Participating in supervisions

Student 1
So usually a Computer Science supervision you have one or occasionally two supervision partners. You will then be working with usually an academic or … we have a lot of our supervisions with our Director of Studies or with a PhD student, someone that really knows their subject. You will have had set some supervision work, which is usually due, er, one to two days beforehand. And you'll talk through the supervision work, any areas that you struggled with, any areas that you found particularly interesting, too, and you'll often have a really good discussion around everything that the supervision work explored. Erm, you will often find that your supervision partner might have struggled with bits you found quite easy so you can often end up explaining stuff to other students. So overall it's a really good experience and I've learned a lot from mine.

Student 2
So we've normally been set work from the last supervision to complete in the week. In, for example, in pharmacology – so drug studies – that might be, erm, a question [mumble] a calcu… a calculation about how the drugs work and then we'd normally go through that in the supervision. And then we'd go over the lecture content from the previous week and talk about the coming week and what we're going to do in that.