

Newsletter 11/10



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Your Primary Care Teaching Office is moving 29th November (ish) to



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We do not have the new telephone numbers yet as they depend on desk allocation. They will be in the December newsletter. Our email addresses will stay the same.

From the teaching office - Xmas term dates

- * The last day of term for all years is Friday 17th December.
- * Years 1 and 2 start again on 14th January.
- * Years 3, 4 and 5 start again on 4th January.



Year 5 info from David Memel

Many thanks to all of you who have agreed to teach on this course. If you are teaching in January we will send you the names and dates for your students at the beginning of December. We are currently finalising the handbook. It will go out in early December so that you can start planning your timetable for the students.

Having a 4th year student for 4 weeks instead of 2

For a long time we have sent students in Year 4 on two GP attachments, each two weeks long. When the GMC inspected the Medical School last year it suggested that we made the attachments longer so that students might get an opportunity to follow up patients. It wasn't possible for us to secure more time for Primary Care in Year 4 so our solution has been to send most students to one practice for all 4 weeks in Year 4. At the same time we have created space for a new GP attachment in Year 5 for all students. Initial feedback from teachers and students on the 4 week attachment is very encouraging.

Imogen Batterham, a GP in Bath, writes

"We have just had our first 4 week attachment, albeit with a really outstanding student. It is MUCH better having the student for 4 weeks. We were really able to consolidate the learning processes, get to know each other with time to address things that needed looking at. The student was able to follow through several patients and see their problems and management evolve. It made us all realise just how short 2 weeks were how 2 weeks into the 4 we had hardly got going. So we are very supportive of the 4 week attachment."

Sustainable Medicine for Year 2 students from Trevor Thompson

This term has seen the launch of new SSC in "Sustainable Medicine" for Year 2 students. This covers health related aspects of climate change, peak oil, sustainable building design, food, procurement, changing behaviours and the centrality of relationship in all things sustainable. It focuses on "virtuous cycles" - the observation that things good for the environment are also good for health. If you think you might have a particularly contribution to make to this course please contact Trevor Thompson trevor.thompson@bristol.ac.uk



Honorary Clinical Teacher Scheme

Still time to apply this year

In recognition of our GP Teachers' commitment to undergraduate teaching we have the *Honorary Clinical Teacher Scheme*. This honorary position entitles the holder to a Bristol University email address and access to all of the University's library facilities, including e-journals. There is a certificate for display in GPs' surgeries and of course the kudos of official University recognition. Honorary status implies that the person is undertaking a regular minimum teaching commitment and complying with all eligibility criteria. Please email the teaching office for more information and the application form. We process applications once a year. The deadline for this year is 31.12.10