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Phase 1 updates + more



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# Hi Colleagues,

It's exciting to see the first group of staff and students teaching and learning in Brightspace this session. Thank you to all involved in the Phase 1 rollout for your hard work and support. And, while most people will commence using the new LMS for the first time in Session 2/60, we're still committed to keeping you across any updates.

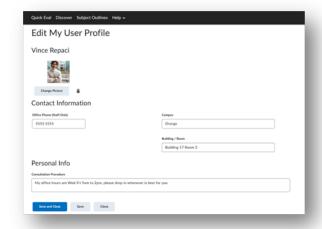
# **Key updates**

- More than 1,000 students across 57 subjects are now working in Brightspace, in our Phase 1 go-live.
- We will soon send regular updates to staff and students transitioning to Brightspace in Phase 2, encouraging training and offering support.
- Support channels remain unchanged, with additional web articles being added to the <u>Brightspace Help</u> site.
- LMS Training continues and is available for staff to <u>book via our LMS website</u> or catch up on recordings via our <u>Learning Resources web page</u>.

## **Updates to the Production Environment**

- Staff Profile Widget At the end of March we will add a Staff Profile widget to the homepage of each subject site in Brightspace, in consultation with Phase 1 Heads of School and convenors. The widget will be visible to students and will show the name and role of staff with a teaching role in the site. Any other information you add to your profile, such as your name, photo, office phone, location and consultation procedure will also be visible to students.
- To facilitate this, if you are currently teaching in Brightspace you should update your profile now and fill
  in the additional fields. For detailed steps on how to update your profile please <u>read our web article</u>
  here.





How the Staff Profile widget will appear to students (left) and the staff User Profile form with fields available to add (right)

- **My Grades Disclaimer** The My Grades student page has been updated to include a disclaimer. This disclaimer informs students that any marks viewed in their system aren't final until approved at Faculty Assessment Committee, in line with university assessment procedures.
- **Academic Integrity Pledge** The Academic Integrity Pledge, which students see when they submit assignments, now has updated wording to include information about generative AI.

## **Support**

Through to 26 April, Phase 1 of the Brightspace rollout is in hypercare support, providing additional services for any issues that arise.

As normal, please lodge any technical, tool or Brightspace migration issues through Cherwell. Should you have questions about content, updates or require assistance from a DLT Learning Resource Officer please log a service request here and make sure to click 'Brightspace'.

Kind regards,

## **The LMS Project Team**

