

## September 2013 Updates

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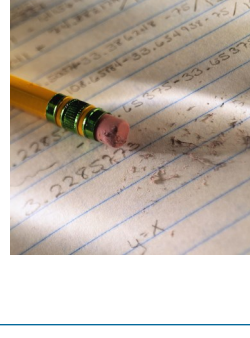
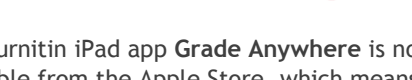
This monthly e-newsletter for UCL's E-Learning Champions will alert you to learning technology related developments and upcoming events. Please do forward this on to any of your colleagues who may also benefit. All E-Learning Champions have been subscribed to this list and you are welcome to invite others to subscribe for future newsletters using the link at the bottom of this page.

**Did you know?**

With the rollout of the new print@UCL system, students can now scan in their work and email it to themselves, so it can be submitted electronically via Moodle.

For those who use Turnitin's GradeMark to provide feedback, a coversheet containing at least 20 words will enable students to upload their hand-written work to the system – however, please note that Turnitin will not detect plagiarism in hand-written work.

[Find out more...](#)

**Introducing Grade Anywhere – the new Turnitin iPad app**

The Turnitin iPad app **Grade Anywhere** is now available from the Apple Store, which means for those who have iPads you can now mark students' work offline, and you have more choice about where you mark. Like the web version, the app provides Turnitin's suite of marking tools - bubble comments, QuickMarks, voice comments, rubrics, highlights, text comments, strike-throughs, grades, and the rest, along with originality reports, and the full sources of any matches.

[Find out more...](#)

**Future of Technology in Education (FOTE) 2013**

Friday, 11 October 2013

[Senate House](#), Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU and online

If you haven't secured tickets to this Technology in Education conference you can still [attend virtually](#).

[Find out more and register...](#)

**Don't forget to RESET your Moodle course**

The Portico enrolments for Moodle have been enabled, so it is important that you reset your Moodle course to remove last year's students before students for the coming year start using the activities. [Find out how to reset your course...](#)

**Lecturecast Media Import feature is now available upon request**

The Lecturecast media import feature is now available.

This feature allows staff to upload any videos they have created using other video recording tools into Lecturecast.

Some benefits of using Lecturecast, over systems like YouTube, is that you can see:

- How many students have viewed the video; and
- Which parts of the video students are focusing on - by looking at hot spots on the timeline.

To request access for your account, please [contact E-Learning Environments](#).

**Lecturecast booking reminder**

Please remember to book your lecturecast recordings as early as possible, via the online booking form. Given the large number of bookings, this will ensure the E-Learning Environments team has time to schedule them all, in time for the first week of teaching.

[Book your lecturecast recordings now...](#)

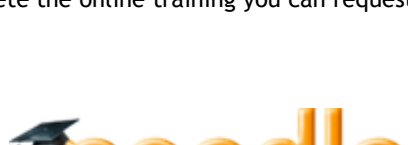
**Moodle category level access**

In order to understand how Moodle is being used across your department, we are asking all E-Learning Champions to consider requesting category level access to all Moodle courses within the department.

This involves two things:

- Completing a brief online training course within Moodle ['Administering your Moodle course'](#)
- Obtaining written permission from your HoD - emailed to [ele@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ele@ucl.ac.uk)

If you don't already have a Moodle test course to complete the online training you can request one from [ele@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ele@ucl.ac.uk)

**UCL Moodle Snapshot and Upgrade 2014**

The decision on which date to conduct the *2014 UCL Moodle snapshot and upgrade* was made after consulting over 60 course tutors and administrators.

The selected dates are **4 July 2014 > 9 July 2014**. This is the date range that has the least impact on those who responded to the survey.

The total period that students will be without ANY access to Moodle will be less than 24 hours (Friday evening > Saturday lunch time). This is the time taken for the team to create the Snapshot, which is then made immediately available.

The Snapshot is a complete copy of UCL Moodle and provides students with read-only access to ALL of the material they had prior to the snapshot being taken.

What the Snapshot **DOES NOT** provide is the ability for students to take part in activities, for example:-

- They cannot submit assignments (via Moodle or Turnitin);
- They cannot take quizzes;
- They cannot post new forum topics or replies.

After the Snapshot is made available there will be a period of time when UCL Moodle is unavailable to allow for the upgrade to take place. During this time students and staff can access the read only Moodle Snapshot instead. UCL Moodle will be available no later than 10 July 2014.

If the chosen date range does affect you in regard to Moodle usage that cannot be covered by the read-only Snapshot, e.g. an assignment submission date that cannot be altered, please contact [ele@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ele@ucl.ac.uk) and they will work with you to arrange an alternative solution.

By engaging staff at this early stage the E-Learning Environments team aim to minimise the impact of these activities.

**Wi-Fi for UCL Halls of Residence**

Network Services have been working closely with UCL Procurement to secure a three year deal on Wi-Fi equipment for Halls of Residence. A proof-of-concept has now been successfully completed using Aruba "face-plate" access points and roll-out to Halls commenced over the summer.

The solution provides a wireless access point in every student bedroom, replacing the current wired sockets. This offers a number of advantages over traditional access points, including guaranteed wireless coverage in each room regardless of building construction (i.e. thick walls!) and reduced installation time. The first Hall to receive wireless throughout is "New Hall" at Caledonian Road and if all goes well, the roll-out will continue over the next few years, until all 4000+ rooms are complete.

**E-Learning Case Study****Providing graphics skills through distance learning**

Professor Matthew Carmona explains why and how the Bartlett School of Planning set up the Urban Skills Portal, an online resource to help postgraduate students develop graphics skills prior to their arrival at UCL. [Find out more ...](#)

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**INDUCKtion for induction—a campus tour for students**

Between 18 September and 2 October students can complete a [Campus Tour](#) using their smart devices – either smart phones or tablets.

The tour uses UCL's wireless Internet access to hyperlink the campus. Students will scan a unique QR code (bar code) to load a mobile-friendly web page to draw attention to existing resources about that destination, share choice 'good to know' information and point out some interesting or helpful places nearby.

As well as providing orientation to a sometimes bewildering campus, the tour's main focus is students' comfort, convenience and support - so the tour includes information about refreshments, Internet access, water fountains, UCLU services, study resources and spaces, printing, available computers, recreation, walking and cycling, showers, emotional support - and more. The Tour is designed to help students connect, both technically and conceptually, with the campus.

Another activity is the Photo Challenges. Open to all, the Photo Challenges have in mind international taught post-graduate students in particular - who are often only at UCL for a year and have a huge amount to familiarise themselves with.

Social contact can sustain well-being, motivation and commitment to studies, so the daily Photo Challenges aims to bring students together over their duck (of the bathroom or origami variety). These will be surprising, amusing, and sociable.

The challenges will be [tweeted by @inducktion](#) between 20th and 29th September. Participating students will share them through a variety of channels and they will be aggregated at an online destination publicised via Twitter.

Together these activities are intended to help students feel at home with each other, familiar with UCL, and aware of the potential of the technologies in their pockets.

The Inducktion promotion campaign team hope that departments will help them promote it to their new students.

- You can find out more about the tour at <http://bit.ly/inducktion>
- On Twitter - for the Photo Challenges - we are [@inducktion](#)
- You can also email photos to [inducktionduck@gmail.com](mailto:inducktionduck@gmail.com)
- And you can find the ELE members on the [UCL Directory](#) – Mira Vogel and Janina Dewitz.

**INDUCKTION**

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