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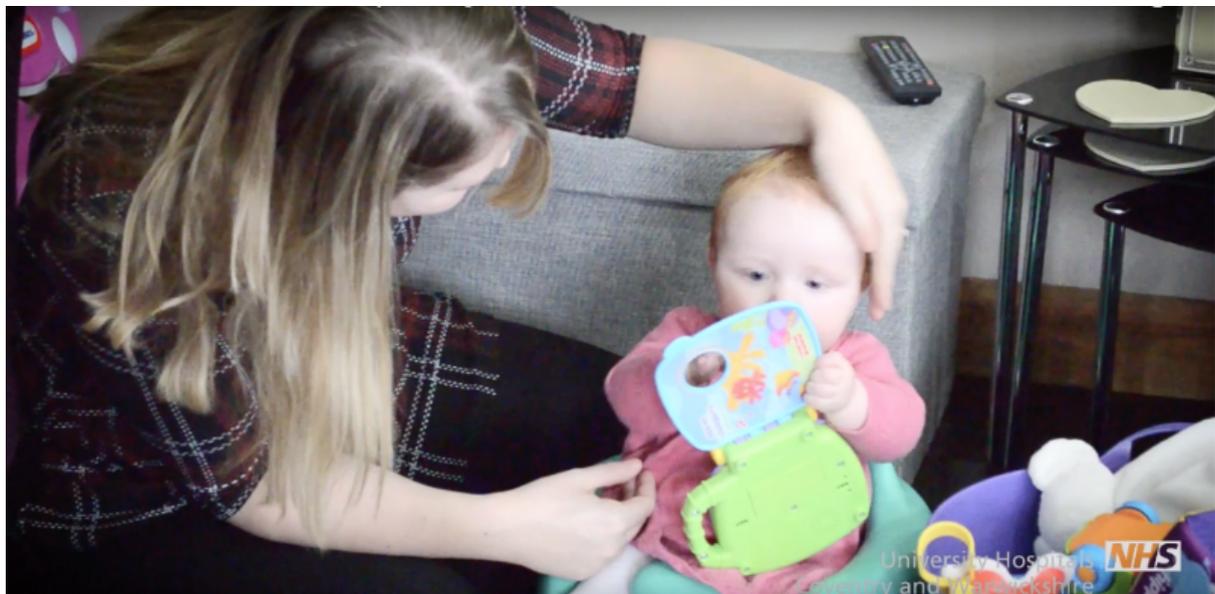


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Welcome to the first Alumni Newsletter of 2016. Here at WMS we had a very lovely Christmas period, and we hope you did too. May the New Year bring you happiness and success.

Now whilst Christmas is but a distant memory, we still have a lot to get excited about! Read more to hear about what has been going on at the medical school we hope you hold a soft spot for in your heart.

Tommy's miscarriage research centre to benefit from WMS expertise



This miscarriage research centre will help patients like new mum Nicola from Nuneaton who suffered the heartbreak of losing three pregnancies in just 18 months. However after taking part in a trial led by **Warwick Medical School's Professor Siobhan Quenby** and her team based at University Hospital, they were able to give her hope. The research trial tested a new medication which could help her to have a healthy pregnancy.

Remember what WMS looked like in your day?

We're sure you remember what your prospectus looked like. Well how about having a look at the latest version?

We've recently vamped up our prospectus and have some brand new promotional videos about the course. Fancy taking a stroll down memory lane? Take a look at our brand new, student focused [MB ChB prospectus](#) and [videos](#) now.

What do you think?



Biking for Breasts

Dr James Gill, who is a teaching fellow at the University of Warwick, held a **2000km** virtual cycling marathon to raise **£10,000** for state-of-the-art medical training equipment back in October.

This training equipment is state of the art equipment which is designed to help improve knowledge of breast cancer. In order to raise money for this important cause, students and staff alike were encouraged to come down to the piazza and have a go on the bikes!

Dr Gill said: "By training junior doctors, and medical students, earlier in their careers about recognising the signs of breast cancer, there is the greater opportunity to catch cases sooner and maybe save a patient's life."

To read more about the story, click [here](#). His **JustGiving** page, where you can see how much he raised and donate money yourself can be found [here](#).



The Picture of Health: Exploring the Future of Medicine



For those of you who missed The Festival of the Imagination, you can watch our Exploring the Future of Medicine event video now and catch up on this very interesting debate!

As the University celebrated its 50th birthday last year, we thought it only fitting to join in the

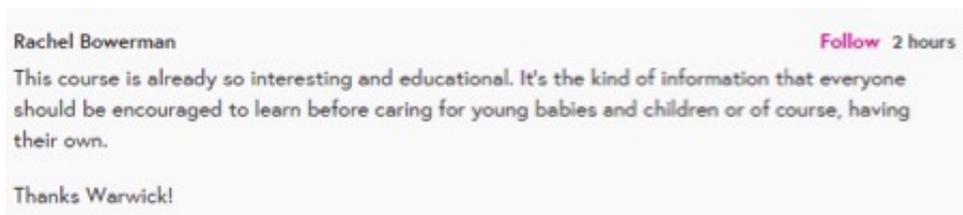
celebrations at the Festival of the Imagination and explore what the next 50 years of medicine could hold for doctors and patients alike. 'The Picture of Health: Exploring the Future of Medicine' event gave an audience the opportunity to quiz our panel of experts. The audience included medical professionals, staff from the university, med students, the general public and now you, as you watch this video of some of the best bits of the evening.

You can find other highlights from the festival [here](#).

MOOC Babies in Mind



Last year we ran our **free** course '**Babies in Mind**' for the first time. After amazing reviews, the course is back and will be running again in March.



This exciting, free online course is aimed at those working with parents and infants during pregnancy or the first year of life. It focuses on the way in which parents' minds shape their babies mental health development. More information can about the course can be found [here](#) and you can sign up for the course through Future Learn [here](#).

Diabetes courses now available online

We have some great news for our alumni who want to learn more about treating and caring for patients with diabetes, but don't have the capacity to come back and study at Warwick. Our [Optimising Glycemic Control](#) and [Management of Diabetes in Hospital Clinical Areas](#) courses are now available online! The first courses will be running in March and April this year.



WMS in the News



Every week there are health and medical stories in the global media. As a high profile department at the University of Warwick many of our eminent thought leaders contribute to stories through expert comment and the publication of papers in world class journals then translate that research into real impact for health professionals and the public.

Read more below:

More than 80% of GPs plan to quit or cut back on hours in next five years

A study conducted at the University of Warwick suggests that most GPs are considering quitting general practice or having a career break in the next five years.

The research was conducted by **Jeremy Dale**, professor of primary care at Warwick Medical School. More than 1,100 GPs from across central England were questioned via an online survey which explored their career plans. Of the 1,192 who participated 978 (82%) stated they intended to leave general practice, take a career break and/or reduce their hours.

To read more about this subject, take a look at the [webpage](#).

How a raisin can predict a toddler's future academic ability



A simple test using a raisin can predict how well a toddler will perform academically at age eight, according to research conducted by WMS academic **Dieter Wolke**.

Using just the piece of dried fruit and a plastic cup they have devised a test based on how long a 20-month old child can wait to pick up a raisin in front of them.

To read more about this study, visit the [webpage](#).

Research paper of the Year

Another news story involving **Professor Dieter Wolke**:

Dieter had been awarded **Research Paper of the Year** for his paper which indicates that adults born very preterm are more likely to be socially withdrawn and display signs of autism. The results showed that the adults born very preterm scored highly for displaying a socially withdrawn personality, indicated by autistic features, neuroticism, introversion and decreased risk taking.

Read more about his paper [here](#).



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