

FUTURE MEDICS AND DENTISTS



The Future Medics and Dentists programme is aimed at students with a strong GCSE profile who aspire to study Medicine or Dentistry at degree level in the hope of entry to either of these professional occupations in the future. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain places at university for these degree courses, with graduates in these vocations almost certainly gaining employment, competition is increasing year on year.

Who should follow the Future Medics & Dentists Programme?

To access this elective, you will need to be studying Chemistry and one other Science subject. You should also be expecting to achieve a minimum of 340 UCAS points (AAB - Dentistry, AAA - Medicine) from your 3 subjects at A level.

What activities can you expect to experience?

Autumn term Year 12

- Team building weekend with Bowland Mountain Rescue
- Lectures from science staff on Introduction to Chronic Disease
- An introduction to 'PBL'
- External speakers to complement the programme, which this year included a specialist on insulin pump technology, a GP and sports injury specialist
- Develop practical skills, including workshops on plastering, suturing, CPR, general first aid and clinical skills
- Sessions to develop communication skills
- Volunteering and charity work (Teenage Cancer Trust)

Spring Term Year 12

- Leadership skills development day with the RAF at Aintree
- Guaranteed 10 weeks work experience at Wrightington Hospital including: experience of wards, orthopaedics, rheumatology, diagnostic services and outpatients, theatre and assisted fertility
- Merseyside Oxbridge conference visiting lecturers from Oxford and Cambridge universities

Summer Term Year 12

- Gain a qualification in Emergency First Aid
- Overnight stays at Oxford (Pembroke College) and Cambridge (Sidney Sussex college) for University open days
- Individual project work on an aspect of your choice, designed to aid the interview process and an oral presentation

Autumn/Spring Term Year 13

- Personal statement writing workshops
- Advice on UCAS including student finance
- Talks from the Army and Royal Navy on medical/dental bursaries
- Specialist guidance and support in preparing for university interviews, both panel and MMI practice
- Guidance and support on preparing for admissions tests (UKCAT and BMAT)
- Visits to local universities and participation in practical activities
- Talks from past students now studying Medicine and Dentistry at university

Summer Term Year 13

- Study support groups
- Sessions on revision strategies and examination technique

You will develop the following employability skills:

- Ability to communicate orally at a high level
- Perseverance
- Team work
- Leadership
- Independent working
- Responsibility

What will this elective lead to after SJR?

All of the skills and knowledge gained from the programme will support students in their application to study either Medicine or Dentistry degree courses at university. The elective is designed to support students in gaining the work experience they need to apply, as well as the skills they will need to perform at interview and gain an offer of a place on their chosen course.





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