



# Alumni Med E-Network



## Graduation 2014

It is three months since some of you graduated from Medical School on a very warm July afternoon and we had the pleasure of seeing you at our Graduation lunch reception where a number of annual prizes were awarded. It was a great day and a very proud moment for us all to hear our latest graduating cohort reading the Declaration of Geneva and taking your first steps on your career path. I am sure many of you are now in your first role as doctors and the work has barely stopped since you finished your finals. In fact the real work is indeed only just beginning. We wish you all well and hope that you will keep in contact with us on your journey. We would love to hear from you about your latest news and hope that if you are able you will be able to share your knowledge and experiences with current and future generations of Warwick Medical School students.

A summary of the winners is below:

- Yvonne Carter Prize for a student who has excelled in a discipline outside of medicine - Dr. Rob Neave
- The Faculty of Medicine Clinical Prize - Dr Edward Collins and Dr Jesph Heskin

- WPH Charitable Trust Gold Medal - Dr Edward Collins
- Faculty of Medicine Written Prize - Dr Matthew Bouissard-Cooke
- WMS Research Prize - Dr Tom Lewis
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Life - Dr Isabel Carbery

Teaching Award Winners for 2014 were:

- Dr Richard Tunstall for Phase I teaching
- Dr Zoe Campbell for Phase II teaching

Zoe Campbell is a graduate from our first cohort of MB ChB students as well as an excellent teacher and a former world karate champion. You can read her interview later on in the newsletter.

You can read details about graduation day and the prizes awarded on our new WMS alumni pages.

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## Masters and CPD Education

Students graduating from the MB ChB with honours received a bursary certificate at graduation which entitles them to a free place on Postgraduate Award at Warwick Medical School, which is valid for three years following graduation. So for those of you who have just graduated you have until 31 July 2017, to take up the offer. And for those of you who graduated in the last three years a reminder to have a look at what's on offer before it's too late.

The School has nearly 80 post graduate modules, many of which are included in this offer. For a full list of eligible modules please contact Carmel Parrot. Please note standard entry requirements apply. You can see a full list of the Masters and CPD courses available at Warwick Medical School on our [study website](#).

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## Masters Graduate View

Liz Corrigan graduated from the University of Warwick with a Masters in Health

Sciences in January 2014. She originally joined us in 2007 where she undertook a Post Graduate Award in Cardio Vascular Risk followed by another award in Chronic Kidney Disease. Post Graduate Awards are modules that, when put together with other modules can form Post Graduate Certificates, Diplomas and full Masters Programmes. Following these two awards she decided to embark on a part time Masters programme in Health Sciences.

Liz already had an undergraduate degree and was working in public health having been a nurse for a number of years. She felt that by undertaking a post graduate award prior to tackling the Masters programme, she was able to ascertain the level of study and commitment required as well as continuing with full time employment and a family.

“I found that the mode of study enabled me to pace my learning around my family and work. It gave me flexibility. I took a combination of face to face and on-line modules which worked really well. The Masters programme, and particularly the professional project has helped me to think critically and consider research and evidence within my work as well as part of the course and it has ultimately helped me improve my practice.

Meeting different healthcare professionals on the course was also valuable in terms of networking and sharing ideas. While studying the MSc in Health Sciences I found the support and advice from my tutors and the library to be really helpful. I would certainly recommend part-time postgraduate study and undertaking it as I did through first embarking on a post graduate award enabled me to re-enter education after a number of years focusing on my career without committing to three years of Masters study until I was sure that it would work for me.”



## 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The [University of Warwick is 50](#) in 2015 and it is the 15th anniversary of Warwick Medical School and the 10th anniversary of our Clinical Trials Unit. There will be a number of celebrations taking place over the year including some events particular to just the Medical School which we will tell you more about as plans are firmed up.

Initially though here are some dates for your diary if you are interested in celebrating

with us and coming back on the campus to see what's happening as we look forward to the next 50 years.

21 – 23 May 2015, Golden Festival of Music at Warwick Arts Centre to include three days of music celebration as well as food, drink and street style entertainment.

16 – 17 October 2015, Festival of the Imagination which will be a two day event showcasing the best of the University including student societies, interactive content from academic departments, sports, food and so much more.

We will keep you informed of activities as more come on line and as the detail for the itinerary for both festivals is announced.

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## Benefits of being a Warwick Alumnus

Whether you graduated this year or you were part of the first cohort of MB ChB students in 2004 it is worth a reminder of the benefits of being part of the Warwick Alumni Community.

If you are still in the area you can use the library and other campus services with an [alumni swipe card](#), you can get great discounts on your Warwick Sport membership and 20% discount on conference facilities. You have access to a global network of 178,000 Warwick graduates so wherever you are you can find a friendly face who has shared many of the same experiences that you have. To remind yourselves of the full list of benefits check out the [University alumni pages](#).

The Alumni team is currently trialling access to JSTOR and Emerald, two huge digital libraries of academic journals, books and primary sources. This is currently available to graduates of summer 2013, but hopefully, if the trial is successful, it will be rolled out to other alumni.

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## From Graduate to Star Teacher

Interview with Zoe Campbell, MB ChB graduate and Teaching Award Winner 2014

### When did you study at Warwick Medical School?

I started in 2000 when the MB ChB was in its first year as a joint programme



between Warwick Medical School and Leicester University. I had always wanted to study medicine but after two attempts to gain the A Level grades I needed for an undergraduate medical programme I opted to study Biochemistry at the University of Birmingham with the hope that I could follow my medical aspirations afterwards.

I found the subject matter of my first degree to be quite dry and boring and so it was a 'dream come true' to be accepted onto the graduate entry programme. Like any new programme there were teething problems. For example some lectures were beamed from Leicester and the technical link kept breaking and we had to be bussed 26 miles for dissection classes on the Leicester campus, but it was a very happy time.

**You received a graduation prize at your own MB ChB graduation didn't you, what was it?**

It was the Vice Dean's Award for a student who had excelled at a discipline outside of their medical studies. I won the Karate World Championships that year.

How did you manage to balance such an intensive course with competitive sport and achieve at such a high level?

It was a sport I had been doing since I was eight years old and just managed to find time to fit it in. It was a nice break from studies.

**Did any staff here particularly inspired you?**

Yvonne Carter, former Dean of Warwick Medical School was a real inspiration. She was a lovely person, a good ambassador and excellent teacher.

You won an award at this year's graduation for excellent teaching on the WMS MB ChB programme, how did you get into teaching?

I got into teaching by accident really. I had been working as a geriatric trainee and I had the karate world championships coming up. The deanery wanted to post me to Shrewsbury when my karate training took place in Coventry, making it very difficult to continue to train and compete. I took the decision to leave my trainee number as I hadn't felt supported by the deanery who felt I lacked the necessary commitment and

professionalism to medicine. This was very upsetting at the time as I loved my job and had been giving my all to my post. I took a teaching job at South Warwickshire Foundation Trust while I looked for other traineeships thinking I would stay for about a year and ended up staying for four. I found I really loved teaching and now have a Masters in Medical Education.

### **How have you found being on the other side of the fence teaching on the same programme where you were once a student?**

The students are highly motivated to do their best. They are not always the easiest of people to teach because of this and it was quite intimidating when I first started teaching people who were older than me with PhDs for example. However, I soon learned to use their maturity and experience to my advantage and teaching became more a partnership rather than the traditional teacher and student relationship.

### **Where is your career now taking you?**

I have now moved to a position in Ashford in Kent where I am on an intensive care medicine training programme working towards becoming a consultant. I am really excited about it as no day is the same. I will also continue with my teaching and am working with students from Kings College and Grenada this year.

### **How would you sum up your time at WMS?**

It was really enjoyable. I had great relationships with my colleagues and the teaching staff. The course was intense but was entirely doable I would recommend to anyone interested in medicine that a graduate entry programme is certainly worth considering.

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## **Warwick Medical School 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. The last month has been a busy time for WMS in the press.

Here are some WMS research news stories that you might be interested in.

- [New drug target could prevent major global cause of maternal death](#)
- [New super-foods could help protein keep bodies healthy](#)
- [Bully victims more likely to suffer night terrors and nightmares](#)
- [1 in 5 child deaths in England preventable](#)
- [Sugar substance 'kills' good cholesterol](#)
- [Social inequalities in salt consumption remain despite national drop in salt intake over last 10 years](#)



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