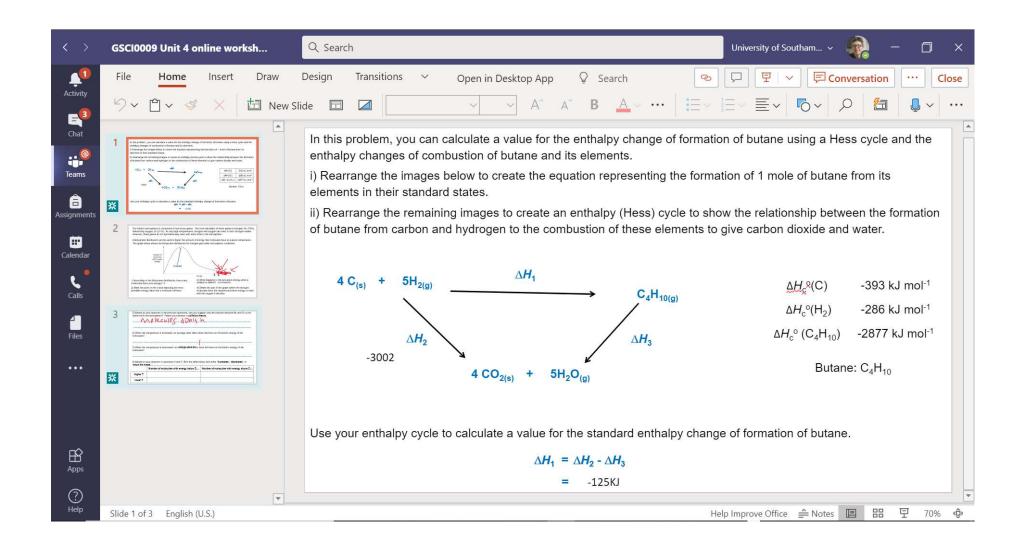
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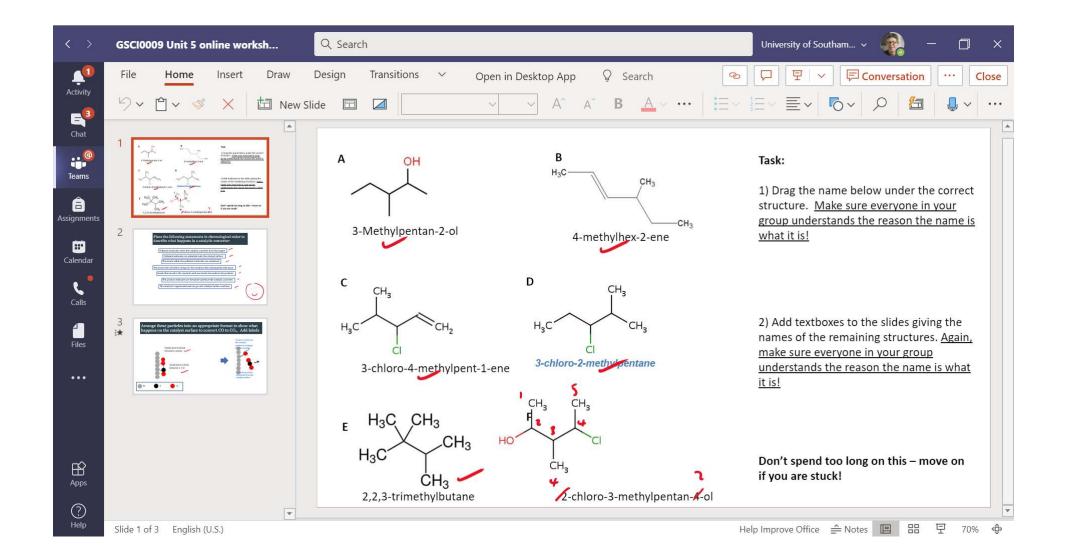
# Examples of student collaboration in Teams breakout groups

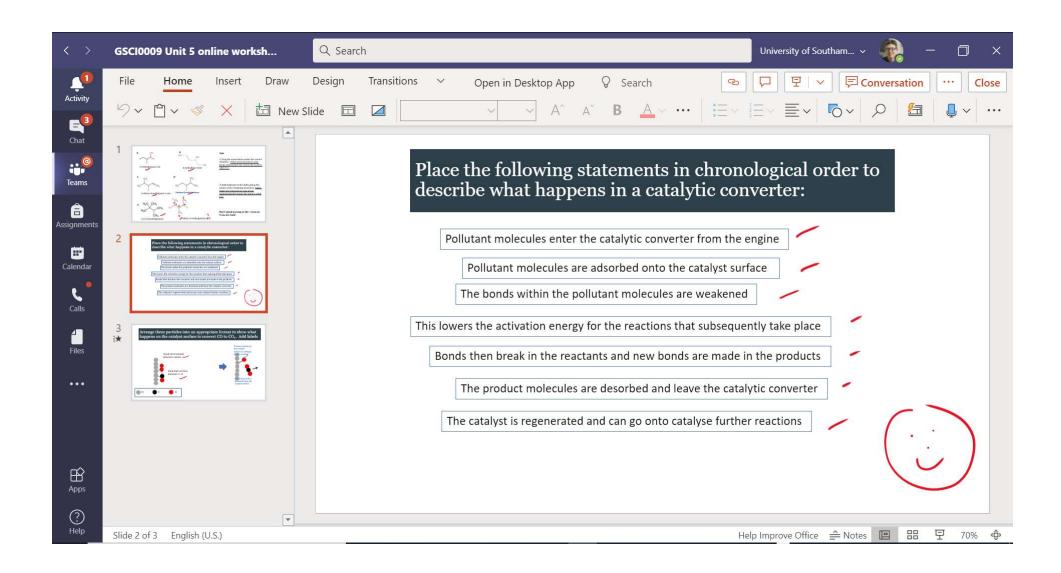


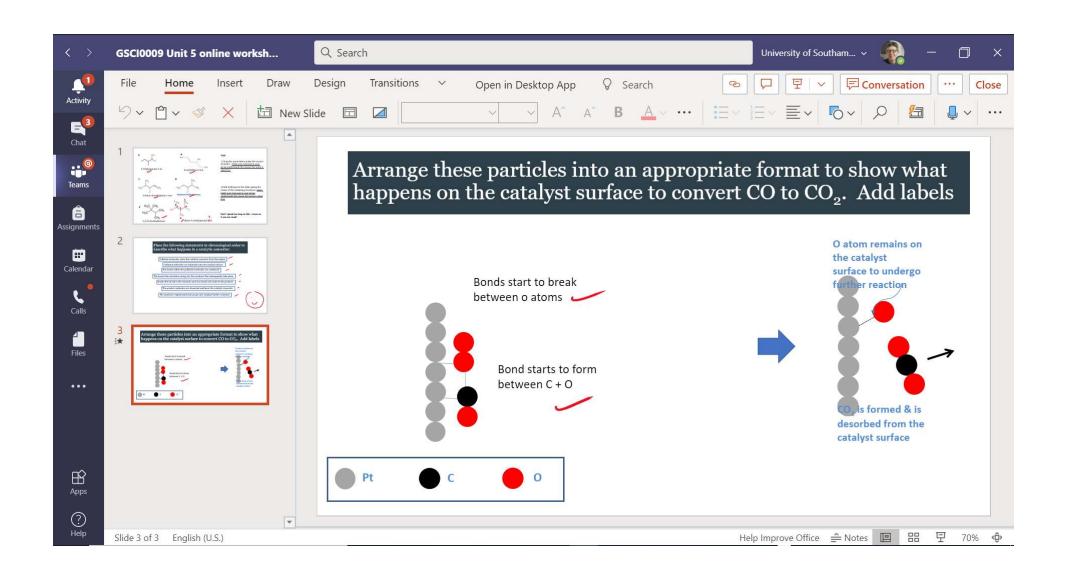












### The student perspective (n = 16 of 36)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

■ Strongly disagree

I enjoy breakout room activities

I find breakout rooms easy to use

I feel more connected to others on my course through working in smaller groups

I feel more confident to share my ideas and opinions in breakout rooms compared to in the main session

I feel more comfortable asking questions in breakout rooms than in the main lecture session

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Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

■ Strongly disagree

I feel more engaged in the workshop by doing breakout room activities

Breakout room activities help me understand the information better

I like having time in breakout rooms without a demonstrator present

Using breakout rooms has improved my learning online

Breakout rooms are a good alternative to in-person small group activities

### Thematic analysis of responses to open text questions



"We are able to determine our strengths and weaknesses in the subject by discussing answers and methods in which we feel we are weak."



"It is done in a "safe" space, without the professor and with less people than a normal classroom, so its easier for students to engage."

"I enjoy small group talking, everything in breakout room makes me feel good."



"Breakout rooms are very beneficial, especially during this time. It allows students to get to know their peers"



"It also shows student their peers way of working which can be found helpful for other students that may struggle with a specific topic"

"If there is a difficult concept I need to grasp it helps getting other opinions/help with"



"It helps me fully understand some topics that I may have been unsure on"

# Key lessons learned:

Breakout groups can be effective in supporting collaboration between students, although it is vital that activities are well-structured and students are briefed accordingly.

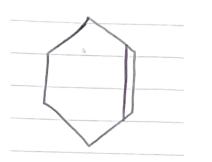
Less confident students did not participate as much when breakout tasks involved chemistry concepts, but activities on presentation skills, academic integrity etc were more inclusive.

Proposal: I would like to retain a weekly online slot to use for appropriate activities i.e. those where collaboration in a breakout room is as (or more) effective than in a room e.g. tasks involving editing documents/files.

### Assessment – a brief consideration

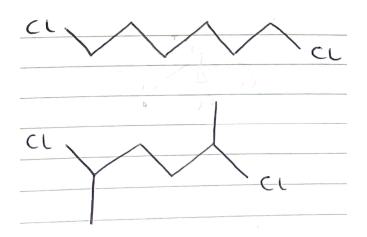
**Compound A** has the structural formula CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH and exhibits *cis/trans* geometric isomerism. **Compound A** can be dehydrated in the presence of a catalyst to form **compound B**, which has the formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>.

(iii) Draw the skeletal formula of compound B and give its name.



[2 marks]

(iv) One mole of **compound B** reacts sequentially with <u>two moles</u> of hydrogen chloride to form a number of isomers with the molecular formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Draw skeletal formulae of <u>two</u> of the isomers formed in this reaction.



[2 marks]

## Let's look to the future

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# Which term best describes your teaching journey during COVID?\*

1. Mitigation

5.88%

2. Evolution

70.59%

3. Revolution

23.53%

\*consider your post-COVID destination when answering

# "Build back better"



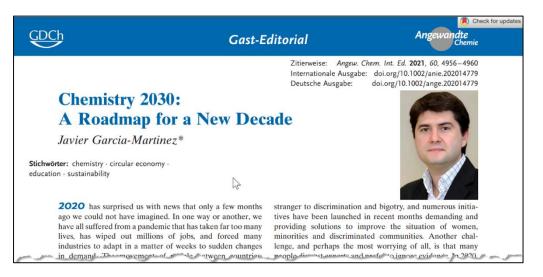
### "Build back better"

"...we cannot simply return to "normal" practice but need to design and implement new ways of teaching and learning based on fundamentally reimagined learning outcomes for our courses that equip students for life after the rupture they have experienced"



Talanquer, V., Bucat, R., Tasker, R., & Mahaffy, P. G. (2020). *J. Chem. Ed.*, 97(9), 2696-2700.

### Vive la revolution (or viva la revolucion)



#### Sustainability

- Design for reuse
- Conduct full life-cycle analysis
- Maximize atom economy
- Use catalysts to improve efficiency
- Chose Earth-abundant elements
- Minimize molecular complexity
- Ensure traceability
- Reduce use of solvents

#### Innovation

- Set strategic goals and clear priorities
- Use digitalization for smarter monitoring
- Implement AI to better use your data
- Promote entre- and intrapreneurship
  - Expand technical infrastructure
    - Promote sharing of knowledge
      - Make use of open innovation
         Empower your team

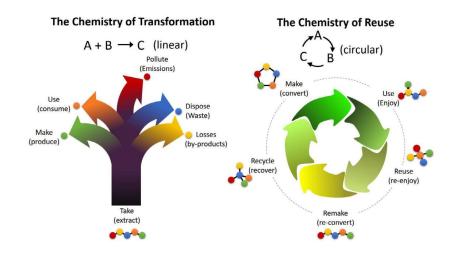
#### Diversity

- Lead by example
- Identify and quantify inequity
- Support marginalized scientists
- Promote underrepresented minorities
- Be aware of unconscious bias
- Expand and redefine excellent
- Inclusion in the publishing space
- Recognize those with less visibility

#### Education

- Teach in context
   Adopt systems thinking
   Integrate the SDGs in the curriculum
- Incorporate concepts from other fields
- Promote question-driven education
- Apply technology-enhanced learning
- Promote student-centered learning
- Educate for complexity and uncertainty

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### A quote from a colleague on 02/07/2021

"I'm going through and looking what everyone is requesting for next year. Looks like everyone apart from inorganic are reverting back to the good old days...

\*sigh\*"



#### **University of Manchester**

### Manchester University sparks backlash with plan to keep lectures online

More than 3,000 students sign petition against keeping lecture halls vacant with no reduction in tuition fees

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#### Rachel Hall Education correspondent

Mon 5 Jul 2021 12.35 EDT



I feel at some point we're going to have to abandoned all the good pedagogical reasons for having recorded lectures & flipped seminars & say "fine, you're paying your money, you want one shot at hearing a old guy mumble for an hour in a wood panelled lecture hall, here you go".

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