

Durham Johnston Sixth Form

# Guidance for Medicine Applicants

Preparation	Resource	Guidance
<p><b>Research – entry requirements</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.medschools.ac.uk/news/2022-entry-requirements-for-uk-medical-schools-published">https://www.medschools.ac.uk/news/2022-entry-requirements-for-uk-medical-schools-published</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/exploration/subjects/medicine-and-allied-subjects">https://www.ucas.com/exploration/subjects/medicine-and-allied-subjects</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.medschools.ac.uk/">https://www.medschools.ac.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/becoming-a-doctor-in-the-uk/getting-into-medical-school">https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/becoming-a-doctor-in-the-uk/getting-into-medical-school</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bma.org.uk/">https://www.bma.org.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/">https://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/pre-clinical">https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/pre-clinical</a></p>	<p><b>Standard Entry Medicine</b></p> <p>This is usually five years long, but in some institutions it is six. It can have different abbreviations, such as MBBS or MBChB, but all result in the bachelor's degree in medicine. Medicine courses are very competitive so grade A across all 3/4 A-Levels is usually minimum expectation (at least 1 A* for some medicine schools) and Chemistry is nearly always a required A-Level with selections from Maths, Biology and Physics also desired.</p> <p>A very good starting point:</p> <p><a href="https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide">https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide</a></p>

<p><b>Application preparation</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/making-an-application">https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/making-an-application</a></p>	<p>Be focused on being able to commit to paper why you want to study Medicine, why the discipline truly 'floats your boat' and how your 'relationship' and fascination with it go way beyond your A-level lessons. Practising being able to articulate why you've chosen Medicine, why it's the right course for you and why you think the subject is best of all is a good starting point for personal statement drafting.</p>
<p><b>Written tests</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.studyin-uk.com/services/medicine/admissions-tests/">https://www.studyin-uk.com/services/medicine/admissions-tests/</a></p>	<p>Nearly all medical degrees use an admissions test as part of their entry requirements. There are 2 main undergraduate admissions tests. Applicants may sit different combinations of these tests according to the medical schools they intend to include in their application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>UCAT</b> An applicant must register for and sit the UCAT before the UCAS application is made, noting his/her score in the application. Thirty medical schools use the UCAT.</li> <li>➤ <b>BMAT</b> An applicant must register for the BMAT before the application is made, but the test is only taken afterwards, at the beginning of November. The score is then sent automatically to the relevant medical schools on the application. Nine medical schools use the BMAT.</li> </ul> <p><b>Research which test is relevant for where you apply and register for it with Mrs Gillham, our exams officer whose office is on the Sixth Form corridor.</b></p>

<p><b>Interview preparation</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.mscinterviewprep.co.uk/">http://www.mscinterviewprep.co.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Register for support/practice using the link above</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.themedicportal.com/e-learning/interview/ethics/">https://www.themedicportal.com/e-learning/interview/ethics/</a></p>	<p>Durham Johnston students are consistently very successful in this process because they show their passion for their subject, their intellectual humility (they are teachable and tutors pick up on and like this) and intellectual flexibility. The best students like a challenge and respond well to questioning and guidance when they meet tutors.</p>
<p><b>Subject preparation</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.edx.org/course?utm_campaign=Mooc.org&amp;utm_source=Mooc.org&amp;utm_medium=Mooc.org-Banner&amp;utm_content=CTA">https://www.edx.org/course?utm_campaign=Mooc.org&amp;utm_source=Mooc.org&amp;utm_medium=Mooc.org-Banner&amp;utm_content=CTA</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/preparing-for-study">http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/preparing-for-study</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/">https://www.futurelearn.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.perlego.com/student?discount=ucas20&amp;utm_source=ucas&amp;utm_medium=display&amp;utm_campaign=all-ent&amp;utm_content=MPU-LC">https://www.perlego.com/student?discount=ucas20&amp;utm_source=ucas&amp;utm_medium=display&amp;utm_campaign=all-ent&amp;utm_content=MPU-LC</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c34vnl2xl5pt/medicine">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c34vnl2xl5pt/medicine</a></p>	<p>Read, read, read! Be voracious in your reading. (Do it all the time and never be satisfied – have the desire to always want to know more and go further).</p> <p>Utilise links to go above and beyond, showing your inquisitive nature, your passion for the subject and your academic capability.</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Medicine">https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Medicine</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/">https://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research">https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/research</a></p>	
<p><b>Deadlines</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/undergraduate/type/key-date">https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/undergraduate/type/key-date</a></p>	<p>Subject to change/confirmation due to unprecedented circumstances. Keep your eye on the UCAS website. We'll react accordingly and do our best to support your application.</p>
<p><b>Durham Johnston support</b></p>	<p>MedSoc</p> <p>Lunch time and twilight support sessions</p> <p>Interview practice/mocks/support</p>	<p><b>Think carefully about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Why you want to be a doctor</li> <li>➤ The range of academic experiences you've had that helped you make this informed decision</li> <li>➤ The academic reading and research you consistently undertake to support your application and sustain your genuine interest in medicine</li> <li>➤ The ethical implications of modern medicine and the professional life as a medic</li> <li>➤ Any areas of specific, particular interest and research you'd like to undertake</li> <li>➤ Current affairs and issues that affect the profession, not least the pandemic.</li> </ul>