EPORTFOLIOS WITH PEBBLEPAD

PebblePad is the University's web-based ePortfolio and personal learning platform. The system is available to all staff and students and can be used independently for personal/professional development, or as part of assessed activities within the curriculum.

PebblePad is widely used to help students experience better ways to evidence the skills they need for today's competitive world. PebblePad's versatility to support learning anywhere and on any device, offers limitless possibilities to develop graduates who are better equipped for their careers.

PebblePad can be used in many exciting ways, including:

- Portfolio/website creation
- Blogging
- Planning
- Evidencing/recording activities or experiences
- Reflecting
- Collecting information

In addition to their use of PebblePad at Plymouth, graduating students can transfer their content to a free PebblePad personal account, encouraging lifelong learning.

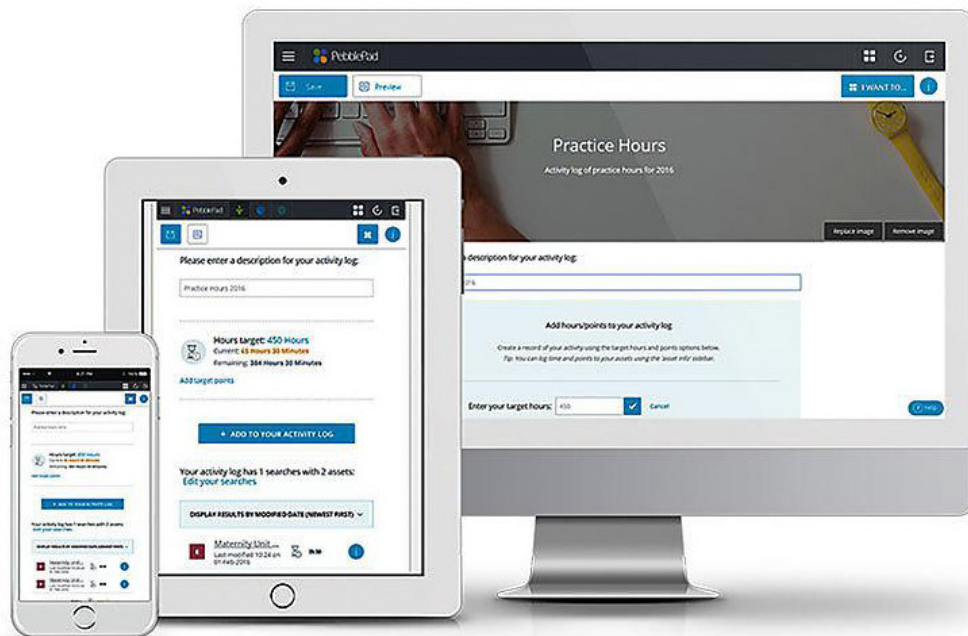## ACADEMIC SUPPORT, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION
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Working offline with PebblePocket

PebblePocket is an app that allows you to create certain types of PebblePad records while you're offline. You can be in a field, in the middle of nowhere or on train in a tunnel without any Wi-Fi access or mobile phone signal and still be able to create PebblePad records. All records that you create can be synchronised with your PebblePad account when you next have internet access. They'll pop directly into your asset store ready to be viewed, edited, or shared.

PebblePocket supports the following asset types: Blog Post, Reflection, Activity, Photo and Video.

Why use PebblePad?

PebblePad and the use of ePortfolios has a number of significant benefits for both staff and students.

Staff benefits
- Submissions are accessible from anywhere
- Progress can be seen before the deadline
- Work is stored in one place
- You can provide structured templates and workbooks for your students to complete
- Master copy of the students work is always kept
- You can create bespoke feedback forms or rubrics when marking
- Students can continue working in PebblePad whilst you mark without you seeing changes past the deadline
- Easy access for external mentors and examiners
- Assessor only fields allow you to verify student work

Student benefits
- Can submit anytime, anywhere and from any device
- No cost of printing
- Can include media elements and interactive content such as videos, images and links
- Can be shared with external users such as potential employers
- No transport costs for submitting or collecting feedback
- A copy of feedback is always available online for the duration of their programme that can't be lost
- Ability to work offline using the PebblePocket mobile app
- Work is stored in one place and can be built upon
- Free for life

You can find out more about PebblePad on the website:
www.plymouth.ac.uk/pebblepad

Case studies

Julia Wheeler from Social Work uses PebblePad to give students a structured portfolio that they need to complete whilst on placement to evidence competencies. The portfolios are assessed by both external mentors from the placements and tutors here at the university. Julie says the main benefit for her is that "with PebblePad we can now go in at any time and see how students are progressing".
http://bit.ly/pebble-case-study-1

Paul Richards from the Plymouth Law School uses PebblePad to boost employability for his students. Paul provided students with workbooks and reflection sheets for students to carry out skills audits. Students could then identify strengths and weaknesses and aim to develop these skills by volunteering and evidencing this on PebblePad.
http://bit.ly/pebble-case-study-2

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