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Teaching Newsletter

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Changes to our teaching support team

Welcome back to **Melanie Stodell** who is back from maternity leave and will be in charge of years 3, 4 and 5. **Liz Moore** will be looking after years 1 and 2. **Stephanie Burke** will manage SSCs and provide support for the other years. Jacqui Gregory is still on maternity leave.

2011-12 workshop dates for your diary

Workshop for Year 1 and WPC tutors 27.9.11, 9.30-13.00 and lunch, Engineers' House.

Year 5 15th Nov. 11

Year 4 28th Feb. 12

Year 2 & 3 17th April 12

All workshops will be at the Engineers' House, Clifton, Bristol.
Programmes and booking information nearer the time

GP teachers supervising SSCs

SSC stands for 'student selected component'. These are timetabled pieces of work students work on independently, guided by their supervisor. If students choose a GP topic they may approach a GP teacher to be their supervisor. We have a small fund to pay for GPs supervising SSCs. **It is essential that you consult Primary Care first before agreeing to supervise a student's SSC project.** If payment has not been agreed in advance of you agreeing to be the supervisor we will not be able to pay. If a student asks you to supervise an SSC project and you would like to take it on, please email phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk

Changes to undergraduate exams from Andrew Blythe

One of my recurring nightmares is that I am about to sit Finals and haven't done any revision. So I empathise with our Final year students who have to sit an increasing number of exams. At present each university in the UK that has a medical school is given autonomy to set and mark its own set of Finals. In the USA it is different; there is a national licensing exam there. At Bristol students have to sit 2 written papers (consisting of extended matching questions), an objective structured clinical examination, a data interpretation exam and a series of observed long cases. Soon our students will have to sit some extra exams: a Prescribing Skills Assessment and a Situational Judgement Test (SJT). These new exams are being run nationally by the Medical School Council. The Prescribing Skills Assessment has been created to improve the prescribing skills of Foundation Doctors. The Situational Judgement Test will be used to rank students for their application to be Foundation Doctors. General Practice has been using SJTs for some time to select doctors for Vocational Training. And before that, the FBI was using SJTs to select its agents. Where the USA leads, we follow!

Student and teacher GP guidebooks

We are sorry to tell you that we won't be able to print guidebooks this year. The University has put in place a directive that all guidebooks should be distributed in electronic format from this academic year onwards. Apologies for any inconvenience.