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## July issue

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A monthly newsletter for UCL E-Learning Champions in four sections: **Need To Know**, **Learning**, **What's on**, and **Tech Focus**. Please pass around and ask colleagues to subscribe via the link at the bottom.

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### Need to know

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## Moodle Snapshot and Summer Upgrade

At 17:00 on Friday 17 July 2015 Moodle will be made unavailable to allow the yearly snapshot copy to be created. Once the process is complete the snapshot will be made available for staff and students, this is expected to be completed by 17:00 on Saturday the 18 July 2015.

We will also be taking this opportunity to perform our yearly upgrade of the Moodle system as previously advertised. The live Moodle service will be returned to service no later than

10:00am on Wednesday the 22 July 2015, although it is expected that the upgrade will be returned to service earlier than this time. However we need to include an “at risk” time to account for a full restoration of the service if something was to fail with the planned upgrade.

For more information please see the [E-Learning Environments blog](#).

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## Vlog

Here in E-Learning Environments we have started out very own vlog (or video blog). It's a new way to show and tell about interesting or important things happening in ELE. We hope that it will be useful for people who struggle to read lots of text by delivering the content in a more engaging (and possibly entertaining) way!

[Watch it on YouTube](#) and comment about any future videos you'd like to see from ELE.

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Learning

Provost's Teaching Awards and  
Student Choice Teaching Awards 2014/15



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Awards!

[The winners are ...](#)

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## E-Learning Case Study

Using Learning Designer to enhance a module or programme



Sarah Warnes (Teaching Fellow) and Matt Smith (Learning Technologist) in the department of Management Science &

Innovation used the UCL Institute of Education web app Learning Designer to evaluate and redesign learning activities on Sarah's Understanding Management module.

[Learn more...](#)

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[Sign up to the UCL Teaching and Learning newsletter](#) to read news, features, practical information and a column by the Vice-Provost (Education).

## What's on (and what's gone...)

### ReadingLists@UCL training

Over the summer the Library's [Teaching & Learning Support team](#) are happy to set up [online reading lists](#) for new courses. They are running refresher sessions in how to use ReadingLists@UCL, or 'Getting started' sessions for new teaching staff. See the TLSS [blog](#) and poster for more information or you can [email TLSS](#) to book a session.

[Find out more about ReadingLists@UCL...](#)

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UCL Digital Literacies SIG: Digital literacies  
in UCL departments Tuesday, 21 July 2015  
from 12:00 to 14:00

The next UCL Digital Literacies SIG is open to all UCL staff and will be broken into 2 x 1 hour sessions. You are welcome to attend one or both parts. Please register, so we may provide a light lunch and refreshments.

### **Using Lynda.com with your students – 12-1pm**

Now that UCL has confirmed funding of [Lynda.com](http://Lynda.com) for a further two years (until at least 30 November 2017), the usage of Lynda.com within academic programmes is expected to increase significantly. A number of staff who have already been using [Lynda.com](http://Lynda.com) will speak about how they have used Lynda.com with their students and you will get an overview of how to use groups in Lynda to track student progress. [Find out more about Lynda.com...](#)

### **Digital literacies in UCL departments – 1-2pm**

Digital Literacies are UCL's chosen thematic element for the QAA Higher Education Review taking place in 2016. As part of this review, the QAA are looking to understand how digital skills and capabilities are embedded within the curriculum within academic disciplines. Steve Rowett and Moira Wright will tell us more about the QAA review and the consultation process and start to gather your feedback on good practice already taking place.

[Book your place...](#)

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Games, gamification and games-based learning SIG

Do you have an interest in games, gamification and games-based learning?

If so we would be really interested in hearing from you, we are looking to put together a special interest group at UCL around these areas. The aim of the SIG will be to encourage interaction and discussion on these topics and others, ranging from research on games and play to their implementation within teaching practice (plus hopefully have a bit of fun along the way).

Please join via our [Moodle page](#) if you are interested in taking part along and we will arrange an initial meeting of the group soon.

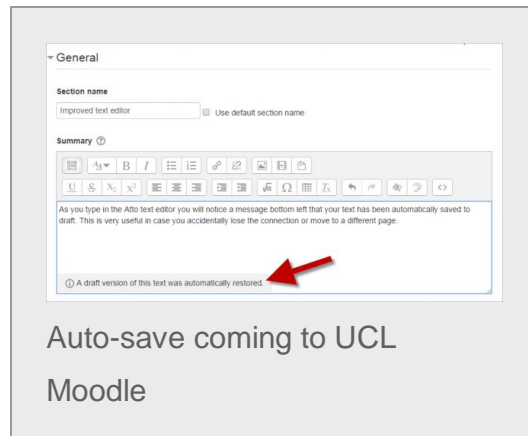
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## Tech focus

### Did you know...?

After the UCL Moodle summer upgrade **Moodle text editor areas will auto-save your text and images.**

This means if you navigate away from the page without saving, Moodle will automatically restore the content for you - although you can always undo this using the undo button in the text editor.



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