

Extract

*Overview of students' perceptions of skills from the practice of creative writing (from written survey)*

<b>Creative Writing has a positive impact on:</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>agree</b>	<b>disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
Confidence in writing	9	22	7	
Comfort with others viewing own writing	10	19	9	
Grammar and punctuation skills	5	24	9	
Formal essay writing skills	1	16	21	
Critical reading of literature	7	21	9	1
Vocabulary and form	11	21	6	
Expressiveness of writing	14	20	3	1

## **What are the most valuable skills you have learned from creative writing?**

*Responses: Drafting and Editing:*

“Drafting and editing process/ receiving feedback, then working in other projects incorporating the feedback given, which is very helpful indeed.”

“Expression and editing. Being able to listen to critical feedback.”

“I have learnt to express my ideas more clearly and feel more confident writing and exploring different forms of writing.”

“The ability to share my work and understand the editing process.”

“I have found that I have more knowledge on what key features to look for when analysing certain types of work.”

“To use certain skills and techniques when writing prose. When drafting and editing, being able to spot and remove unneeded sentences. To keep re-drafting until a piece of work is done.”

“Constructive criticism – accepting and giving it. The ability to edit redraft more effectively.”

“Changed my way of looking at writing in every sphere.”

“Editing, punctuation, feedback, honesty, be positive when editing. How to look at how other published writers have written what they wrote about and their views – how to find my own voice, learning that I can do it. And how to look at other literature. Essay skills have improved”

“Seeing the thought processes behind writing, and not just focusing on the finished product as tho’ they come out of the ether. Tighter writing.”