

Brightspace Monthly Newsletter



Welcome

Dear all,

We hope the semester is going well. In this newsletter, we highlight some information and recommendations that may be useful to enhance your students' engagement using Brightspace and its integrated tools.

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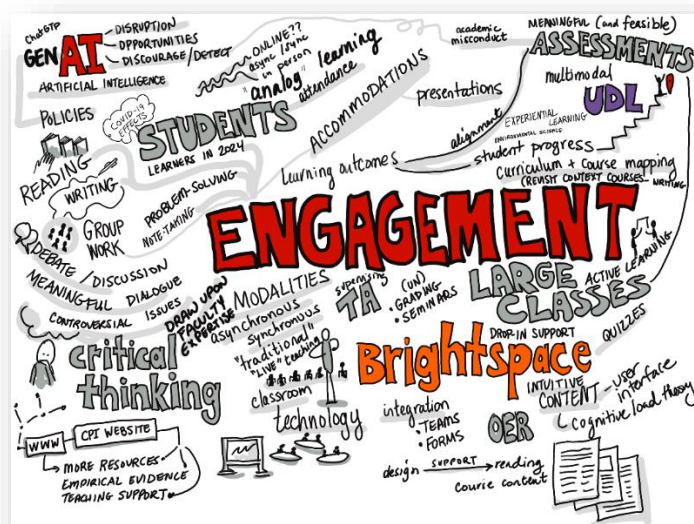


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Last chance to **backup or download any outstanding Sulis/ Moodle materials:**

- **Sulis: 31st October 2024.**
 - [How to transfer content from Sulis to Brightspace.](#)
 - [Quizzes tool - Download functionality](#)



BigBlueButton Recordings:

If your content on Sulis includes BigBlueButton recording links, make sure to copy and save any links you want to keep, as they will no longer be recoverable from Sulis after October 31st.

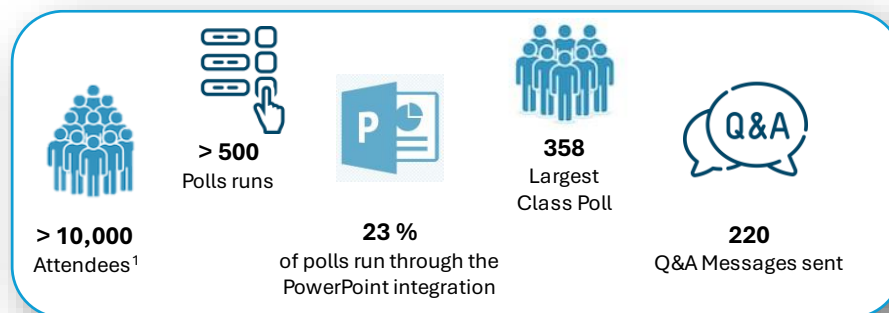
- **Moodle: 31st December 2024.**
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Statistics of usage of our new class engagement tool, Vevox, are looking great! By the end of Week 6, over 500 polls had been run with over 10,000 attendees¹, and 220 Q&A messages have been sent. The largest class a poll was run with was 358 students. 23% of the polls have been run through the integration in PowerPoint, while the rest were run through the app or the BrightSpace integration.



¹ Attendees are not individual students, but each time that a student sat in a session where a Vevox poll was run.

You are still on time to attend [Getting started with Vevox | Your guide to Unmissable Classes:](#)

Monday October 21st 2-2.55pm

Wednesday October 23rd 4-4.55pm

Friday 25th October 10-10.55am

[Register here](#)

Also, Vevox offers educational webinars on how you can use the best polling app to get the best engagement from your audience. To learn more, visit [Vevox Pedagogy Webinar Series in November](#).

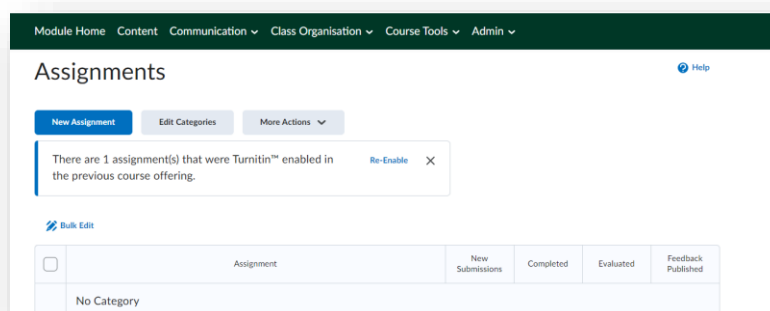
New accessibility tool: Ally



Anthology Ally was launched this semester. This integrated tool on Brightspace encourages staff to design and create more accessible content and embed UDL practices. Ally also allows staff and students to provide Brightspace content in alternative formats, e.g., mp3, ePub and immersive reader. An early adopters' group is currently piloting Ally, and each faculty now has a champion tasked with supporting Ally adoption within their faculty. It is planned that Ally will be available to all staff in early 2025. If you want to learn more, see [documentation for Ally in the Brightspace Knowledge Base](#). For further information, contact the Educational Assistive Technology Centre (EATC) [Thomas O'Shaughnessy](#).

Reminder: Imported Turnitin Assignments

When you import assignments with Turnitin enabled from another module, you'll need to manually re-enable Turnitin for the assignments. After the content is imported, you'll see a notification in the Assignments tool area prompting you to re-enable Turnitin. If you don't re-enable, Turnitin will not work for submissions, and it cannot be applied retroactively.



Support

- Those starting with Brightspace can visit [Brightspace Training](#) for recorded introduction videos and complete [Introduction to Brightspace for Instructors \(Brightspace 101\)](#), a self-paced course that will guide you through all you need to know to get started, and receive notifications from just in time announcements with user tips and technical updates.
- The [Staff Brightspace Knowledge Base](#) comprises over 500 'how to' articles and FAQs, and has a [dedicated section for students](#).
- [ITD TopDesk](#) is available for Brightspace queries of a technical nature, while Faculty Learning Technologists are providing extensive support from a pedagogical perspective. Also, live training sessions can be organised on demand for groups and departments across UL from the [Centre for Transformative Learning](#).