



DENTSOC NEWSLETTER



WELCOME - What an amazing start it has been to 2018. I have a feeling this is going to be a super successful year for everyone at our Dental Institute. A warm welcome back to the DentSoc Newsletter. This is a juicy issue for you, filled with lots of exciting updates.

A new dawn is approaching for DentSoc as the leadership elections for the next President are already here – I can hardly believe how fast the time has gone! As I look on my time so far as President, I feel very accomplished given that this E-Newsletter was one of my many manifesto promises, and with thanks to a superb DentSoc Committee team, including the new position I created of Newsletter Editor (assumed by the brilliant James Coughlan) we have made it into a reality.

Yours,
Ali Nasser
DentSoc President



EVENTS

DENTAL BEER RACE

WHERE: THE GRIFF INN
WHEN: FRI 2nd MARCH

A pub crawl? For charity? Why didn't anyone tell us! Don your best fancy dress (there's no theme) and prepare yourself for a cracking night out starting at the Griff and ending at Drapers!

THE LONDON HOSPITAL DENTAL CLUB ACM

WHERE: BEARSTED (RLDH)
WHEN: FRI/SAT 23rd/24th FEB

Two days of interesting, informative and free lectures from our Alumni Association. The theme this year is 'aesthetic dentistry' - come along to hear world renowned experts in the field!

DENTAL DINNER

WHERE: GIBSON HALL
WHEN: FRI 16th MARCH

The annual event, this year featuring a masquerade ball theme, will be taking place at Gibson Hall! Its promises to be a night of revelry and surprises...



Midway Dinner!



Oral Health Promotion Day!



Kings vs Barts T-Shirt Party!



INTERNAL NEWS - There's a lot to keep you updated on in Whitechapel, so here's a brief guide:

Firstly **student elections** are here! Along with BLSA positions, DentSoc president and vice-president positions will also be contested. If you want to make a change and contribute - do consider running. Nominations close on Wednesday 14th Feb and voting opens on Monday 5th March.

Some **staff changes** - we bid Dr Guy Lambourn a fond farewell - he will be sorely missed by students and we wish him all the best for the future.

A familiar face to many students already, Karlien Odofo will now be working as a radiography tutor after moving from deputy superintendent radiographer at the dental hospital, meaning fewer cancelled radiography sessions. After the departure of Dr. Wendy Turner, Dr. Jason Niggli has been appointed Head of Undergraduate Programmes and Dr. Jason Berry has been appointed Head of Student Support. Finally, we'd like to congratulate Debra Chow in BDS3 for organising the hugely successful **Oral Health Promotion Day at SLG** (see above), raising awareness of both the importance of oral health and of the undergraduate clinic there.



CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS -

Another newsletter, more student success - here is a round up of what's been happening!

Congratulations to Arefeh Ahmadifard for being published in the BDJ! Her article "Hall technique: the treatment of choice?", beat stiff competition to win the the Dentalks competition. For a chance to read her piece, see page 24, Volume 224 No.1 of the BDJ!

Khaleda Zaheer, a final year student, spent her Christmas holidays in Nepal carrying out dental research with the Jevaia Foundation, in collaboration with the University of California. The research was looking at oral health beliefs



and attitudes in rural villages, and the link between child malnutrition and dental decay. Patients were also examined and treated at the dental camp!

Finally, applications and nominations for the Tooth Wise and Dental Roots Dental Student Awards (The Future of Dentistry Awards) are now open! If you think you, or someone you know is worthy, apply here: futuredentistryawards.com



CHARITIES - As dental students continue raising money for their skydive, our charities focus shifts onto RAG Week (also known as Charities Week).

Taking place between 26th February and 2nd March, this year Barts and The London is supporting three

deserving charities; The Barts Guild, Street Doctors and Rape Crisis.

RAG WEEK

Barts and The London has always raised more than any other medical school, and we want to make sure we keep that title!

With some students raising money through RAG raids around the streets of London, and other students fleeing as far as they can in Jailbreak, there is plenty to get involved in! If you'd rather contribute by attending an event, theres Take Me Out in the infamous Laird Hall and the RAG Dance and Fashion show. Keep your eyes peeled for updates!

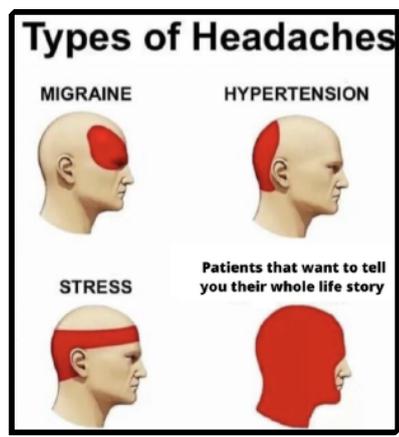


It has been a very exciting term at Dentalks' headquarters. We broke in the new year with our event on "How to Build Your Portfolio", which even had some Kings students in attendance - a pleasant and welcomed change!

Our very own staff president, Dr Ali Nankali, also led a very informative and interesting session on Posture and Positioning which had a great turnout. Our second clinical photography session was back due to popular demand and gave the students the opportunity to practise a skill that is becoming quite critical in clinical dentistry. This session marked the end of our munch and learn session for this academic year, which have been a great success.

We hope that they have enriched the curriculum in one form or another and that all those in attendance learnt something new!

Make sure to check our social media platforms to stay updated with any new events coming up in the term!



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