REWARDS OF DEVIATING FROM THE NORM: ADVANTAGES OF TRANSITIONING FROM TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING TO ONLINE LEARNING

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We’re living in a very fast-paced world, where anything can change in a blink of an eye. There had been a lot of changes for the past five months since the break of the recent pandemic. Considering the risks associated, this situation has brought about anxiety and had compelled people to adapt to a different way of living or what we call “the new normal”. The education sector, along with other parts of the society, is not exempted from this. In order to ensure the safety of the students, the Department of Education has now been taking huge leaps gearing up towards transitioning to distance learning, including online education.

Online learning utilizes technology, specifically the internet, in order to offer virtual mode of instruction unlike the traditional classroom face-to-face setting. Although the transition to online education requires countless preparations and adjustments in this period of uncertainty, all the efforts are deemed to be worth it as this new form of learning entails several advantages.

First, online learning offers unbounded resources of information. By carrying out learning through the internet, teachers can immerse students in references far beyond books. By incorporating articles, videos and interactive graphics on the daily lessons, students can appreciate studying more and can also broaden their perspective. In general, online education can promote enhanced learning experience.

Another benefit of pursuing online learning is its ability to strengthen student’s independence, self-motivation and time management skills. Unlike the classroom setting
on which the initiative for learning mainly comes from the teachers, online learning, on the other hand, will enable the students to be self-starters at a young age. Apart from self-initiative, students may also learn how to manage their time effectively as homework and activities will have to be submitted online at a specific deadline. In particular, these traits are some of the qualities that future employers are looking for as these lead to success in the workplace.

The preparation for the shift of traditional face to face learning into online education may have required arduous adjustments and some may only see it as an interim solution in order to facilitate the continuity of education during the pandemic. However, transitioning to online learning also offers advantages, including improved learning experience and value formation which will reap long term rewards.

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