

Time to Think

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Oral History interview clip transcript

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Student G Clip

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Description:

Student G describes the importance of tutor visits, and the opportunity to discuss course ideas.

Transcript:

And how important was it then for tutors to come in?

Very important, very important. I suppose whether it is the wee boy in me or not, I am not sure, but no matter how much I wrote or how much I read; I always liked the tutor to come in and just confirm and I always had a list of things, you know. And that cleared the decks for me. I was able to sit down with a whole, a greater degree of confidence and do my TMAs and prepared for the annual exam, and I could never over emphasise the importance of the tutors. And it was not just because I am here I am saying that, they were a guide to me. They also maybe went off the textbook and asked me about other things as well, which was good because, you know, you didn't want to get locked into one train of thought and it was refreshing to be able to discuss things as well. Because, I was the only one at one time doing third level education on the Wings that I was on. And when you are walking round the yard with your mate, he was nae really wanting to hear about the Harvey's Time/Space Compression theory- he was wanting to know what he had heard from the outside. So when a tutor came in to really discuss this and that, and even through discussing topics that you weren't sure about as you chatted with them, somebody who knew about them, you were able to determine a whole lot of new things that you never realised before.