

Policy of Student Groups Providing Teaching for Students

Overview

At Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, student-led teaching has long been recognised as fundamental to student learning. A Policy for Students Groups Providing Teaching for Students has been created to ensure student-led teaching and learning sessions are being quality assured to provide the best learning for students on the MBBS.

Approved Student-Led Teaching Societies

The medical school has developed links with the established societies whose sole purpose is to provide study support to students. Student-led revisions sessions and quality assured teaching materials have been developed between the school and these societies. The school have endorsed the following societies to provide teaching and learning sessions:

- Medical Education Support Society (MESS)
- Clinical Learning and Associated Skills Society (CLASS)
- Peer Assisted Learning Society (PALS mentoring programme)

The Policy of Student Groups Teaching for Students outlines the above societies will continue to be supported by the school via academic input to continue to provide high quality materials for their teaching and revision sessions.

No new non-academic society should have curriculum based teaching as one of its aims and objectives.

Academic Societies

The school and Students' Association recognise that academic societies run non- curricular activities and informal study sessions, focusing on their respective medical discipline. The policy outlines that where teaching falls out of the MBBS curriculum (e.g. prize exams), educational activities may be organised within the remit of the most relevant academic society.

Where gaps are identified within the educational activities run by the existing teaching societies the most relevant academic society may provide teaching (although this won't be quality assured), providing the society has the support of the their relevant academic staff liaison, the teaching is limited to their relevant subject and their material is verified by one of the teaching societies.

Other Student Groups

Where activities do not fall under the three teaching and learning societies (MESS, CLASS and PALS) or an academic society running informal respective discipline revision sessions with the support of their academic liaison, the student group's session must be clearly recognised as *not quality assured teaching* and the group must follow the Union's room booking processes; strictly avoiding clashes or replicating established teaching sessions.

This policy applies to the MBBS Course. For teaching relevant to other courses studied at BLSMD, the responsibility falls to the respective institute administering the course.