

# Happy Easter

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## Teaching Newsletter

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### New Teachers' workshop 2-5pm 15th May 2015 registration 1.30pm, Canynge Hall, BS8 2PS

Thinking about taking medical students for the first time in the next academic year? Done a bit of student teaching but not for a while and would like a refresher? Not sure whether you can definitely take students in 2015-16 but would like to find out more about student teaching? This workshop is for you. We will give an overview of Primary Care teaching opportunities in the Bristol undergraduate curriculum and practice some teaching skills including effective feedback giving. Expect some role play! We will provide you with a certificate and reflective template for your GP portfolio. To book your place email [phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk)

### From Kate Digby our new GP lead for the Swindon Academy

After graduating from Cardiff University back in 2002 I have enjoyed a varied career to date. Initially working my way through various medical specialities, I finally decided that General Practice was the career for me. I finished my GP training in 2010 and have been working as a salaried and locum GP around the Swindon and Cirencester area. I have been lucky enough to enjoy a career break when my husband was offered a 2 year assignment to Madrid – we moved our young family out to Spain and I immersed myself in the Spanish culture and became fluent in Spanish.



I have always enjoyed keeping my knowledge up to date and sharing what I know with others. As a hospital doctor I regularly helped with bedside teaching and mock assessments for the MRCP clinical exams. As GP Tutor for Swindon Education Trust I organised and ran educational events for established GPs and GP trainees. For one day a week I am involved in training doctors to be GPs in Swindon, in my role as a Training Programme Director with the local GP Education team.

I am very enthusiastic about my new role as GP Lead for the Academy in Swindon. I am keen to promote General Practice as a career choice to the students who come to us on placements. I am looking forward to working with local practitioners who kindly give up their time to teach the medical students. I am hoping to be able to dovetail my undergraduate and postgraduate primary care teaching roles to enhance GP education in both. I particularly enjoy working with hospital and GP colleagues to deliver high quality education and pastoral care for GP trainees and medical students alike. I am very much looking forward to developing my role over the coming months and seeing where it takes me!

### Update from the University of Bristol GP Society by Zoe Bush, Chair, 4th year student

It has been an exciting and busy few months for the University of Bristol GP Society. 2 successful events before Christmas - Speed Networking in November and a joint event with Bristol Med Chi in December. The new year began with GPSoc Chair, Zoe Bush, being invited down to Exeter Medical School to speak about our society, and offer advice on starting up a GPSoc. The committee were also kindly invited to attend the RCGP Severn Faculty meeting in February, as well as being asked to speak at a conference for sixth form students interested in applying for medicine and becoming GPs. In March we received the highest number yet of applications for our elective bursaries. To top it all off, we hosted our 3rd annual conference for medical students and foundation doctors "GPs of the Future". A wonderful morning was had by all, ending with a brilliant key note speech from Dr Helen Stokes-Lampard, the Honorary Treasurer of the RCGP. We were delighted that medical students from Cardiff and Birmingham attended as well as Bristol ones and are very pleased to now be able to call it a national conference.

It has been a really successful year for Bristol GPSoc, and we're already starting to think about events for next year. For those interested in being on the committee for 2015-16, our AGM is taking place on Sunday 10th May (venue TBC). We'll see you there!



From all of us in Primary Care