

Summer Academy: Medical

This course is designed for students who are interested in learning more about the study of medicine and related professions. It is an ideal introduction both for students who are considering further study in future years and as pre-sessional programme for students commencing studies to prepare to apply to medical degrees. The course can be combined with our Academic Summer Programme or language programmes. The programme is strongly recommended for students preparing to join the Kings Advanced Level Medical Foundation or A-level programmes in preparation for Medical School applications as for many institutions these need to be completed by October 15th in the year prior to the degree start date.



Location: Oxford
Start dates: 28 June
Level: IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent)
Length: 2 weeks
Class size: 8 – 12
Min age: 15 – 17

Course structure

The Summer Academy: Medical programme at Kings Oxford is carefully designed for students who are interested in learning more about the medical profession and careers allied to medicine.

While medicine is a popular area of study leading to a prestigious profession, you need to be clear that it is the right choice for you, and what your specialist interests might be.

The course provides an insight in to the world of medicine and the wide range of careers opportunities available. You will learn what being a doctor actually involves as well as the skills and personal attributes which are required. You will be guided to explore and understand the routes to medical school; the differences in teaching approaches; what the universities are looking for in your applications (both formal qualifications and individual factors); and approaches you might take to demonstrate that you have what it takes to succeed in this demanding profession.

You will gain knowledge and develop your study skills and strategies to ensure you make the most of your time and experience both inside and outside the classroom. This will help you to better understand yourself and to build a strong and personalised application for your chosen degree.

Course content

- Development of critical thinking, presentation and debating skills through discussion of current social and ethical issues in medicine
- Medical related visits and guest lectures, including a session with a medical school admissions tutor and a visit to a university medical school
- What should and should not be included in a personal statement
- Research in to the application process and requirements for degrees in a range of medical fields
- What to do 'at home' before joining full-time medical school preparation in the UK
- Exploration of natural sciences within the context of medical related degrees and professions
- Medical interview preparation and practice, understanding the differences between Panel and Multiple Mini Interviews
- Preparation for aptitude tests, UCAT & BMAT

Accommodation

Student residence (Wavy Gate)

- Single en-suite study bedrooms
- 24/7 live-in warden supervision
- Full board (breakfast and lunch at St. Josephs campus + dinner at Wavy Gate or using meal vouchers)



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Sample timetable

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning		English	English	English	English		
		Chemistry & Biology	Chemistry & Biology	Chemistry & Biology	Chemistry & Biology		
		Lunch					
Afternoon	Arrival/Departure or Free day	H&S Induction	Understanding Medical Professions; Comparing Medical schools and Teaching approaches	Critical Thinking and Debating skills (prep for Friday debate)	Research Lecture (University Professionals)	Medical related excursions/visit to a university Medical school (Visit to the Royal Society London)	Excursion
		Oxford Tour	Applying to Medical Schools; Understanding UCAT and BMAT	The role of career in medical profession	Debate a medical ethics topic		
		Dinner					

Kings alumni



Name: Ping Hei Cheng (Jacky)
Country of origin: Hong Kong
Programme studied at Kings: A-level
University and degree course: Medicine at Queen’s University Belfast

Why did you choose this university and this course?
Being a doctor has always been meaningful for me — they save lives, they diagnose disease and offer treatments to patients, helping them to get back to living healthy lives.

Why did you choose this university?
It’s one of the most recognised universities in the UK, and it is one of the 15 most beautiful universities in the world! That’s why I chose Queen’s University Belfast.

How did Kings help you get here?
When I was applying for university they asked me to submit a personal statement, explaining what I wanted to study. The teachers at Kings helped me — they gave me ideas when I was struggling and helped me correct my mistakes after I’d finished writing it. They also helped me to call the universities and ask for decisions when I was waiting for offers.



Name: Saddam Raziev
Country of origin: Kazakhstan
Programme studied at Kings: A-level
University and degree course: Cellular and Molecular Medicine at Bristol University

Why have you chosen this particular course?
Because since I was a young age I was interested in biology and chemistry, and medicine provides me with this chance. I’m also interested in cancer biology and regenerative medicine, and this course in Bristol provides me with the chance to study and learn these things. Bristol is one of the few universities which has this course.

What are your plans for after university?
After I finish this degree, I have two choices. Either I will go back to my country to work in cancer research, or regenerative medicine, or I will do a PhD or a Masters degree — either here or in another UK university, just to increase my level, increase my interest and try new things.

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