

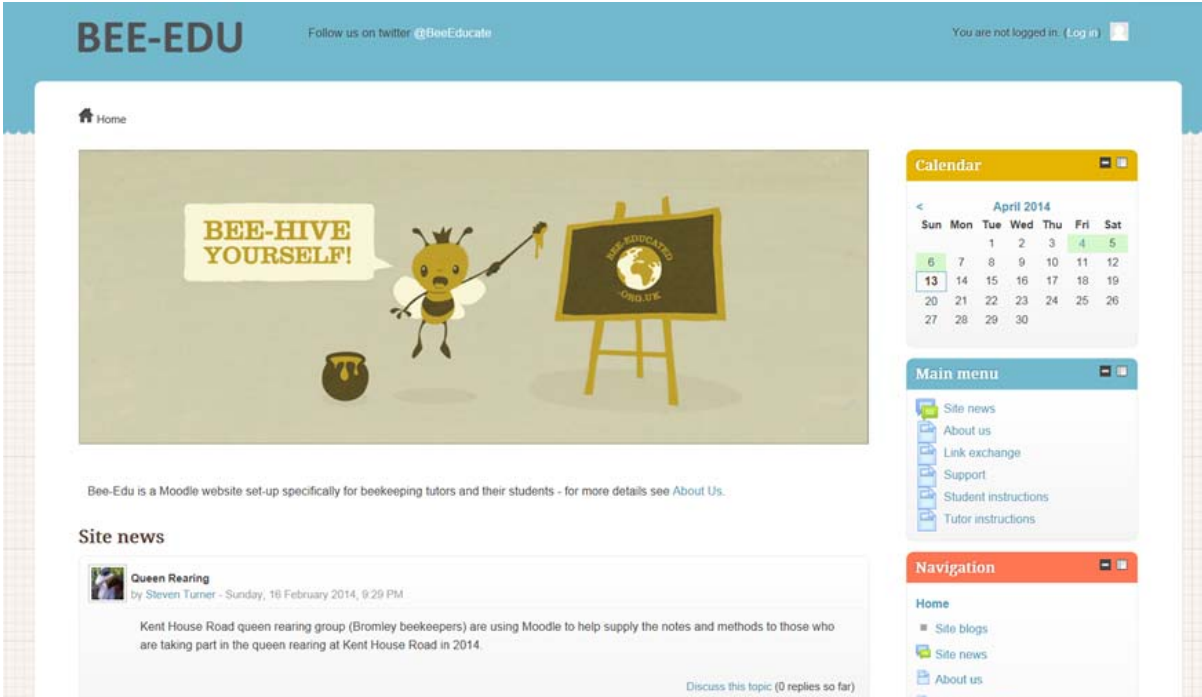
# An example of how a beekeeping tutor could use Moodle

## Background

Bee-Edu is a Moodle website set-up specifically for beekeeping tutors and their students.

## What is Moodle?

Moodle is a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which makes it easy for tutors to provide online support for their course. It provides a central space on the web where students can access a set of tools and resources at all times.



The screenshot shows the Moodle website for Bee-Edu. The header features the site name 'BEE-EDU' in large blue letters, a Twitter link '@BeeEducate', and a login status 'You are not logged in (Log in)'. Below the header is a 'Home' button. The main content area features a large illustration of a bee character pointing to a chalkboard that says 'BEE-HIVE YOURSELF!' and a globe logo. Below the illustration is a short paragraph: 'Bee-Edu is a Moodle website set-up specifically for beekeeping tutors and their students - for more details see About Us.' To the right of the main content are three widgets: a 'Calendar' for April 2014, a 'Main menu' with links for Site news, About us, Link exchange, Support, Student instructions, and Tutor instructions, and a 'Navigation' widget with links for Home, Site blogs, Site news, and About us. Below the main content is a 'Site news' section with a post titled 'Queen Rearing' by Steven Turner, dated Sunday, 16 February 2014, 9:29 PM. The post text reads: 'Kent House Road queen rearing group (Bromley beekeepers) are using Moodle to help supply the notes and methods to those who are taking part in the queen rearing at Kent House Road in 2014.' There is a 'Discuss this topic (0 replies so far)' link at the bottom of the post.

## Scenario

- You are running a six week beekeeping course which is mostly in the apiary.
- Each session is hands-on beekeeping lasting about two hours.
- Your trainees need to know the theory behind the teaching but there isn't time to cover this in much detail in the apiary.

## **Solution**

Students can access your learning materials using your customised Moodle course using Bee-Edu.

No need to re-write the beekeeping books or plagiarise other peoples learning materials.

Keep things simple:

- Make bullet points and then provide website links for further reading.
- Create a forum for your students to converse in a protected environment.
- Send out course/date reminders from within Moodle to active students.
- Extend support and encourage your students when the course ends by answering their queries and questions for the next season.
- Add beekeeping events to your course calendar and keep old and new students informed.
- Students are given the course enrolment key and instructions how to access your Moodle course.

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