

Student Link

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Welcome to all Students

Message from the Dean of FoC:

Dear Students,

I hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready and prepared to face the challenges of the new academic year.

Please feel free to speak with your course leaders and PAAs regarding any problems or issues that may arise through the semesters.

I wish you all the very best for the coming semester and academic year 2011/12.

Yours truly,

Prof. Dominic Palmer Brown

Dean of the Faculty of Computing

Microsoft Student Partners

Microsoft Student Newsletter offers news, tips, advice, career info, and special promotions for today's students. To participate in the program please click on the link below:

http://snipurl.com/microsoft_student_partners

Details can be found at:

<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/microsoftukstudents/archive/2011/08/22/be-a-part-of-something-awesome.aspx>

FoC student writes iPhone app



MSc Computing student Pawin Thepbanchaporn has developed an iPhone app (pictured above) as part of his coursework in the module Mobile Applications Development supervised by Dr Yanguo Jing.

You can use this app to practise your typing skills and compete against another iPhone user via bluetooth or Wi-Fi. This app has won the best coursework award sponsored by Oreilly. The prize was presented by the Dean of FoC Prof Dominic Palmer-Brown during the Summer Computing show.

If you would like a free promotion code to download this app, please let Dr Yanguo Jing know.

<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/typeaholic/id436702956?mt=8>

Commerce Expo

The eCommerce Expo is on 11-12 October at Olympia. Claimed to be the UK's number 1 event dedicated to all aspects of selling online, eCommerce Expo is for anyone "looking to maximise their online sales". Now in its 5th year, eCommerce Expo offers a wealth of practical advice in the most comprehensive free education programme across Europe, and thought-leading Keynote presentations from inspirational speakers.

To check out further details click on the link:

<http://www.ecommerceexpo.co.uk/>.

Graduate story

BSc BIT student Anna Koumantou graduated last academic year and reports, "I now work for Universal Pictures entertainment company in central London, as an Application Support and Testing Analyst. It's a paid Internship role for 6 months, and after that we will see... I'm involved in a massive "Windows 7 and Office 2010 Upgrade" project. As we lead the whole EMEA, we have to upgrade all the end users from XP to W7 and Office 2003 to 2010 around the world. I'm involved in the deployment plan and more in the testing. I have to deal with the end users around the world from different Opco's and check what Core applications they use and if they are compatible with Windows7. Basically I am doing the SIT-Integration testing. I am very happy and I like a lot what I am doing, it's very challenging and very interesting as well". The Faculty wishes Anna the best of luck with her job and career.

Computer Science Day

The London Mathematical Society's Computer Science Colloquium 2011 will be held on Tues 11 Oct at De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, WC1B.

The speakers this year include Marc Snir (Illinois), Ulrich Ruede (Erlangen) and Paul Kelly (Imperial College). Research students from Computer Science and Mathematics are especially welcome to participate.

The event is **free** to all students. A sandwich lunch will be provided. To register, please email computerscience@lms.ac.uk.

For further details click on the link below:

<http://www.lms.ac.uk/content/computer-science-day>

Student Charter

All students are being asked to contribute to the SocialMet discussion of the proposed new student charter using FaceBook, LinkedIn, the SocialMet Blog and Twitter. The charter will address the following themes:

- Value for money, choice, quality and versatility
- Intellectual and employment skills for a diverse social community
- Transforming life, culture and opportunities through academic excellence
- Providing a world for international networking, community life and careers
- Providing consistent nurturing and excellence in teaching.

Have your say on SocialMet!

Postgraduate Review

Postgraduate students will soon be asked to contribute to the university review of masters programmes and research. In addition external advisors, including representatives from industry, will be involved. Questions will be asked about how well students are welcomed to London Met, how up-to-date is the content of the course, are students exposed to the full range of research carried out at the university and how support services such as the library are used.

Undergraduate developments

The undergraduate programme changes in October 2012 with a new 30 week teaching year and 30 credit modules. External & industry advisers are involved in helping design the new programmes and work-related learning will be incorporated in every course.

Become a StAR!

Course leaders are currently organising the election of Student Academic Advisers (StARs) for every course. Put your name forward, or simply ask your StAR to raise any issues you have at the forthcoming Course Committee. On October 20th the StARs will be electing the Faculty StAR who sits on the Student Union Council.

Improve your job-seeking skills!

A great opportunity for 2nd and 3rd year students. Deadline: 12 October 12pm.

"The East London Business Alliance (ELBA) works with company recruiters in finance, law and insurance. The ELBA clubs will help students to get on their radar. This series of six focused training and networking events will help students to look and feel like the consummate professional."

Read the Poster and Blog:

cctmdev2.londonmet.ac.uk/yjing/wp/ETON.pdf

cctmdev2.londonmet.ac.uk/yjing/wp/ETON-FAQs.pdf

Students flock to FoC

During Welcome Week the Faculty held a number of events for new students, including a treasure hunt, social lunches and informative



breakout sessions for subject areas. New students found the events helpful as it is a good opportunity to meet staff and other students prior to classes commencing. One MSc student from China commented that the 'social' aspect was very different to her home country and that she really enjoyed it. New student numbers in FoC number are up by 150. Check your timetable on Metranet.

Student Enterprise Workshop

Network with previous students at work, employers and staff. The topic is a new Faculty initiative: WOW.BIZ: Virtual Employability Training for the REAL World of Work and will be on Tues 18 Oct from 5.30-6.30 in TG-30, Henry Thomas Room. For further information, see:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/cctm/student_pages/sew/

On Wed 12 Oct from 5.30 to 7.30 FDM invites students to see its award-winning training facilities, meet graduates on their FDM Academy Graduate Programme and FDM management as well as network with the recruitment and technical teams. Email genna.singpo@fdmgroup.com.