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The future of online learning

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Halton's Newsletter - Issue 3

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely summer break!

If you would like to contact the team regarding anything in this newsletter or for support and advice for any aspect of the Learning Platform then please use the following email addresses;

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Please circulate this newsletter as widely as possible

Preparing for Life…

Migration of your Platform to Life

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the migration of the current learning platform over to Life will not be working the way it was intended. Only resources such as Word, PDF, PowerPoint's and other uploaded documents can be migrated across form the old platform to Life. Therefore we are advising all schools to start afresh and copy any needed contents across once Life has been set up for your school. We will help you in the development of your Learning Platform and will provide further information and guidance on our training days.

We can provide you with a statistical spreadsheet indicating the number of subgroups which are currently being used within your Learning Platform. We will highlight the subgroups which are infrequently accessed, or ones which never been accessed. This will then allow you to make an informed decision about the structure of your new Learning Platform.

With this in mind UniServity Life provides a sub site (sub group) group creation wizard which allows you to create a number of subgroups in one go. After in-depth testing of UniServity Life we have found that starting afresh is a more efficient way of working and gives the school the opportunity to promote a new Learning Platform to the learners and staff.

Is your schools SIMS data up-to-date?

Life will use the information in your MIS system (SIMS) to create all the user accounts for ***Life***. Therefore it's worth checking the data and asking the following questions: Are there staff in the system that have now left the school? Are there any duplicate entries? Have name changes been updated if necessary? Are all classes up-to-date?

Your Governing Body may not currently be on the system. If you add them now, then they will also get accounts created for them in ***Life***.

Life in Halton - Rollout

Signing up to a Phase

Each school has been given the opportunity to sign up to a phase which corresponds with the schools readiness to move over to Life. We have a few remaining places left on phase 2 (autumn/spring) and phase 3 (spring/summer). **If you have not already booked onto a phase please contact the learning platform team to book a place to ensure a smooth transition of platforms.**

Once you have signed up to a phase group dates will be distributed via email for the different training days.

This newsletter is also available online from www.haltonlearning.org.uk

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Read more about *Life* at the UniServity website;

www.uniservity.com

Training Dates and Workshops

Secondary and Phase 1 Primary Schools are requested to indicate which training groups they wish to be part of, **please note if you select group 1 for the first days training you will automatically be placed in group 1 for the second days training.**

Secondary schools:	Primary Phase 1:
Training Day 1 – Introduction Admin and Super User Training Group 1 – Monday 19th September or Group 2 – Wednesday 21st September	**Training Day 1 – Introduction Admin and Super User Training** Group 1 – Monday 26th September Fully Booked Group 2 – Wednesday 28th September Fully Booked Group 3 – Monday 3rd October Group 4 – Wednesday 5th October Group 5 – Monday 10th October Group 6 – Wednesday 12th October
Training Day 2 – Continuation of teacher training Group 1 – Monday 17th October or Group 2 – Wednesday 19th October	**Training Day 2 – Continuation of teacher training** Group 1 – Monday 7th November Fully Booked Group 2 – Wednesday 9th November Fully Booked Group 3 – Monday 14th November Group 4 – Wednesday 16th November Group 5 – Monday 21st November Group 6 – Wednesday 23rd November

Additional Workshops/drop in sessions:

Primary Phase 2 and 3 schools (original learning platform training):

27th September – New user training/drop in session
13th October – New user training/drop in session

Primary Phase 3 schools (original learning platform training):

22nd November – Preparing for Life Learning Platform
24th November – Preparing for Life Learning Platform

To book a place on any of the forthcoming courses please contact Georgina or Helen.

Halton's Life Learning Platform…

All schools will have access to Halton's current Learning Platform whilst the content is transferred across to the Life Learning Platform.

Why not take a peek at our Life platform by visiting www.thelifecloud.net/las/Halton