# Upgrading to the Q2 2018 release from the Q4 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: Wait until you see what’s coming
* New features for your Blackboard courses
* You’re going to love these new features in Blackboard

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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. **Get audio and video feedback from your instructors.** Your instructors will now be able to send you personalized audio and video feedback recordings for more meaningful feedback on your work.
2. **Connect with your cloud storage solution of choice** – Uploading content to your courses just got easier. You can now upload documents directly from your favorite cloud storage solution: OneDrive, OneDrive for Business, Google Drive including G suite accounts, Dropbox, or Box.
3. **Clear multiple-choice selection** – Do your instructors ever associate negative points with incorrect multiple-choice answers? If so, you’ll now be able to clear a selection from multiple-choice questions if you’re uncertain of the answer and don’t want to risk losing points.
4. **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, Discussion Boards, Tests and Learning Modules. *NOTE: The mobile optimization of Blogs, Journals, Discussion Boards, Tests and Learning Modules require the Learn 2016 theme. Delete if you’ve not downloaded the theme.*
5. **More “Drag and Drop.”** Now you can drag and drop content in more places:the content editor, blogs, journals, and portfolios.
6. **Discussion board “Replies to me.”** Keeping up with discussion posts is simpler with unread replies to your own posts called out for you.
7. **Web conferencing tools for groups.** When doing group work, you’ll 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, you may want to check out Blackboard’s [website](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student) designed specifically for students.

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

Regards,

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