

Reference for Vince Stephens

During the academic year 2007/2008 I tutored Vince Stephens on the Interactive Media module of the Media and Cultural Studies BA award. The module requires students to develop projects using a range of web-oriented media.

The Media and Cultural Studies award at UWE encourages students to take a critical approach to practice. Linking production with theory and emphasising the production of media as a critical tool and a method of intellectual inquiry, as well as a form of creative expression.

Vince was one of the most enthusiastic, hardest working and determined students that I tutored that year. His hard work was coupled with a healthy intellectual and practical curiosity. He also demonstrated the ability to learn new software and techniques quickly and easily. This was exemplified by his provocative and ambitious final project that wove video and interactive elements together in powerful and unexpected ways.

Vince has the discipline and ambition to succeed at a very high level. His interactive media project achieved a first class grade. He is very eager to push his practical and theoretical abilities. He is articulate and participates in group discussions and group work with an open and positive attitude. His pro-active approach extended to co founding a media production society to assist in the organisation of the end of year media production show.

I am sure that with his committed and self initiated approach he would thrive on the challenge that interactive and video arts would give him.

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