

Our ref: GNY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Studying Medicine and Applications for Medicine – Medicine Conferences/NHS Volunteering/Insight into Theatres Work Experience

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest after A level in studying for a degree in medicine. In order to fully prepare students for this pathway we have been seeing students on a regular basis to keep them updated with all the changes regarding admissions tests such as the UCAT, specific tests for the University of Cambridge for medicine and application and deadline dates. For all medicine applications the deadline to submit UCAS applications is 15th October 2024. Students apply through UCAS and choose 4 medical degrees (due to the highly competitive nature of the course) and their 5th choice should be related and accredited degree such as biochemistry, biomedical science, biological sciences, and medicinal chemistry. Students should begin booking Open Day visits for spring/summer to visit universities during the holidays.

We will be meeting students wishing to apply for medicine this week to explain the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test), when to apply, where to take the test and how to pay and UCAT bands and test scores <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/ucat-scoring/> The UCAT is an external examination taken at a test centre, our nearest one is in Rutherford Close, (Gunnels Wood Way).
<https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectTestCenterProximity/UKCAT?conversationId=2104459>

We will be covering the topics below and advising students where they can take practise UCATs

- What is it like to be a doctor? <https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/becoming-a-doctor-in-the-uk> and <https://www.bmj.com/careers/article/the-complete-guide-to-becoming-a-general-surgeon->
- UCAT - <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/prepare/practice-tests/>
- Perspectives from recent applicants in Year 13
- Medicine at Cambridge - <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/medicine>
- CV Building
- Bespoke Work Experience - <https://www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/about/get-involved/current-volunteering-opportunities/> and <https://nhstalentacademy.org.uk/work-experience/>
- Medical School Interviews/MMIs - <https://www.medicmind.co.uk/free-mmi-mock/>
- Medical Personal Statements
- How to access Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University

Yours sincerely,

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