THE NTU STUDENT DASHBOARD

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STUDENT USER GUIDE

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Introduction

We want you to gain as much as possible from your studies and recognise that studying for a degree is a huge commitment. It is really important that by the end of your studies you have developed both subject knowledge and the skills and competencies that graduate recruiters are looking for. The Dashboard is primarily a tool for you.

The Dashboard is designed to be used in two ways.

Firstly, it is a resource for you to reflect on the way that you are engaging with your studies. It is designed as an additional source of data to use, alongside more traditional sources such as:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Feedback from tutors
- Feedback from peers
- Discussion with your peers about your coursework

The Dashboard is designed to give you an overview of how you are engaging. There is a very strong association between the engagement rating in the Dashboard and both the likelihood of completing the year and achieving a good grade. It is important to stress that it will never be perfect. It can only give an indication of how much work you are doing compared with your peers. However, it can only see some of the activities involved in learning (see below), not all of them. For example if you buy all of your own textbooks and work at home, the Dashboard will not be able to see this activity.

Secondly, the Dashboard is designed to help your tutor and other support services as they work with you. For example, you should expect that in a one-to one tutorial discussion, your tutor will use the Dashboard in their conversation with you. Tutors can also add notes and make referrals to support services, for example the Employability department, through the Dashboard.

What is the Dashboard?

The Student Dashboard is an online resource to help you understand how well you are engaging with your studies. It is a simple tool that gives you an understanding of how often you engage with your studies compared with other students on your course.

The NTU Student Dashboard measures your engagement in various ways including:

- Library use
- Use of NOW
- Card swipes into NTU buildings
- Submitting coursework through the NOW Dropbox
- Attendance
- E-book usage

The Dashboard takes this data and calculates your engagement rating. There are five different ratings

- High (H)
- Good (G)
- Partial (P)
- Low (L)
- Very Low (V)

The engagement ratings are designed to offer you some feedback about your patterns of engagement over time compared with your peers. We will never use them as part of the assessment process.

The Dashboard plots yours and your course average engagement on a graph. This lets you see how you are engaging against everyone on your course, in your year. The ratings and graph update every night.
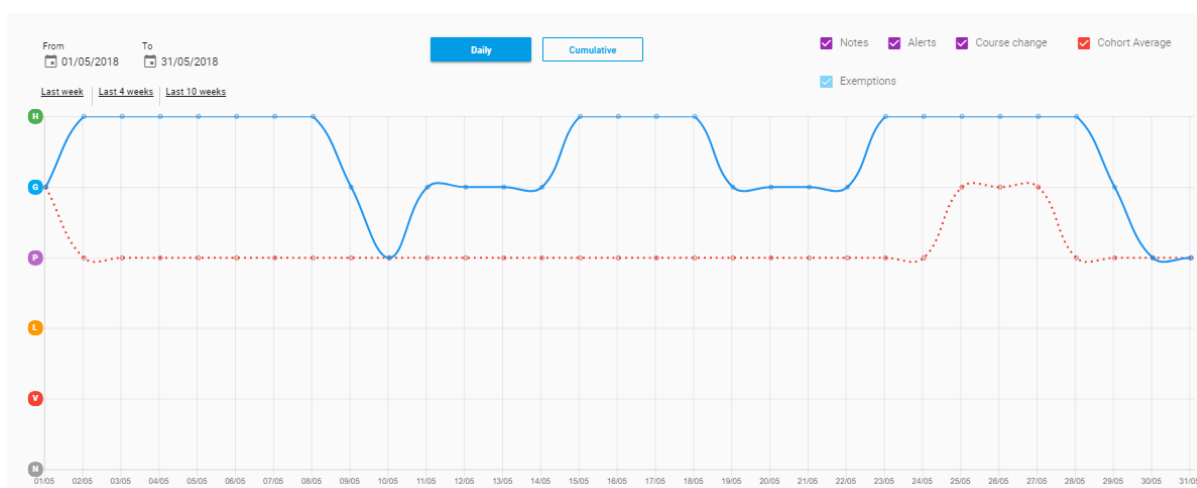
The blue line show your engagement.

The red line shows your course average engagement.

Engagement is also summarised in a bar chart. This represents the percentage of days you have been in each engagement category for the same time period as the graph. This can be changed by changing the date range for the graph.
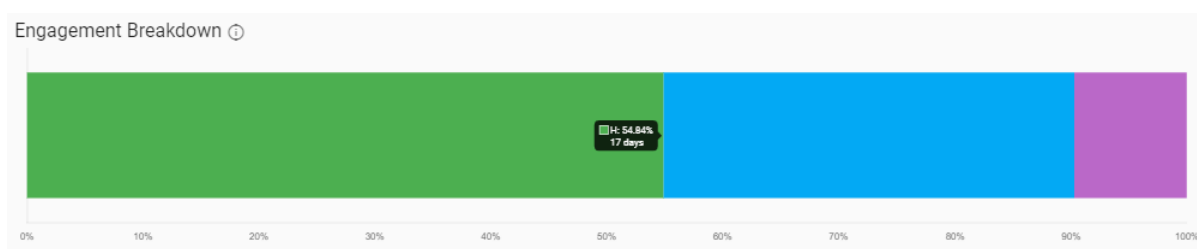
Why should I use the Dashboard?

Your engagement is a strong predictor of what you'll achieve and how likely you are to progress.

In 2016-17 95% of students with High engagement for the year progressed to second year, whereas less than 16% of students with Very Low engagement progressed.

Engagement data is based on the following sources; Library loans, NOW log ins, NOW learning rooms, card swipes, and Dropbox submissions.

Attendance and e-resource usage were added in 2017.
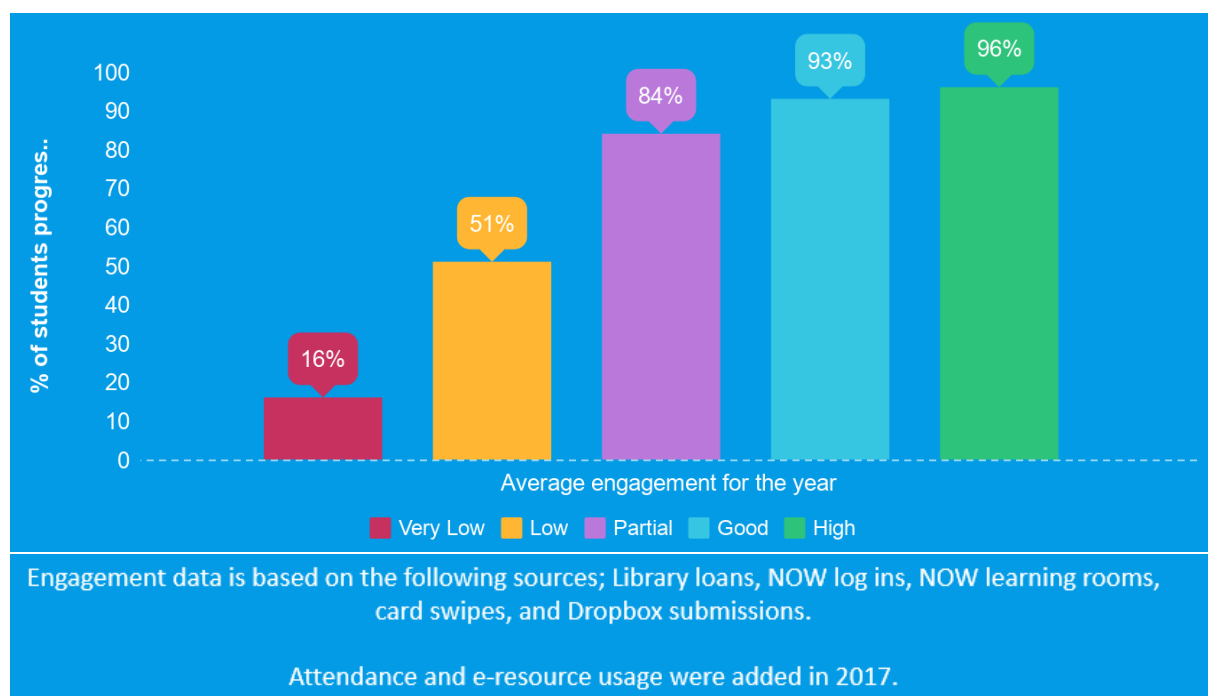
How can I use the Dashboard?

The Dashboard contains a wide range of information showing how you are engaging with your studies. You may find it useful to explore the different sections:

Engagement	Your engagement graphs and engagement ratings
Profile	Key information about you, including how to contact your personal tutor or academic mentor
Notes	Actions agreed with your tutor including referrals to Support Services
Attendance	An overview of your attendance
Resources	A breakdown of your use of the individual resources that contribute to your engagement calculation
Assessments	All assessments and feedback submitted through the NOW Dropbox

When should I use the Dashboard?

Where can I get more information?
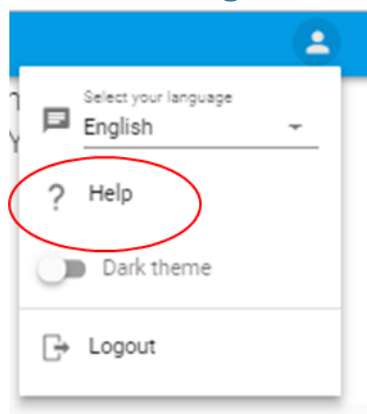
There are help pages available in the Dashboard with frequently asked questions.

You can speak to your personal tutor or academic mentor

Further support for teaching, learning and research is available at the library.

Contact Information Service Desk. You can send an email to support@ntu.ac.uk or phone internally on extension 88500 or externally on +44 (0) 115 8488500.