**BSc Neuroscience and Mental Health Introductory Course 2012/2013**

**In-Course Assessment**

* Write a summary of a research publication for a lay audience (maximum 500 words).
* This is an ESSENTIAL component of this module.
* Research paper to be studied:

‘Persistent cannabis users show neuropsychological decline from childhood to mid-life’ Meier et al 2012, PNAS: *published ahead of print August 27, 2012*

***Timelines***

* 25 September “**How to write about medical research for a lay audience” (Dr Saffell)**
* Free sessions available for article preparation
* DEADLINE for Submission of ‘Journalistic piece’ by email directly to allocated Tutor by 10 am, 3 October Feedback session from 4 October onwards at the times specified in the timetable. YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR ARTICLE WITH YOU.
* This session involves peer review followed by group evaluation of the paper and discussion about writing an interesting article for a lay audience.
* Details of tutors are as follows:
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