

# Newsletter 7/10



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## From the Teaching Office



Please remember to let us know what teaching you would like to do in the coming academic year and return your recruitment forms as soon as possible. Thank you to everybody who has sent them

## Primary Care is having a baby

Melanie Stodell, our lead teaching administrator, is going on maternity leave on 6<sup>th</sup> August. We will miss her greatly but are delighted to announce that we have recruited an excellent locum, Kimberley Wooster. Kimberley has been working within the university for the last year. Before that she was responsible for despatching OFSTED inspectors to schools. When she starts her new job in Primary Care she will face the formidable challenge of matching students with GP teachers for all the attachments in the new academic year - it won't be long before you hear from Kimberly.



## Date for your diary - Teaching workshop 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – 'Pick and mix'

The September workshop will have a new format. In previous years it was aimed at Year 1 teachers. This year we are offering a menu of sessions suitable for all GP Teachers from Year 1 to Year 5 and you can choose which ones best suit your learning needs.

- Louise Younie will be running sessions for Year 1 GP Teachers
- Sian Johnson and Andrew Blythe will be running sessions on teaching clinical practical skills
- Trevor Thompson Evidence Based Medicine in practice
- David Memel on the new Year 5 GP teaching starting in January 2011

The workshop will begin with a Masterclass on **Advanced Consultation Skills** led by **Professor Paul Kinnersley** from the University of Cardiff. This session was originally scheduled for the cancelled Summer Education Day.

Please put this date in your diary. Application forms for this workshop will be circulated soon. We look forward to finding out how you like our new 'pick and mix' workshop.

## Need a book for the beach? J. Groopman 'How doctors think'

Here is a book that offers useful insight into why doctors make mistakes. Groopman likens diagnosing in Primary Care to watching a train go by and trying to identify one particular face. A challenging task which GPs carry out under considerable time pressures. This can lead to a variety of cognitive errors – the wrong type of thinking. Here are some pitfalls in thinking to be aware of - the 3 'A's' - and helpful tips how to avoid them.

- **Availability**  
Tendency to judge likelihood of an event by the ease with which relevant examples come to mind
- **Anchoring**  
Shortcut in thinking where a person doesn't consider multiple possibilities but quickly and firmly latches on to a single one
- **Attribution error**  
For example when patients fit a negative stereotype

PS: Serious topic but an easy read, so probably beach worthy.....?

Have you read any books relevant to teaching or being a GP lately? Please tell us your 'beach reads'

## 'Untitled' by Megan Fileman

A sculpture showing how difficult it can be to empathise with somebody who is very different from ourselves

<http://www.outofourheads.net/oooh/>

The site for student creative work –  
An original idea by **Trevor Thompson**

