

THE STUDENT'S IDEAL VLE

| What the Student's Want | VLE Options | The Impact | Guides |
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| Access lectures via Skype. | Blackboard Collaborate (Virtual Classroom). | Improved accessibility, student able to attend live session online. | Creating a Collaborate Session and Content Item Link (http://www.eshare.edgehill.ac.uk/1499/) |
| An option to watch the lecture later. | Blackboard Collaborate (Virtual Classroom) - Archive | Assignment guidelines primary team dissertation guidance – equitable, resources students can return to. | Blackboard Collaborate On-Demand Guides and Resources (http://www.eshare.edgehill.ac.uk/1553/) |
| Make the mark available online. | My Grades / Grade Centre Tool. | Performance indicator, improved engagement. | Blackboard On-Demand video "Creating a Grade Rule" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/Bb91_evaluation_sending_notifications.htm) |
| A notification or an email would reduce the need to constantly check for updates. | Email Course Tool Link. | Email pop-up notifications on mobile device as soon as the message is received. | Blackboard On-Demand video "Sending an email" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_course_tools_sending_email.htm) This video is slightly out of date, the 'Early Warning System' has been replaced by the 'Retention Centre' in the same location. |
| Direct access to ebooks... | Persistent Links. | Connect users directly to the library database or article. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Creating a URL Link" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_course_content_create_URL.htm) |
| ...specific library catalogue for the specific course that you are on... | Persistent Link to module reading list. | Improves search options and the ability to find a resource quickly. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Creating a URL Link" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_course_content_create_URL.htm) |
| ...user interface that knows what you've read/need to read. | Set review status on files/items in the VLE to Enabled. | Student able to mark the item as Reviewed. If Review is Disable, no option will appear. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Enabling Review Status" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r9/movies/Bb9_Adaptive_Release_Enable_Review_Status.htm) |
| a clearer list of my tutors. | Contacts Tool Link. | Course menu contains a link to a list of tutors for the module and have a clear idea who they are. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Creating a Course Contact" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_utilities_create_course_contact.htm) |
| Group Creation tools allowing collaboration for coursework but keeping my group work private. | Discussion Boards, Creating Groups, Blogs and Journals, Creating Course Tasks. | Student are encouraged to work collaboratively. | Blackboard On-Demand Videos "Communication and Collaborating Tools" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r9/communicate.htm) |
| forums to chat with people from the same course. | Discussion Board Forum. | Forums provide a way of organising group discussions around a topic or threads. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Creating a Forum" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_discussion_board_create_forum.htm) |
| due dates of any assignments in a calendar. | Calendar Tool Link. | Creating a Course Calendar tool link will allow students to be informed of assignments and due dates for all their modules. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Creating a Tool Link" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_course_content_create_tool_link.htm) |
| More tests, maybe through multiple choice | Choice of Test Types (BB Tool: Tests, Surveys and Pools) | Monitor/assess student acquired knowledge and understanding. | Blackboard On-Demand Video "Creating a Test" (http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_est_surveys_creating_test.htm) |

TIPS TRICKS & IDEAS

| Some things you can do... | Guides |
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| Set Time Parameters on Announcements | http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_tools_creating_announcements.htm |
| Enable Discussion Forum Subscription | http://www.eshare.edgehill.ac.uk/2531/ http://www.eshare.edgehill.ac.uk/3689/ |
| Format Your 'Items' | |
| Preview Your Course with Add Test Student | http://www.eshare.edgehill.ac.uk/1050/ |
| Monitor Student Activity with the Performance Dashboard | http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_evaluation_performance_dashboard.htm |
| Keep in touch with the Retention Centre | |
| Filter Grade Book information with Smart Views | http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_grade_center_create_smart_views.htm |
| Run 'Course Reports' to analyse usage stats | http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_reporting_reporting_on_overall_summary_of_user_activity.htm http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_reporting_turning_on_tracking_for_content_item.htm |
| Build a Mobile Friendly Course | http://www.eshare.edgehill.ac.uk/1372/ |