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Thoughts for the new academic year

from Prof. Trevor Thompson, Head of Primary Care teaching

What did we do before Covid? Every darn conversation seems focused through the prism of coronavirus. For instance, C19 occupied the whole agenda of our top level "Academy Management Group" meeting last week. And while as GPs, we are at least in our practices, all central university workers remain firmly ensconced at home. Which is why, for me at least, it is something of a relief to have the students back for the new term. Read more on p2

Can you help? We need more GPs to teach year 5 students

Year 5 Teaching dates

- A 6th January 2021—29th January 2021
- B 2nd February 2021—26th February 2021
- C 1st March 2021—26th March 2021

Please note, Year 5 teaching does not clash with year 4 teaching as year 5 students will have 'Cluster based teaching' outside the practice on Wednesdays



A big thank you

Year 3

Ciaran and Simon would like to thank all our year 3 teachers for their enthusiasm and positivity in getting GP3 up and running. Our first session (22nd September) saw 270 students join more than 40 practices across the southwest for their first experience of an entirely online GP placement. **A huge thank you to all involved!**

Year 4

Barbara and Kimberly would like to thank all the year 4 GP teachers for taking on the new year 4 course and making the new blended delivery model work.

At the recent academy/zoom session for the whole year, we asked students what they had done so far in the first 2½ GP4 Wednesdays. Here are their answers!

63% have carried out their own consultation
71% have done phlebotomy

And 69% liked 'drug if the week'

This is amazing, **thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm.**

Could you help with year 5 electives in the spring? More on p2

Want to develop your teaching career? Could this **free TLHP course** be for you?
Early booking recommended. More on p3

More mentors for medical students needed. Can you help? more on p3

Interested in sustainable healthcare? More on p3

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Prof. Thompson's thoughts for the new academic year continued

The multiple wheels of the CAPC teaching machine are whirring back into action. GP3 returns for its second iteration – entirely online for now. GP4 starts too, a new "longitudinal integrated clerkship" with weekly placement in PC. Because of the more pressing need for direct clinical exposure, GP4 is a blend of f2f and distance learning. Both GP3 and GP4 are enhanced with "remote consulting" via AccuRx. There was a hearty gathering online last week for GP1 and GP2 teachers starting later in the Autumn.

A small solace amid the catastrophe is that somehow, by sheer force of will, the Primary Care teaching community has managed to create a coherent response. Students are canny enough to see the effort going down. This in an email I received this week for instance:

There were some juicy cases and some real learning about the ambiguities of patient presentation – these will sure come in handy. It really is great that we can still access GP teaching in these strange times. Your efforts are not in vain!

Thank you hanging in there with us. Despite the dire predictions of some, teacher recruitment has been steady. We hope to be releasing some potent new resources to help your efforts. One such is original takes from the "Doctors Behind Closed Doors" Ch 5 series (i.e. not the TV edits) – served up with teaching resources. The image and sound quality is next level.



One small cloud. We have plans to have GP5 running as a nine-week block in 2021-2022. You'd have a pair of students who could potentially become a genuine asset to the practice – akin to an F1 or F2 trainee. But the medical school worries about recruitment. If you are considering teaching GP5 this year (4 week block) and haven't yet signed up, please do. We need further evidence of an appetite out there for the more traditional, small-cohort, apprentice model.

Good luck with your many and various teaching activities this term. As our student says – your efforts are not in vain!

Year 5 elective offers for spring 21 please

Due to the pandemic, students will not be able to go abroad for their electives in spring 21. We are working on creating primary care electives for Bristol fifth year students and are hoping that you might be able to help.

The electives run from **26th of April to 4th of June**. Elective placements can be of varying length from 2-6 weeks, could be done in more than one practice, e.g. an inner city and a rural practice, or could be combined with a CAPC project with the research or teaching team. Students could also undertake a project for your practice. Do you have a project or work that would improve patient care but nobody had the time to tackle? Could a student help?

We are looking into funding and more information will be available shortly. In the meantime, please email phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk if you have a project or can offer a placement.

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Collect TLHP credits

A **free short course** open to GPs who teach Bristol medical students

The TLHP programme (**Teaching and Learning for Health Professionals**) is offering a free short course online from November 2020. It will run four times across the academic year. The content has been amended to meet good practice requirements for a blended learning environment. The learning outcomes remain the same as the taught course previously offered.

It is available for colleagues who are involved in teaching University of Bristol Health Science undergraduate students and who might not have a University appointment with access to other programmes on offer to support teacher development for University employees. The scope of participants' involvement in teaching might range from formal taught sessions to less formal workplace based teaching, preferably a combination of both and should be significant enough to allow an application of course material to practice. Completion of all 4 is not essential but does provide 10 credits towards the PG Certificate offered by TLHP. Participants may elect to undertake only the sessions that are the most relevant for them.

Information about the course structure and timetable of dates is available here: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/tlhp/courses/fmed/>

Professional Mentors

Still recruiting new Professional Mentors for our Year 1 students who start on 5 Oct. We are expecting 280 new students and do not quite have enough new mentors yet.

It is expected that mentors will see their students three times a year. Many GPs are already mentors in this scheme.

If you would like to know more, please email Chris Cooper at chris.cooper@bristol.ac.uk

Bonus: academic mentors can have Associate Status at the University.

CSH sustainable healthcare courses - online

Mon 5 Oct (1500-1900) - Introduction to Sustainable Healthcare
Thu 15 Oct (0945-1415) - Sustainable Quality Improvement
The 22 Oct (1000-1400) - Carbon Foot printing for Healthcare
Wed 11 Nov (0900-1300) - Introduction to Sustainable Healthcare

Details at <https://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/courses>

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