

## MyAberdeen Enhancements – January 2023

### Improvements to Messages

Messages can now be sent to users by course role. Staff can send messages to all course members, all course coordinators, all students, or selected users. Students can only send to all course coordinators or selected users.

### Anonymous Grading

Staff can now view grades on the Submission page before they post grades. Student anonymity is still preserved until the grades are posted. To edit a grade, staff can open the attempt.

### Essay Question Model Answer

Staff can include a model answer (see Figure 1) for essay questions which they can see this when grading. Students can see the model answer when reviewing their results if the test is configured to show correct answers. Students do not see the model answer when they take a test.

The screenshot shows a quiz question titled "Question 1" with a value of "10 points". Below the title is a text input field containing the question: "What are your thoughts on NASA's mission to Mars?". Below the input field is a section titled "Example of a correct response" which contains a detailed paragraph about Mars exploration. The paragraph discusses the history of Mars exploration, from the 1940s to the present, mentioning various missions, proposals, and the current state of research. It includes references to NASA, Russia, Boeing, SpaceX, and the Moon. The text is formatted with blue links for key terms and concepts. At the bottom right of the section are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Save".

Question 1 10 points

What are your thoughts on NASA's mission to Mars?

Example of a correct response

The idea of sending humans to [Mars](#) has been the subject of [aerospace engineering](#) and scientific studies since the late 1940s as part of the broader [exploration of Mars](#). Some have also considered exploring the [Martian moons](#) of [Phobos](#) and [Deimos](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Long-term proposals have included [sending settlers](#) and [terraforming the planet](#). Proposals for [human missions to Mars](#) came from e.g. [NASA](#), [Russia](#), [Boeing](#), and [SpaceX](#). As of 2022, only robotic [landers](#) and [rovers](#) have been on Mars. The farthest humans have been beyond Earth is the [Moon](#). Conceptual proposals for missions that would involve [human explorers](#) started in the early 1950s, with planned missions typically being stated as taking place between 10 and 30 years from the time they are drafted.<sup>[2]</sup> The [list of crewed Mars mission plans](#) shows the various mission proposals that have been put forth by multiple organizations and [space agencies](#) in this field of [space exploration](#). The plans for these crews have varied—from scientific expeditions, in which a small group (between two and eight [astronauts](#)) would visit Mars for a period of a few weeks or more, to a continuous presence (e.g. through [research stations](#), [colonization](#), or other continuous habitation).<sup>[citation needed]</sup> By 2020, virtual visits to Mars, using [haptic technologies](#), had also been proposed.<sup>[3]</sup> Meanwhile, the unmanned [exploration of Mars](#) has been a goal of national space programs for decades, and was first achieved in 1965 with the [Mariner 4 flyby](#). Human missions to Mars have been part of [science fiction](#) since the 1880s, and more broadly, [in fiction](#), Mars is a frequent target of exploration and settlement in books, graphic novels, and [films](#). The concept of a [Martian](#) as something living on Mars is part of the fiction.

Cancel Save

Figure 1 Model answer

### Grade History

Non-posted grades are now included in Grade History which can be found by selecting the download icon within the Gradebook.

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## Test Question and Page Randomisation

Staff can now enable randomisation when the test has text blocks, files, or images. The non-question elements are locked in place. The test randomises questions between those non-question elements. Staff can also randomise questions in a test that contains page breaks (See Figure 2). Questions randomise within their assigned page. If a page contains non-question elements, the questions randomise between those elements. When there are pages for the test, staff can also randomise page order. If staff randomise the page order, they can also lock the first page into position.

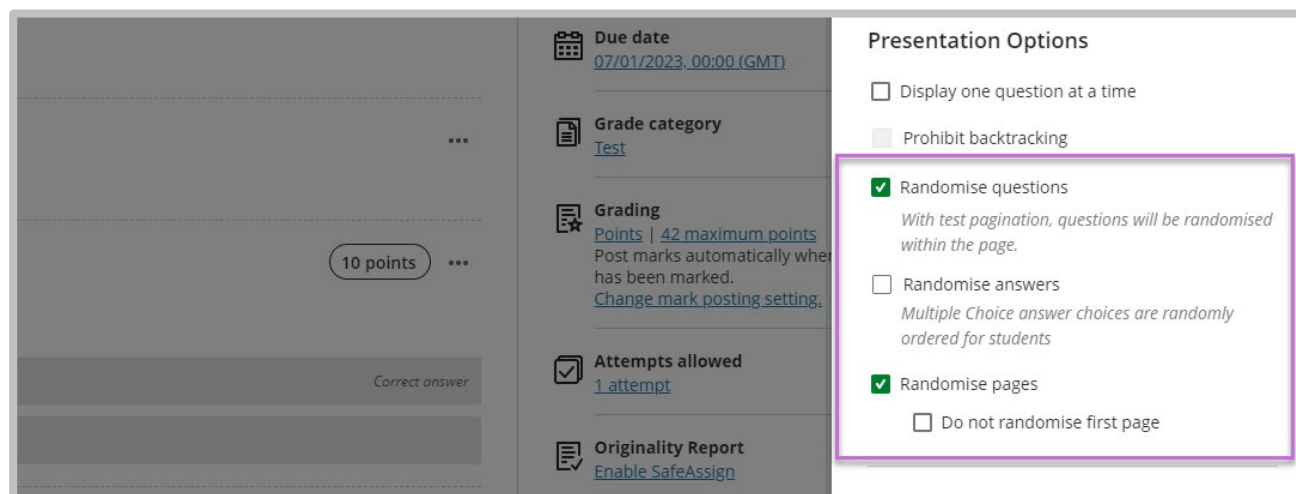


Figure 2 Randomise options

## Group Submissions

Group Submissions now show columns in the submission view for Student Status and Grading Status. Staff can now also filter by student and grading status (See Figure 3).

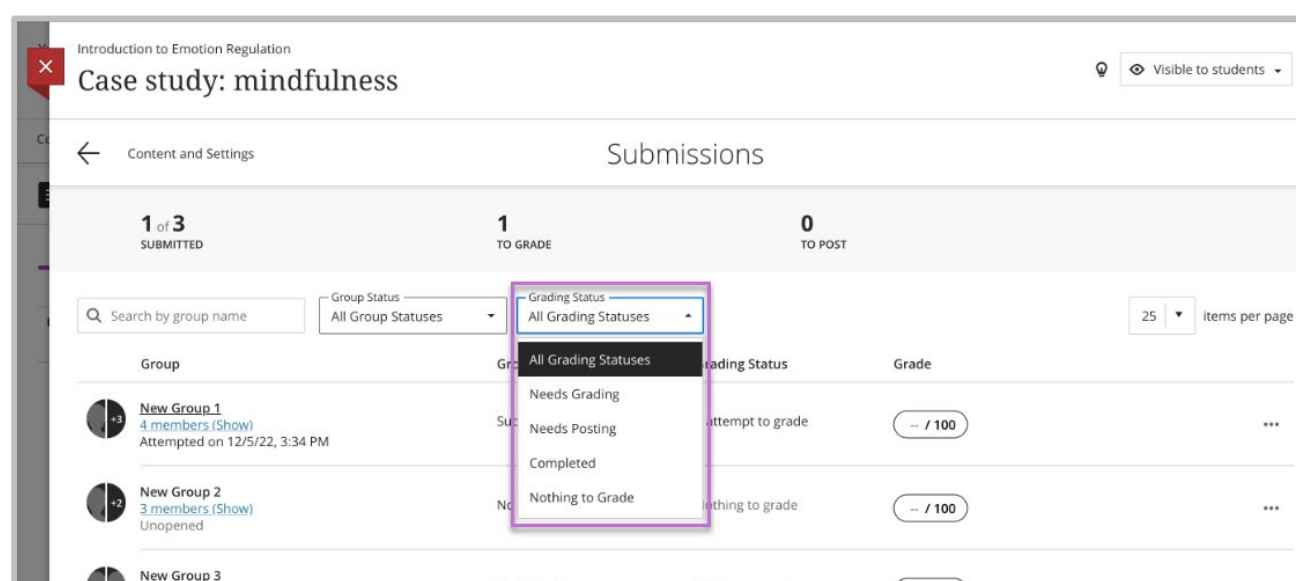


Figure 3 Filter by grading status

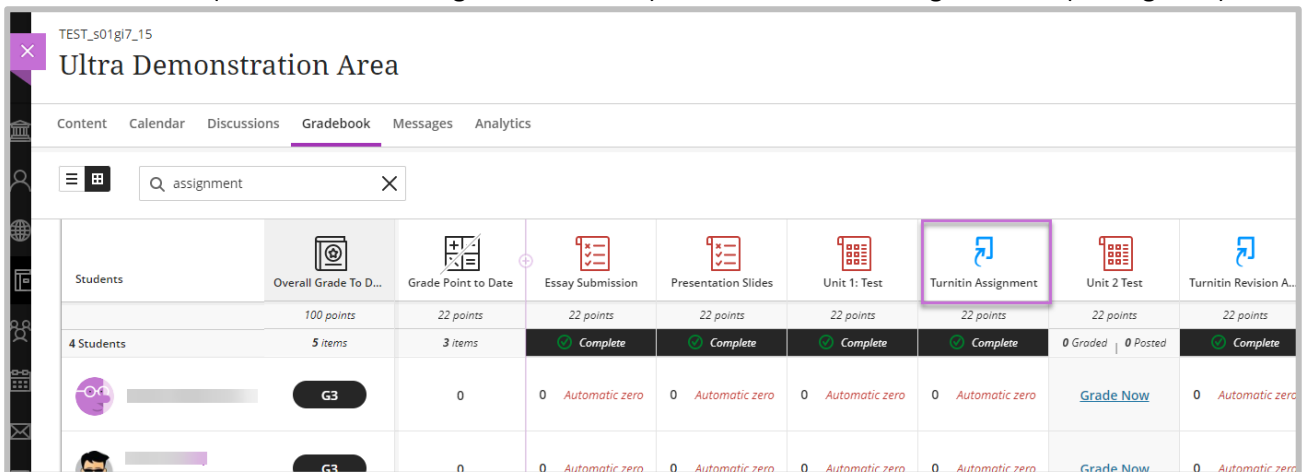
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## Bb Annotate: Create categories inside the content library

Staff can now organise comments into categories. Existing comments will be part of a general comments category until staff move them to a new one.

## Turnitin Icon in the GradeBook

The Turnitin icon (and icons for other graded LTI items) are now shown in the gradebook (See Figure 4).



Students	Overall Grade To D...	Grade Point to Date	Essay Submission	Presentation Slides	Unit 1: Test	Turnitin Assignment	Unit 2 Test	Turnitin Revision A...
	100 points	22 points	22 points	22 points	22 points	22 points	22 points	22 points
4 Students	5 items	3 items	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	0 Graded   0 Posted	Complete
	G3	0	0 Automatic zero	0 Automatic zero	0 Automatic zero	0 Automatic zero	Grade Now	0 Automatic zero
	G3	0	0 Automatic zero	0 Automatic zero	0 Automatic zero	0 Automatic zero	Grade Now	0 Automatic zero

Figure 4 Turnitin icon in the Gradebook

## Graded Discussions – No Activity After Due Date

Staff can now select an option to lock a graded discussion after the due date has passed. When selected, students can't create, reply to, or edit posts after the due date. Students with a due date accommodation can continue to create, reply to, and edit posts after the due date.

## Mobile View

Users can now collapse the Course Coordinators and the Details & Actions sections when viewing on a mobile device.

## Collaborate

Blackboard Collaborate is now known as Class Collaborate, still the same product, just under new ownership (see Figure 5).

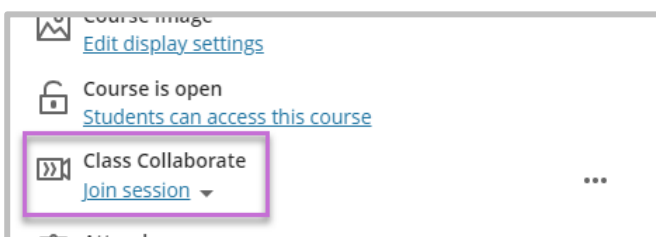


Figure 5 Class Collaborate in the Details and Actions menu