Are virtual insight visits an effective way to engage learners?

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**Insight visits** can have wide-ranging benefits to students including:
- Reinforcing and expanding upon taught learning
- Improved ability to relate theory to practice
- Encouragement of collaborative learning
- Enhancement of motivation

Subsequently these may lead to an enhanced student experience and graduate employability.

**Questions:**

*Can a virtual insight visit to Bletchley Park provide OU distance learners with effective interaction with a real world environment?*

*Can virtual insight visits provide OU distance learners with similar benefits to traditional insight visits?*

**How?**

**Stadium Live Fieldcast**
- e.g. S206 Environment Science

**Stadium Live Widgets**
- e.g. Interactive location map highlights the geographic spread of participants

**Stadium Live Test & Learn**
- Virtual visit offered to Level 1 computing module students
- Visit content relates to Level 1 module material and employability
- Attendees interact with BCS OU Student Chapter presenters, guests and environment (e.g. interact with museum exhibits) using Stadium Live widgets
- Data: Authors reflective account, student feedback (online questionnaire), attendance/cost
- Evaluation of approach: does it provide a cost and resource effective way of enhancing student experience?

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