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Dates for your diary

Year 2&3 GP Teachers' Workshop 11th May, Engineers' Hse Clifton, Bristol

In this workshop we will be addressing teaching clinical skills, formative assessment and how to teach students self care. Our guest speakers are Tricia Thorpe from TLHP and Dr. Andrew Tresidder from Somerset. To book email melanie.stodell@bristol.ac.uk

Summer Education Day, 25th June, Engineers' Hse Clifton, Bristol

This year we will focus on consultation skills. More information will be emailed to you soon.

Bristol Happiness Lecture – Chris Johnstone

Tuesday May 18th 7–10pm, at St Georges Concert Hall, Great George Street, Bristol BS1 5RR

Tickets from St. George's, Tel: 0845 40 24 001 or www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk/event.php?pid=862

Exciting changes for the academic year 2010-11

You may remember that the GMC inspected Bristol Medical School last year. The GMC inspectors were impressed with Primary Care teaching but recommended that there should be a **longer GP attachment** and also **GP teaching in Year 5**. Most medical schools in the UK offer GP teaching in year 5. We are pleased to tell you that we have the go ahead to make these changes for 2010-11

Year 4

From September 2010 we are planning that the majority of students will have a **single 4-week GP placement** in year 4. The COMP2 unit is to be reduced overall from 10 weeks to 9 weeks by reducing the amount of time spent in lectures centrally. The total number of GP sessions will stay at 30 and there will be academy based small group teaching spread across the whole unit.

Year 5

From next academic year, students will take their final exams before Christmas and then have a new 12 week course called '**Preparing for Professional Practice**'. The students will spend their whole time from January to April in one Academy. Within this time students will go **in pairs** to a single general practice for two weeks. This will enable them to learn from each other, i.e. consulting with their colleague observing.

We envisage the two weeks running in a similar way to the current COMP2 fortnights with a combination of observing clinics, own consultations, tutorials and logbooks. There may be some half or whole days when they return to their Academy for central teaching. The curriculum will concentrate on areas particularly relevant just before qualification such as:

- Prescribing and Therapeutics
- Advanced Consultation Skills (such as Telephone Triage)
- Written Communications between Primary and Secondary Care
- Chronic Disease management

This change means that **all students will have 6 weeks in General Practice**, 2 weeks more than previously. We are hoping that practices will take on teaching one or two Year 5 placements in addition to their existing Year 4 teaching. We will ensure that practices do not have Year 4 and Year 5 students at the same time.

Hopefully you feel as excited as we do to teach medical students just before they become doctors.

Further details will be circulated shortly. You may also want to discuss this with your local GP Academy Lead, or Sian.Johnson@bristol.ac.uk (Year 4 lead) or David.Memel@bristol.ac.uk (Year 5 lead).

From the Teaching Office

In May we will be sending you recruitment letters for teaching students in the academic year 2010-11. The letters will be addressed to the contact person for the relevant teaching. Please make sure that you pass the recruitment letter to all doctors in your practice who are interested in teaching.

Please update us if there have been any changes to your contact details