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## DISTANCE LEARNING BENEFITS IN PANDEMIC CONDITIONS

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Some people think that distance learning can bring more benefits than schools or university so it will disappear. In the modern world study is gradually complemented or even replaced by new technologies of distance learning. Developments in technology continue to make it easier for the current and future students to achieve their dreams through distance learning programs. Distance learning has a lot of benefits that make it really a strong and prospective competitor against a traditional education. The purpose of this article is to consider the advantages of pursuing a degree through distance education.

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Recently education has changed a lot due to the external factors and almost all schoolchildren and students have switched to a distance learning.

During Covid-19 pandemic period distance learning became almost the only way to study, but what exactly are the benefits of this form of education? In my opinion, the most important benefit is the freedom of choice that distance learning provides you with.

Distance education is amazingly flexible for both teachers and students. Additionally, remote access to distance learning courses helps students worldwide to study from the comfort of their homes, or while on the move. Students remain independent to organize their own schedule and develop their time management skills by managing a learning calendar.

Distance learning is being able to combine work and study without sacrificing any of them. Opening a new application on your computer is

faster and easier than physically moving from university to work, especially in rush hours.

Time is the most important resource we have and distance learning helps us to use it as efficiently as possible.

The internet provides students with the enormous advantages of the world of information at their fingertips.

With the rise of fantastic technological solutions for communication, a wealth of education opportunities have become available to modern students.

We need to acknowledge that we do live in the world of technological overdose. Just compare your current day-to-day routine with the one you followed 5 years ago. It is surprising how dependent we are on modern technologies.

Excessive technology in our lives is not necessarily a bad thing. It can make our lives easier by saving our time, money, and energy.

On the other hand, online learning has opened doors for personalized learning where students can learn anything and everything at their own pace. Thanks to technologies, students are blessed with this wonderful platform called The Internet where they can read, research, and learn about anything they need or want.

Technology combined with education is a very powerful tool that can change the way we learn, think, and see the world. But, it is also essential to strike a perfect balance between educational technology learning and traditional learning so that we can ensure the overall development of our students.

One of the primary benefits of distance education is that students can fit schoolwork around co-curricular and family commitments. With students leading increasingly hectic lives, this sort of flexibility comes as a massive relief (to you as well as your students!) It is important to factor in structured time where students can (virtually) engage with you directly, but you

don't need everyone to sit in front of a screen for eight hours a day. Instead, you might set regular 'office hours' where you can be contacted for help or schedule a virtual class discussion to take place. Students can structure the remaining time around their other commitments (and hopefully learn something about time management in the process).

Technological fluency – the fact that our students are constantly attached to screens doesn't mean that they know how to adapt to technology effectively. Distance education provides valuable lessons in how to adapt to new systems and software, and how to independently troubleshoot technical issues. Responsible use of technology – similarly, while our students might be proficient gamers and social media users, chances are they could use some skills when it comes to using technology responsibly and for a mature purpose. As with the above skill, this has never been more relevant in 'the real world' than it is now.

Remote teamwork – let's not forget that 'distance' is no longer a barrier in many workplaces where technology is used to cross borders and link teams across the world. Far from being an inferior method of instruction, distance teaching exposes students to the global practices shaping the 21st century workplaces and equips them accordingly. No classroom is perfect for every student.

Distance education removes the need for this compromise. Learning from home provides students (in most cases) with a stable and secure environment that can be more easily tailored to their specific needs. The benefits don't just extend to students with specific and diagnosed needs, but also to those who might otherwise struggle to keep up with the pace and intensity of a regular classroom environment. It's a safe space for students who might usually avoid speaking up, and it allows students struggling with the content to review material as much as they like at their own pace. Learning from home comes with plenty of potential distractions, but it also poses a golden opportunity for students to develop a more mature and responsible outlook on their own education.

You might be surprised by how well your older students rise to the challenge of this approach. Allowances will have to be made for younger students who simply don't have the same capacity to work independently, but in this case, it pays to have the support of parents who can keep them on track. 'Lifelong learning' is an expression that gets thrown around in education circles these days, but it's always a challenge getting students to understand how learning can take place outside of school.

Distance education, by its very nature, integrates university and home life, exposing students to the real possibility of learning independently outside of a structured context. Home is no longer a place to simply crash out – it's a learning environment. Students no longer confined behind a desk, the possibilities for bringing learning to life and establishing real-world links are endless. Try to factor real, practical home activities into your planning. With the challenges of distance teaching come some exciting possibilities. Done right, it might just change student attitudes to education in a way that the classroom never could.

Distance learning leaves you no excuses not to study, and most important it makes you appreciate real life communications more. There are several benefits that come along with this type of learning.

Students can pursue a job along with studies. In distance learning, there is no need to quit your current job because these courses are available. You can study on the weekends, when you are back from work or even in the middle of the night. Moreover, a student who studies remotely can decide when and how much time to devote during a semester to studying the material. They make an individual study schedule for themselves. Some educational institutions give their students the opportunity to postpone and return to their studies.

Students save time. There is no time wasted in going to and from college, no time wasted waiting for a bus or train. In a distance learning program, your classroom is right in your bedroom - the study material on the e-material

on your computer. Students can study without leaving their home or office, anywhere in the world. To start learning, you must have a computer with internet access. Students who do not have enough time on their hands can turn to distance education as an option and pursue it from the comfort of their homes.

Student can learn at their own space. It is a known fact that different people learn in different ways and at different speeds. In a classroom, when everyone is being taught together, it is often difficult to have every student on the same page. You can always go back to studying more complicated questions, watch video lectures several times, read correspondence from the teacher, and you can skip already known topics.

Versatility: no problem, at any time a schoolchild or student will be able to pursue their education. Life becomes easier right away. Of course, this is a plus. You are not bound by time frames, you can allocate time as you want. After all, the main thing in our education today is the result. At least absorb all the material in a day, at least stretch it for a week.

Self-education: no teachers behind your back, no surveillance and time limits, you can learn rationally, use time, and master the material better. In addition, there are people who find it easier to learn when no one is monitoring the process. We can say "with a core" students.

Anytime and anywhere: teaching students at a distance allows them not to miss classes for one reason or another. For example, if a student is sick. It is enough just to turn on the computer, join the virtual conference - and you will be able to attend the lesson. And this is without harm to health. It turns out that absenteeism can be minimized. Yes, sometimes there are various failures with the Internet. But you can just check them. Often, it is distance learning that helps, even during a long illness or inability to

attend school, to stay in the general stream and keep up with other students.

Convenience: it doesn't matter for what reasons - be it freedom of time and actions or saving time. Learning is thus simply convenient. Especially for teachers it is the best option. You cannot break away from your own affairs, and also do part-time jobs during the lesson. Everything is easy and convenient! It is important to work out the education system at a distance. But this does not negate the fact that such a technique will make learning accessible to everyone - both students and teachers!

In conclusion I must admit that distance learning is gaining popularity in the last few years among students like never before and many students are satisfied with this learning experience. To my mind, distance learning forces a student to understand the best ways they learn and implement those ways at the best times. Distance learning is our future. With the development of information technology, it is gradually coming to the fore. Many people choose this type of learning due to its advantages over the traditional form of learning

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