Introduction to blackboard

As you know Blackboard is very widely used throughout the university as a platform to host module: lectures, guides, class work and lecturer communications. As well as this blackboard hosts: Careers information, support service information and a variety of other essential services. Therefore getting students familiar with the site as quickly as possible Is imperative to the success of new students.

The key areas to showcase to students are:

- How to access their notifications and announcements
- Where to view their list of modules
- From specific module pages: module guide, lecture content, classwork, assessment information, staff information.
- Where to view graded work

As a peer leader you may wish to carry out a variety of activities to facilitate students getting familiar with the blackboard system. Some ideas include:

- Using the projector at the front of the room to talk through and showcase key functions.
- Encourage students to download the app then demonstrate the key functions whilst allowing them to test out and play around with blackboard on their smartphone.
- Demonstrating the use of blackboard, then using a quiz or game to assess the students understanding, follow up action can be taken as necessary.
  o A quick 10 questions to identify problem areas
  o Asking a student to come up and try to find something on blackboard
  o Throw a ball and the catcher answers a question