Command Line Cheat Sheet

Where am I?

`pwd`   = present working directory

Moving about?

`ls`   = List files in directory
`ls -l`= long listing format

`cd`   = change directory
e.g. `cd Documents`

NB. tab key autocompletes file and directory names
e.g. `cd Doc<press tab>`

Useful shortcuts:
`cd ~` = change to home directory
`cd ..`= change to directory above
`cd -` = change back to last location

Creating or removing files/directories

`mkdir`   = make directory
e.g. `mkdir RUBBISH`

`rmdir`   = remove directory
e.g. `rmdir RUBBISH`

`rm`   = remove file
e.g. `rm rubbish.txt`

Move/Rename files

`mv`   = move file/directory
e.g.
`mv file.txt <new location>`

NB. Also used to rename e.g.
`mv oldname.txt newname.txt`

Copy files/directories

`cp`   = copy file e.g.
`cp file.txt file_v2.txt`

`cp -r`= copy directory AND contents e.g.
`cp -r Documents Documents_v2`

Other tips to make life easier…

Copy & paste:

Select text using mouse = copy highlighted text
Right or central click to paste.

NB. Ctl+c/Ctl+v won't work on command line.
(Ctl+c means cancel/abort)

`less` = view file contents without editing e.g.
`less file.txt`
Scroll using arrows, type `q` to quit/exit

Edit files?

At any time, remember that you can view/edit files as normal using your favourite text editor and file explorer.