

# More Effective Moodle Use

## Introduction to Moodle

### What is Moodle?

**Moodle is a learning platform which provides web-based support for courses and programmes by bringing together a range of resources and tools in one location that is available at any time and from any place via the internet.**

### What is Moodle at LSE

- Moodle is available to all LSE teaching staff and students
- To get started, log into <https://moodle.lse.ac.uk>.
- If the course is already on Moodle, you can start teaching with it right away; just contact LTI or the course editor to get access.
- If the course isn't on Moodle yet, you can request the creation of the course; contact us and we will create the course for you.

Many courses at LSE provide additional online support through this platform.

Some courses will have a range of features such as online discussions and quizzes, RSS feeds to interesting sites and blogs, video lectures and the facility to submit assignments online.

### Using Moodle in Teaching and Learning

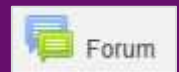
Moodle is more than just a repository for course materials. It enables a range of learning activities than can increase student engagement with the subject. For example...

*"Using anonymous features on a discussion forum encourages students to respond to questions or with questions"*

*It saves you (and your colleagues) repeating yourself on email*

*Questions and answers can be built up and reused over cohorts".*

#### Forums for online discussion



Can be used to get students to engage with seminar topics before the class or to hold debates that can continue online after class is over.

## Quizzes



Online tests to monitor students' progress, or for students to test themselves

*"Results from quizzes can be used to inform class or lecture content with time devoted to questions that were answered incorrectly"*

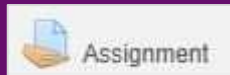
*"Using Moodle assignments gives you control over deadlines, provides a record of student submissions and allows for plagiarism checking"*

## Wikis



Allow students to work collaboratively on documents, wherever they are, and at any time.

## Assignments



Allow students to submit work online, and assign grades and comments.



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## Want to find out more?

There are plenty of options to get help with using Moodle:

- Check out our other guides on using Moodle
- Go to our blog ([@blogs.lse.ac.uk/lti](https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lti)) to find useful information and links to resources
- Whether you are completely new to Moodle or already a proficient user, come and attend LTI's workshops. More information on LSE's training system



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