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What's new in Brightspace.



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Dear colleagues,

As we kick off Session 2, we're pleased to share more updates and resources related to teaching and learning in Brightspace. If you're wondering where to start, we have some additional tips below to support you through the first few weeks of using Brightspace for the first time.

Updates to the Production Environment

Update Details Staff Widget Add the staff widget to the subject site homepage. With key stakeholder feedback, the following roles are being displayed to students on the subject site homepage: Subject Coordinator, • Subject Convenor, and • Additional Academic. • **Course sites** Fix an issue where students with no current program membership cannot access the course site. Broken link viewer available Add a new feature to Subject Admin for staff users, to enable reporting on broken links within sites in Brightspace. Gradebook: LW + AW grades Add LW and AW grades to My Grades for reinstated reporting purposes.

We plan to make the following updates to the production environment by Thursday 11 July:

Support

- We have added new <u>Brightspace workshops</u>, <u>lunchtime Q&A's and focussed</u> <u>topic sessions</u> to give you the information you need for the next couple of weeks.
- If you want to look up workshop recordings or support decks to share with students, you can also find them <u>here</u>.
- The <u>Staff Learning and Support Hub</u> in Brightspace is also growing with video clips and information to explore on your Brightspace journey.
- We're continuing to build on our <u>web article resources</u> to guide you with tips and best practice, adding these recently:
 - o Creating sign-ups for Zoom meetings in Brightspace
 - o Using Panopto in subject sites
 - o Embedding files and links in Brightspace

Top 5 tips for the first few weeks working in Brightspace

- 1. Update your profile information
- 2. Send out your first announcement
- 3. Create your first Zoom meeting
- 4. Check your content visibility
- 5. Set up your discussion forum structure

For more detailed steps on how to do this, see <u>here</u>.

Further Support

As normal, please lodge any technical, tool or Brightspace migration issues <u>through</u> <u>Cherwell.</u>

Regards,

The LMS Project Team



Join one of our workshops to explore ways to prepare your subjects for teaching.

