

# Student Link

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## 2010/11: The Dean Welcomes New and Returning Students

I hope you all had a good summer break. You will be pleased to know that the faculty has a number of new initiatives that aims to improve your learning experience and employability. We have renewed a number of computing facilities in our IT labs. We will continue the monthly "Student Enterprise Workshop" which aims to bring the industry to the faculty and improve your awareness of employability. We will also continue to innovate our teaching and will make sure that we offer the most relevant knowledge, skills and technologies in our curriculum.

Please feel free to speak with your personal academic advisor, undergraduate and postgraduate office staff, course leaders and the module leaders for advice and assistance. On behalf of all our academic, administrative and technical staff, I wish you every success in the new academic year.

*Prof. Dominic Palmer-Brown*

## Digital Toy Box Success



The Faculty of Computing (FoC) summer show of multimedia, animation and games projects by students and GameLab was a huge success.

Pictured at the opening launch party is the Dean of FoC, Professor Dominic Palmer-Brown and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Malcolm Gillies, discussing a Second Life project with Mr Lawal Muhammad (PG student on Digital Solutions E-Learning Technology course). The faculty thanks the co-ordinator, Fiona French for all her hardwork, the students for putting on such an excellent show, and ISS for their technical expertise.

## Student Enterprise Workshop Series

The Faculty continues Student Enterprise Workshops (SEW) series. Past and future events can be found at <http://bit.ly/cTR4jq>

**October SEW** is on Tuesday 19th October 2010 from 5pm in Tower Building room TG-30. Drop in! No need to register.

**November SEW** is on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 from 5 to 7pm at Apple EU headquarters, 1 Hanover Street London W1S 1YZ. There are limited places available, so to reserve your place please send an email to [n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk) with the subject line "Reservation - SEW at Apple" with your ID, name and contact phone number..



## Encouraging News: Latest e-skills Bulletin Shows Continued Growth in Demand for ICT Staff

The latest Bulletin from e-skills UK, for the period Jan to Mar 2010, shows a decline in the number of 'ready candidates' for ICT positions. The resulting increase in the number of available jobs meant recruiters faced more competition in trying to find appropriate candidates for positions during the first quarter of the year. As a result, advertised pay rates were seen to rise for both permanent and contract positions, with increases of up to 9% occurring for a number of ICT roles. For the full article please visit the url below.

[http://snipurl.com/eskills\\_uk\\_bulletin\\_q2\\_10](http://snipurl.com/eskills_uk_bulletin_q2_10)

## General Well-being: Registered with a local GP?

The days are getting colder! Difficult weather particularly for some overseas students! Register with your local GP to get timely medical help. For more information, contact Student Services or visit the NHS website sites at:

[http://snipurl.com/uk\\_national\\_health\\_service\\_nhs](http://snipurl.com/uk_national_health_service_nhs)

## Accessibility and Diversity

The Faculty is committed to assisting students with Accessibility and Diversity needs. Please contact our Accessibility and Diversity Co-ordinator, Mehryar Adibpour [m.adibpour@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:m.adibpour@londonmet.ac.uk) for advice and guidance. Please visit Student Services at <https://intranet.londonmet.ac.uk/student-services/> for general advice and information. Alternatively you are welcome to speak to your PAA.

## Students and the BCS

The BCS Young Professionals Group (YPG) is taking part in the next London Met Work Experience Fair to be held at City Campus on 8 Oct 2010. This is a great chance to take the first steps towards a career in computing and IT, and also learn more about how you can get involved as a YPG volunteer.

## Free Workshop - How to Become an Entrepreneur

Get inspired and organised with our friendly, helpful workshop for the real-life graduate, to enable you to decide whether self employment is right for you and whether the time is right for your business idea to become a reality.

- How to write your business plan
- Practical tips, calculating the associated risks and benefits
- Finding local support and Training opportunities

To book your FREE place go to:

<http://lmuenterpriseworkshopl.eventbrite.com/>

## Strengthening Employer Engagement:

Natasha Nelson has been appointed as FoC's Employer Engagement Officer. Natasha's main role is to help students find work placements and further assist them in CV writing, interview techniques and job search. Contact Natasha for advice and help at [n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk).

## Placements – Internships – Work Experience Opportunities

### The National Work Placement Exhibition 2010:

Motivated to do a placement as part of your course? Visit this national level Exhibition on 28 Oct 2010 at NEC, Birmingham (Hall 11). Register your interest at <http://www.gradjobs.co.uk/>

### Network Software Engineer Internship from Intel:

Visit <http://www.intel.com/jobs/> for information and on-line application for job number 584270 or email Natasha Nelson [n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk)

### Voluntary Work Experience Fair 2010

Friday 8 October, 12-2pm, Atrium, 16 Goulston Street, City campus. Entry is FREE! For more information visit <http://reach.londonmet.ac.uk>

### FoC's Employability Site at:

<http://bit.ly/9zLJoJ> offers consolidated information on the faculty's employability initiatives (such as WoW Agency) and provides links to related sites.

## Graduate opportunities with Credit Suisse:

### Information Technology Open Days

07/10/2010 (General Open Day) and 15/10/2010 (Women in IT Open Day). To attend one of these events, email your CV and cover letter to [graduate.recruitment@credit-suisse.com](mailto:graduate.recruitment@credit-suisse.com).

## Free Academic and English support classes

London Met is hosting free Academic and English support classes to students.

North Campus: - Tuesday to Friday 2 - 4pm.

Classes begin on 5th October and run for 5 weeks.

City Campus - Tuesdays 11-1 pm

- Classes are free for all students
- Classes offer help with reading, listening, speaking and writing in English at University
- Students can come to as many or as few classes as they wish
- Students do not have to register - simply turn up on the day
- There is no homework or assessment
- Special post-graduate classes are available for help with longer writing
- Many classes are repeated so students can choose times to suit them

For more information, go to:

[http://snipurl.com/english\\_support\\_classes](http://snipurl.com/english_support_classes)

or contact: [j.cooke@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:j.cooke@londonmet.ac.uk)