What is a Blog?

A blog (web-log) is a website where you can post news items or diary entries. You can also add photos and audio. It can be used as a learning journal or diary to reflect on your learning, collaborate with your classmates or document your next holiday! Check out this video for a plain english explanation of blogs: http://www.commoncraft.com/blogs

How will this help me with my learning?

- Personalised online communication tool to suit a variety of learning styles
- Potentially inspiring, engaging learning and assessment tool
- Anytime access to and publishing of media, text, video, photos
- Anytime, anywhere access to information, posts and comments
- Create and record learning diary or journal entries for reflection and assessment

What resources do I need?

- Computer with internet access and browser
- An account on a Blog website (see links below)
- Images, media, files (optional)

Where can I find out more?

This resource will take you through the basic steps to get your own blog up and running on blogger. The other blog sites have help information.

How do I set up an account?

Watch this screen recorded demonstration on How to Set Up a Blogger Account by DigitalDigs on YouTube.

- Open your web browser and go to: http://www.blogger.com
- Click on 'Take a quick tour' and read about blogs.
- Time to create your own blog, click 'Create your blog'
- Enter your existing email address
- Enter your preferred password
- Complete the rest of the page and click REGISTER
- Select a name for your blog – make it short and relevant to the topic or you
- Select a template. Don’t worry too much about which one you use – you can change it later if you want.
- Your blog has been created, why not post something, click 'start posting', add a title and something about yourself in the message and hit 'Publish'
- Your blog has been published successfully, have a look by clicking 'View blog'.
- You now have yourveryown.blogspot.com address to publish to the internet.
- Log-out of your blogger Account by choosing 'Sign Out'
Add another post ...

- Go back to http://blogger.com and log in, using your login name and password. This takes you to the 'dashboard' of your blog. Click '+ New Post'
- Go back and see what your yourveryown.blogspot.com web page looks like now

Comment on Blog Posts

- There is a comment link at the bottom of each blog post. Go back into your blog and find the Comment link, click on it and enter a comment.

Blog Site Options

http://www.blogger.com

http://www.wordpress.com