Facebook

Key results from a student survey conducted by CLS

What we found out

- Over 90% of students surveyed had a Facebook Account
- Of these:
  - 70% use Facebook in the Library and Computing Centre
  - 52% access it whilst using the computer for other things
  - 18% would log into a computer solely to use Facebook
- Also:
  - 48% of students with a Facebook account claimed to use it for legitimate academic purposes

What do students think?

- 55% of all respondents to the survey said Facebook should be banned on some computers
- 14% said it should be banned on all computers
- 30% said that Facebook shouldn’t be banned at all

Access to Facebook is currently enabled on 295 out of 485 computers in the Library and Computing Centre; a solution which has been welcomed by the majority of students.

University response

Acting upon this general perception, the University Teaching and Learning Committee decided to limit Facebook access to 60% of computers.

What Computing and Library Services did

In December 2009, a follow up survey was conducted in which 340 students were asked about their use of Facebook.

I can’t get onto a computer because everyone’s on Facebook!