

February		March		April	
19 th	Novice Teaching (S)	5 th	Novice Teaching (S)	18 th	Intermediate Teaching (S) - Anatomy and blocks
21 st	Intermediate Teaching (S) - obstetrics	6 th	EMSA Faculty Day Post-FRCA Teaching (S) - Anaesthetic Specialties	23 rd	Novice Teaching (S)
23 rd	Novice Teaching (S)	14 th	CoreTeaching (S) Intermediate Teaching (S) - paediatrics EMSA ICM Teaching	25 th	Intermediate Teaching (S) - Pain
26 th	Novice Teaching (S)	20 th	Novice Teaching (S)	27 th	Novice IAC Testing Day (S)
27 th	Core Teaching (S)				
28 th	Intermediate Teaching (S) - SAQ practice				

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WHAT'S ON? IN THIS ISSUE

...to keep you in touch with developments within the School

School News

Following Ralph Leighton's appointment as Head of School, Nicky Hickman has taken on the role of TPD for Higher trainees, whilst Tanuja Shah and Katherine Ingram have taken on the role of core TPDs. ICM has undergone a change of oversight, Andrew Sharman is now TPD and RA.

Reflecting

The recent Bawa-Garba case has created anxiety amongst trainees. The content of the case is of relevance to all. Our professional and guiding bodies have released statements, and guidance on the use of reflection.

- ◆ [Conference of postgraduate medical deans of the United Kingdom \(COPMED\)](#)
- ◆ [RCOA response to the high court decision](#)
- ◆ [GMC response \(in the BMJ\)](#)

Study leave - call for underspend applications

EMGAT bid for some of the curriculum Study Leave underspend to fund an eALS course for trainees. The bid was unsuccessful in a very competitive round (>£1m bids for £400k funding available). There is likely to be a similar round in the summer – do you have an idea that EMGAT could submit on behalf of trainees? Let one of the committee know.

Bits and bytes

Work is underway to test the new communications system, which will take over some of Moodle's functions. This is based on Microsoft Groups, and uses Office 365. The new system will give trainees access to an online version of Word, Excel and PowerPoint, along with group messaging tools, and facilities for file sharing, a document library and quiz function. This is being piloted with ST6 trainees in the near future before a wider rollout. If you are an ST6 and haven't had further details, contact Dr Hickman.

Welfare - the buddying system

There is an active buddying system, coordinated in the South by Yavor Metodiev. Intermediate and higher trainees can volunteer to be a buddy for novices. A friendly face, someone to ask the questions you wouldn't feel able to ask the consultant, and someone that has been through the exams more recently. For more information about buddying, see [here](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Talk to your rep or email:

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- intermediaterep@emgat.org.uk
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EMGAT News

Many of the EMGAT committee will be moving on soon. Most recently, Jenny Briggs has reached CCT and been appointed as a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care. Many congratulations to Jenny, and a huge thank you for her hard work on the buddying and mentoring scheme. We thank Yavor Metodiev for taking this role forward.

We will have other roles vacant later in the year and look forward to welcoming new members eager to help represent trainee views in the region.

We are currently preparing to work with the school board on a few issues

- ◆ Standardised module requirements
- ◆ Training feedback survey – to recognise excellent trainers
- ◆ Moodle – Office 365 transition