

restoration whilst employing techniques such as tints, layering and general tips for aesthetic work. In addition to this DentSoc launched a new initiative called the Widening Participation Programme which involves King's dental students visiting local non-selective state schools to help mentor school students with their application to dental school, offer advice on dental school interviews and share tips when preparing for the UKCAT. We aim to work in partnership with schools performing below the national average where the students generally do not have access to such support when applying to higher education programmes and so improving their prospects in applying to dental school.

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All of the success and praise we've enjoyed this year at the Dental Society has been due to the amazing work of the committee as well as the generosity and support from staff such as Professor Woolford, Dr Cabot, Dr Lewis-Greene and Dr Tom Bereznicki.

I always knew being President of the Dental Society would carry great responsibility but I don't think I accurately predicted the workload in addition to my studies. I feel balancing all of these commitments with what I like to do outside of dental school helps

build character and teaches you skills like good leadership, good communication and good time-management, all essential skills of being a good dentist.

I will graduate in 2018 and my current plan is to do DCT after completing my DF1 training. I feel hospital experience at that stage of my career will be invaluable to my development as a dentist and will put me in good stead for more complex dentistry, allowing me to potentially specialise in the future. I can see myself specialising at some point, although at the minute I'm currently back and forth as to what my speciality will be. I think I'll need some time to enjoy general dentistry and find my feet first.

My longer term ambitions include opening a practice of my own one day, learning another language and settling down to have a family!

Outside of dentistry I enjoy sports and keeping fit. My two favourite sports are football and tennis, both of which I love to play and watch. In the past I've played competitive football and have been lucky enough to visit a few different countries playing in football tournaments, although nowadays I play for leisure. I routinely go to the gym; I enjoy this a lot because it's a good way to break up my day and helps take my mind off teeth! I also enjoy travelling and I try to go on holiday once every few months (if I can afford it!).

I enjoy getting together with friends and family to catch up on the weekends. I have a lot of good friends who are not studying dentistry so spending time with them is great because it allows me to switch off from dentistry and appreciate what they're doing with their lives.

After clinics, the gym, doing some work, preparing for tutorials and catching up on admin, I go to bed. ■

BDA Museum acquires nineteenth century dental mirror

This white metal dental mirror which belonged to Frederick Abraham Eskell has recently been acquired at auction by the BDA Museum. The mirror measures 8.5 cm and is carved on the reverse and housed in a red leather box inscribed with the dentist's name.

Frederick A. Eskell (1818-1874) was born in Scotland into an already established dental family. His father Philippus Van Noorden, later Philip Eskell (1784-1862), and his four brothers had set sail from Rotterdam for a new life in Britain in 1795. A connection with dentist Herman Lyons of Edinburgh and a change of name and Philip set out on a dental career. He married and moved to Sheffield around 1839 and placed his first advertisement in the local paper.

At the age of 25, Frederick A. Eskell moved to Manchester and opened a practice at 28 Cooper Street, moving to 32 Cooper Street within a few years. Following his father's prolific use of advertising F. A. Eskell announced his arrival too. By 1858 father and son operated highly successful practices in Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool and Warrington. Frederick moved with his wife and ten children to 25 Hanover Square, London in 1871 and joined with other members of the family. His son Louis continued the dental dynasty.

Your donations to the Gelbier Acquisition and Conservation Fund made this acquisition possible. Please help the BDA Museum to continue to acquire important objects for its unrivalled collection. Donate now at www.bda.org/gelbierfund.

For further information the publication *The Eskells, The story of a family* by Louis B. Eskell is available from the BDA library.

