Enhancing courses

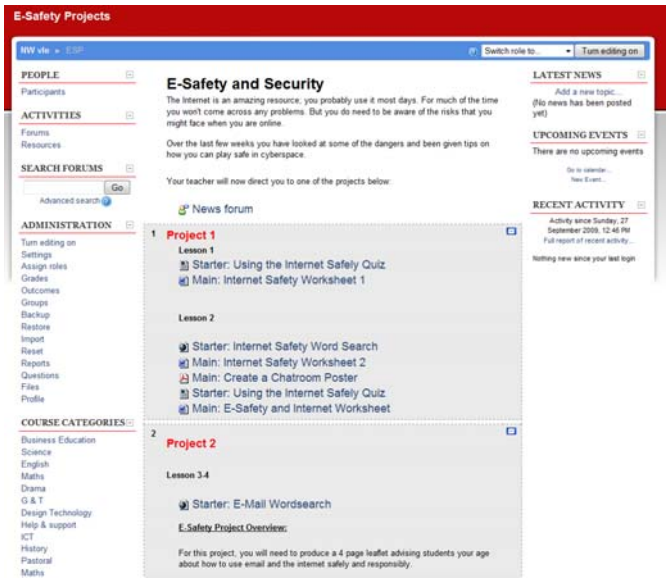
Finally, if you're confident in adding resources and activities, you need to move onto actually enhancing your courses.

This section helps you improve the presentation of courses to make them more attention grabbing and interesting for students.

A basic Moodle course does actually look a bit grim ☹

However, Moodle is **extremely** flexible so you can easily upload images, add in multimedia (such as videos, animations or learning quizzes) and change the look of the whole thing.

Make sure **editing** is turned **on** and experiment with some of the following suggestions:



Try removing some of the blocks on the right and left – click on the small red cross. [They can always be added again using the 'blocks' drop-down]	Use images to break up your text. Add images using the 'Add resource' > 'Insert label' option. Images & graphics are essential.
Make use of different sized text and colour. Experiment to see how different text and colours can bring a course alive.	Make even more use of labels – add additional text or even just use them to space elements out further.

Add Web 2.0 multimedia – a huge variety of options here – google maps, scribd.com presentations – most aspects of Web 2.0 can be embedded	Add games and quizzes using your ContentGenerator.net software – generate the Flash (.swf) file and upload it to your course.

Go to YouTube.com and search for '**What can Moodle do for you?**' – watch the video by the MoodleFairy, showcasing how she uses a variety of activities to enthuse and engage students.

There are many websites that can offer additional help and guidance.

Try the following for ideas:

www.moodle.org	*the official Moodle site*
www.moodleblog.org	*excellent Moodle blog full of suggestions*
www.effectiveICT.co.uk	*my own site with a forum to post and share ideas*

Moodle drop-in sessions every Wednesday after school.

No pressure, but come along for some help and support – or just come along to spend some time updating your online materials.