to our new cohort of 2010 new first year graduates taking the 3 year dual honours degree in Psychology and 10 students taking the 4 year Applied Psychology programme.

This academic year has opened with lots of changes, staff have come and gone, we have a new head of school Prof Michael Murray, and @£2,000,000 has been spent on giving the Dorothy Hodgkin Building a refurbishment. We say a goodbye to Dr Kaz Brandt (taken up a lectureship at Roehampton University) and Dr Jon Ling (research fellow position at Sunderland), and welcome two new lecturers. Dr Chris Stiff and Dr Emee Estacio join us, along with two new part time teaching fellows Dr Jessica Hall and Dr Kulbir Birak. who are with us until the end of June, we also have a new e-learning fellow Dr Pete Lonsdale who will start in January 2010!

Psychology student green essay success
Danielle Bremner (currently Y2 Psychology and Sociology, but Y1 when prize awarded) scooped first prize in the recent “Keele Green Week” essay contest. Danielle’s essay critiqued the coverage of sustainability in her degree subjects. Danielle said, “I felt that this essay competition would be a good opportunity to draw attention to the areas of my curriculum which could be improved as well as praising the school of psychology for their green efforts.” Danielle’s conclusion: “It is very easy to just ignore environmental problems and hope that someone else will deal with it, but education can give people a new perspective and hopefully an inspiration to act.”

Best Second Year students in 2008/9
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Two of our longest-serving members of staff have won prestigious Teaching Excellence Awards from the University.

Mark said: “... some of the most enjoyable teaching I have done (over the past 20 years) has been in methodology classes with a close team of colleagues and in supervising dissertations which gives me the opportunity to get to know individual students and develop their ideas. I have been fortunate to have the pleasure of working with, and learning from, many undergraduate and postgraduate students’. When asked to comment on what he thought was “excellent” about his teaching, John said: “... what seems especially enjoyed by students are visits, placements and other ‘out side the classroom’ experiences. They have told me that too much teaching is in a classroom, and that to learn outside is to bring the topic to life and make psychology relevant to a wider world.”

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1st to 2nd Year 2008/9
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Psychology book sale
Come along and buy your second hand psychology texts at knock down prices. Book sale will take place in the DH0.30 on Thursday 12th November 12.30 - 2pm. If you want to help out, please contact Nicky (n.edelstyn@keele.ac.uk).

Events for your diary
Quiz Night
Tuesday November 10
Prizes for winning team and best team name!

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