# Upgrading to the Q4 2017 release from the Q2 2016 release?

# Share the good news with your students.

**Email subject line suggestions:**

* New additions to Blackboard Learn
* We’re upgrading Blackboard Learn
* Blackboard Learn updates: what it means for you
* New Blackboard Learn features for your courses
* You’re going to love this new version of Learn

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Dear student,

We’re excited to announce we’re updating Blackboard Learn on [insert date]. The updated version will provide exciting new features and enhancements that simplify many of your everyday tasks and offer a better mobile experience.

Here are some of the highlights of this new version: *(Note: we suggest highlighting 3-5 things that you feel your students will be most excited about, see below for a sample list)*

1. **New look & feel.** You’ll love the new, modern look and feel that enhances the overall experience. *NOTE: Delete this bullet if your institution is not activating the Learn 2016 Theme during this upgrade.*
2. **Improved mobile experience.** Look for the new hamburger icon that makes navigating Learn on your mobile device even easier; plus, many tools are now mobile-friendly including blogs, journals and discussion boards.
3. **Drag and Drop content.** Getting your content into your Blackboard courses is now just a matter of dragging and dropping. This functionality works in the content editor, blogs, journals, and portfolios.
4. **Discussion board “Replies to me.”** Keeping up with discussion posts is simpler with unread replies to your own posts called out for you.
5. **Dropbox integration.** Now you can upload files directly from Dropbox into your course.
6. **Submission receipts.** Keeping track of student assignments is simpler as now instructors and students have a submission record including date, time and a copy of the attachment.
7. **Web conferencing tools for groups.** Now when you’re doing group work, you will find it much easier to communicate remotely with the addition of web conferencing tools including live video, chat, content sharing and whiteboarding. *NOTE: Delete this bullet if your institution does not license Collaborate.*

**More information.**

Attached, please find a feature guide that provides detailed information on all the updates. *(note: you will find this resource in the Communication & Adoption toolkit on help.blackboard.com – you can customize it for your institution)* Additionally, Blackboard offers a [website](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student) designed specifically for students that you may find useful.

If you have any questions about the latest updates, please feel free to reach out.

Regards,

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