

LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series Teacher Update Number 11– May 27th, 2011

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May 31—June 5

- Continue to support and encourage students to enter Seminar 3 Challenge responses on the wiki
- Seminar 4 - encourage your students to develop questions for seminar 4
- Remind students of the seminar—Thursday June 2, 3:45pm
- Keep a watch on the wiki to see how your students are participating and the responses they are getting from the science and science education team.
- Thursday June 2— student seminar from 3:45—5:15pm with Professor Sir Peter Gluckman

Seminar 3 Update

The students have been asking a lot of questions on this topic and they are almost all answered. The final answers from the team will be coming through in the next few days. Check [here](#) to see the questions that your students have been asking and the responses from the team at Fertility Associates.

Seminar 3 — Challenges Contributions to some of the challenge questions have been very good. We will continue to receive these and comment on them for students until next week. Click [here](#) to check on what your students have been contributing.

Encourage team work: If your students are not contributing, think about helping them take the 1st step by using collaborative group work to create a response— they will be more willing to put their ideas forward if they are not stating them alone.



Seminar 4 — The Evolving Brain: social interaction and complexity



Professor Sir Peter Gluckman and his team will bring biological and cultural evolution to life in seminar 4, exploring the evolution of the human brain, and linking this to the challenges of our modern environment.

For those of you who participated in previous years, we have taken the bipedal sections out of this seminar and updated it with new and we hope interesting material with a stronger focus on the brain—biological and social evolution. If you are interested in still using the bipedalism sections of this paper, the 2009 seminar and materials can be found [here](#). We are aware that many of you will not have covered this topic yet with your students, so will include a brief introduction to human evolution in the seminar.