

## Student Recruitment and Widening Access Team Challenge

On 7th and 8th June Student Recruitment and Widening Access staff donned their gardening gloves to help the 'Friends of St. James Garden' clear their much overgrown garden. Teams worked over both days to cut down trees and clear away overgrown bushes. Their hard work means that visitors approaching the Anglican Cathedral can now appreciate the beauty of the gardens and listed building.



## LJMU Sports Stars Graduate



**Beth Tweddle, Great Britain's most successful ever gymnast joined Olympian Steve Parry for a unique celebration at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Tuesday 17 July 2007.**

Beth Tweddle, the first Briton ever to win gold in the Gymnastics' World Championships, was celebrating her graduation from LJMU, having been awarded a BSc(Hons) in Sports Science.

Three other sports scholars also graduated from LJMU this year. Widnes Vikings Rugby League player Martin Ainscough and 400m runner Kelly Massey both graduated with a BSc(Hons) in Sports Science while Commonwealth medal winning high jumper Martyn Bernard graduated with a BSc(Hons) in Psychology.

## LJMU Schools Liaison Activities

The Student Recruitment and Widening Access Team at LJMU offers presentations and activities providing specialist advice and guidance to meet the needs of different groups of students, not only to Sixth Formers, but those in Years 10 and 11, and Further Education.

In addition to the regular university wide LJMU Discovery Days, we can arrange for your students to visit the University, to take a look around the campus, visit accommodation, or perhaps find out more about a particular subject area. The Team also regularly attends H.E. and careers fairs in schools and colleges, so if you are arranging such an event, then please drop us a line. Please note that we do not charge for any of these services.

**Further details of specific activities can be found in the following pages of this newsletter.**

# Years 10 and 11

(Years 11 and 12 NI)

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## The following sessions are available to Years 10 and 11 students

- Visit to LJMU (including: campus tour, accommodation visit, student life talk, and a presentation of your choice)
- Motivating yourself for study
- Revision techniques
- Subject choice at university
- Vocational routes into H.E.
- Student Life talks by current LJMU students
- NEW - Introduction to Student Finance and Accommodation

## Good news for Student Financial Support

The Government has announced an increase in support for full-time HE students from 2008, by increasing the financial thresholds for eligibility for a full or partial non-repayable maintenance grant. Students whose families have household incomes of up to £60,000 a year will in future benefit from eligibility for a grant. More than 100,000 extra students each year will be entitled to a partial grant once these proposals are fully implemented. For a student from a household on £25,000 a year in earnings, this will mean an extra £1,100 a year in maintenance grant. For a student from a family on £40,000 a year, it will mean an extra £1,000 a year.

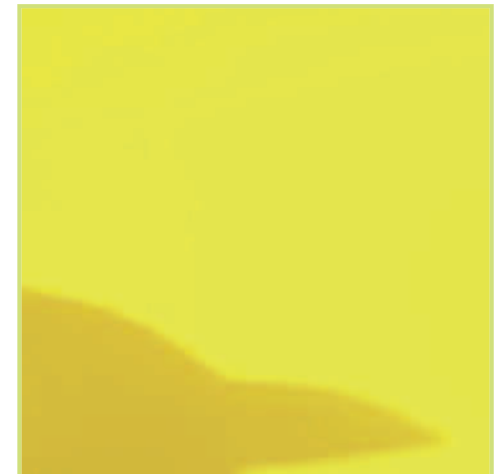
LJMU continues to offer students a wide range of financial and practical support. If you would like a presentation to guide you and your students through the financial maze, then please get in touch with Sharon or Karen – contact details above.



### New Presentation!

In response to requests from schools, this year we will be offering the following presentation:-

#### **Introduction to Student Finance and Accommodation**



An easy to understand introduction to tuition fees, bursaries, loans, scholarships, and budgeting. Students will also learn about student accommodation, and the benefits and drawbacks of living both at home and away from home.

## Vocational Taster Day for Years 10 and 11 students

We will be hosting a Vocational Taster Day at LJMU at the end of term. Students from Years 10 and 11 who may be considering following a less traditional route into Higher Education will be invited to attend. Information will be available about the various routes into Higher Education, the subjects you can study at university, and all about university life from current LJMU students. If you have students who may wish to follow an alternative route and would like to find out more, please contact **Carolyn Berry - Vocational Account Manager 0151 231 3068** or **c.m.berry@ljmu.ac.uk**

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(Years 13 and 14 NI)

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## The following sessions are available to Years 12 and 13 students

- Introduction to Higher Education
- Why come to LJMU?
- Student finance and budgeting
- Student Life talks by current LJMU students
- Interview techniques
- Making the most of Open Days
- How to...the UCAS Online application system
- Personal statements
- Subject specific presentations (e.g. Business, Teacher Training, Engineering, Media)
- Visits to LJMU

# LJMU Discovery Days

LJMU will be holding two further open days at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on

Tuesday, 9th October 2007

Wednesday, 10th October 2007

At these open days you will have the chance to:-

- Find out about the courses you are interested in and ask academics and current students questions about the course
- Attend 'taster' talks about courses and student finance
- Have a tour of the city
- View typical accommodation and see the standard of facilities available

*If you would like to attend, it may be possible for us to arrange complimentary coach travel for large groups of students. Please get in touch with either Jennifer or Peter for further information - contact details above.*

## Day of Crime Events

In June, around 400 secondary school pupils from across the North West took part in a unique test to see if they had the potential to become a criminal. But this wasn't some Big Brother initiative to crack down on crime in the region, it was part of LJMU's annual Day of Crime events to get young people thinking about who commits crime and why, and how they are treated under the criminal justice system. Organised by LJMU's Centre for Criminal Justice, these five 1-day sessions were targeted at secondary school pupils interested in pursuing careers linked to the police and probation services, forensic psychology and forensic science and much more. Peter or Jennifer will write to you next year inviting you and your students to the summer 2008 event, but remember to book early, as these events are always oversubscribed. LJMU currently offers three degrees focusing on criminal justice: BA in Criminal Justice, BA in Law and Criminal Justice and the BSc in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice.

## Find out more about BSc (Hons) in Computer Forensics

Computer forensics has emerged as a new discipline based on forensic science, computer science and computer security technologies that focus on the investigation of computer-related crimes and incidents of computer misuse. Studying for a BSc(Hons) in Computer Forensics at LJMU, you will learn the fundamentals of computer-based investigations as well as the latest tools used by practitioners in this exciting field.

As this programme is a Sandwich degree, opportunities exist for students to undertake a placement year to put their studies into practice with leading organisations in this and other computer science areas. Please get in touch with either Jennifer or Peter (contact details

above), if you would like a presentation or a workshop at your school or college, or if you would like to arrange a visit to the Computing Department. We can also offer activities in computer games technology, mathematics and other related subjects.



# Students in Further Education

The following sessions are available to F.E. students

- Introduction to Higher Education
- Vocational routes into Higher Education
- All you need to know about Foundation degrees
- Why come to LJMU?
- Student finance and budgeting
- Student Life talks from current LJMU students
- Interview techniques
- Making the most of Open Days
- How to...the UCAS Online application system
- Personal statements
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## Mature Persons Guide

Universities are no longer just for the elite groups in society. Anyone with ability, regardless of age or background, can now enjoy the benefits of a university education. This Guide is specifically for students who are returners to education and offers advice on issues specifically of interest to this group, including childcare, benefits, welfare, and balancing a job, family life and study.

## Families and Support Guide

This Guide is aimed at providing extra information for families with a child considering studying at Liverpool John Moores University. It will answer questions such as: 'Can my child change their accommodation during their first term?' 'How safe is university?' and 'What happens if my child doesn't get the grades they need to start the course?' Sections on health, socialising, and religion will also be included.



**Both of these Guides will be distributed to you before Christmas.**

## moving from care to university?

At LJMU, we can offer all students confidential advice, support and guidance, from application to graduation. However, we are also aware that students who are moving to university from care, will need specific advice.

We have a dedicated member of staff, Lynne Condell, who can help students in the strictest confidence, on a range of issues including: advice and funding specifically targeting care leavers, disability support including support with dyslexia or dyspraxia, help with benefits, childcare funding and arrangements, and disability support.

**Contact Lynne Condell on tel: 0151 231 3167 or email: l.e.condell@ljmu.ac.uk for more information.**