Out of the D.A.R.K. Checklist for Success

Staff Edition

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**WELLBEING & ACCESSIBILITY:**

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- Innovative projects offer exciting opportunities to celebrate & showcase student work
- Remind students that digital assessment is an opportunity for growth and is massively valuable for future applications
- As always - create a safe, inclusive and open environment within your module and in seminar groups. Invite contributions and questions wherever possible
- Offer students agency to co-design their digital assessment and provide a way in for unique and personal skills
- Ensure no student is disadvantaged by lack of access to equipment or software
- Consider allowing students to determine the weighting of their digital assessment so that those with less experience aren't so apprehensive about the impact on their overall grade. Perhaps also emphasise that software format is secondary to assessment content

**TRANSPARENCY & MAXIMISING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT:**

- Ensure you consider the level of experience required from students to complete your assessment and integrate time for them to familiarise themselves with the software
- Remember that both students & staff are in this innovative space together!
- Create an in-depth mark scheme highlighting the learning objectives, details of the software involved and skills that will be developed
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