Dedication of the Dr Ettie Stewart Steele Reading Room

Thursday 30th March, 4.00 pm, Purdie Building

The Principal, Professor Sally Mapstone, will visit the School to officially dedicate the Dr Ettie Stewart Steele Reading Room.

She will unveil a photo and a brass plaque at 4.00 pm on Thursday 30th March. The event will take place in the corridor outside the Reading Room near the School Office, and there will be refreshments to follow.

The brass plaque outlines Dr Ettie Steele’s biography.

“Dr Ettie Stewart Steele was among the very early female graduates at St Andrews, (MA in 1912, BSc in 1914). She was the first female University Assistant, being appointed in Chemistry in 1916 and was the first candidate to submit (1919) a thesis for the new degree of PhD, graduating with Dr Grace Cumming Leitch as the earliest PhD’s in 1920. She was the first woman to hold a Lectureship in Chemistry (1920) serving the School and the University for 35 years. During this period she worked closely with Professor James Irvine in research and also in administration when he became the Principal of the University in 1921. She held the post of Warden of Chattan House, a female student residence, later renamed McIntosh Hall, from 1933 until 1959. Dr Steele retired in 1956, living in the town until she died in 1983.”

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

DOH
Head of School

New School President Elected

Congratulations to 4th year MChem student Jacob Pepper, on being elected School President for 2017-18. Full details of the results can be seen at:

https://moody2.st-andrews.ac.uk/election/election/207/Results

RAA

ChemSoc Guest Lecture and AGM

This semester’s Guest Lecture will be given on Thursday, by Dr Nitin Seetohul from NTU and will be followed by our traditional wine reception and this year’s AGM. Come learn about the work of a forensic chemist and participate in ChemSoc’s final events of the year! Find us on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/stachemsoc/

ChemSoc

School of Chemistry Colloquia

Computation in Chemistry Seminar
Monday 27th, 1.00 pm, Lecture Theatre D
Dr Daniel Dawson – Structure-Based Prediction of NMR Parameters in Zeolites

Synthesis Seminar
Tuesday 28th, 1.00 pm, Lecture Theatre B
Professor Rob Young (GSK, Medicines Research Centre, Stevenage) – The role and impact of synthetic chemistry in contemporary drug discovery

ChemSoc Guest Lecture
Thursday 30th, 5.15 pm, Lecture Theatre B
Dr Nitin Seetohul (Nottingham Trent University) – Forensic toxicology

External Colloquium

Inaugural Lecture
Wednesday 29th, 5.15 pm, Lecture Theatre A, School of Physics and Astronomy
Professor Graham Turnbull – Plastics, lasers and landmines
New Faces

Rebecca Smith comes from Surrey and completed the degree of MChem Chemistry with Maths here last summer. She has now started PhD work with JFS and has interests in the Church and kayaking.

Calum McLaughlin comes from Ayr and completed an MChem at the University of Strathclyde last year. He has now started PhD work with ADS and has interests in football, golf, music and reading.

Further Placements arranged

Congratulations to the following 3rd year students who have arranged External Placements for 2017-18 as noted. This takes the total to 21, with a few applications still in progress.

Lydia Barber AkzoNobel
(Sassenheim, The Netherlands)
Anna Cavalleri Optibrium (Cambridge)
Simone Gallarati Diamond Light Source (Harwell)
Cara King SINTEF (Trondheim, Norway)
Jack Lynch Oxford Nanosystems (Harwell)