Moodle refresh: Summer 23

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The Moodle refresh is driven by **accessibility** and **usability**.

Moodle will be upgraded to the latest stable version.

The look-and-feel of Moodle will change.

Improvements have been made to various existing tools.

**ETA: July 28th**
The following work will be carried out on Moodle:

1. the annual rollover and archiving process – ahead of the new academic year
2. an upgrade from our current version of Moodle to 4.1 - the latest stable version
3. the replacement of the theme – aligning the look and feel of Moodle with other University services
The intended outcomes of the work are to make it easier:

1. for learners to engage with online course content
2. for learners to see what is needed for them to complete a course
3. for editors to build, deliver and manage course content
Improvements

Look and feel

- Theme
- Simplified navigation
- Editing

Tools

- Simplified adding of topics
- Notifications
- Timed assignments
- Question Bank
- Gradebook
New theme
SS1001 Academic Integrity: Avoiding Plagiarism & Using Turnitin

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.... and how to use Turnitin

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Theme

- Aligned with other University services
- White space
- Improved fonts
- Graphical & textual progress indicators
Icons

- Larger & clearer
- Increased white space
- Colour-coded by theme
Accessibility

• The most accessible version of Moodle yet
• Accessibility toolbar
• Font size
• Low & high contrast modes
• Dyslexic-friendly font
Simplified navigation
Course Index

- Can be collapsed or expanded
- Provides overview of a course at a glance
- Can be used to navigate & edit courses
- Shows completion status clearly

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Block drawer

- Right hand side of course page
- Can be collapsed or expanded
- Important blocks can be dragged to main content area of a course (RePlay)
**Tabbed menus**

- Consistently positioned
- Context sensitive
- Organised to present most commonly used tools
- Easy to find what you need

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**Course editing menu**

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**Quiz editing menu**

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**Forum editing menu**
Editing
Editing tools

Editing on/off lozenge
- clear and large
- consistent placement

Drag-and-drop menu
- alternative means of moving topics/content
- allows editors to quickly rearrange course
Editing tools cont.

New editing toolbar

• produces cleaner content (code)
• easier for screen readers to

Notifications

• automatic notification of new content
• helps learners
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