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# Summer School.

Medicine - Veterinary - Dentistry






# Get Ready For Summer School.

Medic Mentor's Summer School programme is the largest and most well established personalised mentoring programme in the UK for prospective Medical, Dental and Veterinary applicants. From its starting in 2015, the summer school programme has expanded almost exponentially and for our most recent Summer School 2021 cohort, there were over 650 applicants.

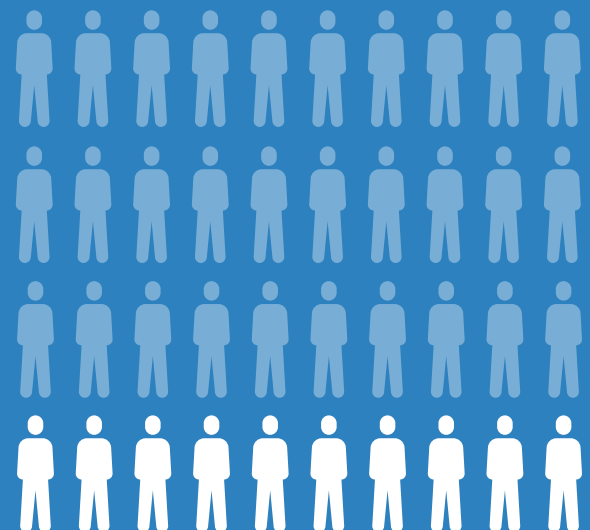
Our UCAS focussed Summer School is unlike any other because the programme extends far beyond the 5-day residential course. There is a tremendous level of mentoring and support given to prospective **Medical, Dental and Vet** students before and after the Summer School to help secure a place at university.

At Medic Mentor, we are incredibly passionate about widening access for students. Each year we strive to provide over thirty fully funded summer school places for widening access students. Many of these students go on to secure multiple offers from universities. As we grow in size, we envisage that over 25% of our students will come from a widening access background and they will be eligible for fully funded positions at our Summer School. It is clear that our programme facilitates a gateway for upward social mobility for our WAM's student's and we are incredibly excited for what lies ahead.



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# Getting Ahead At Summer School

**Summer School is an academically intensive 5-day course supported by qualified Doctors, Dentists and Vets** who mentor and provided personalised feedback to prospective applicants on their UCAS application. With over 28,690 applications for Medicine alone for the 2021 entry, there has been a 21% increase in Medicine applications on the previous year and we expect this rise to continue. Due to these university courses being fiercely competitive, a Medic Mentor Summer School student has a distinct advantage over other applicants because they will gain:

1. An understanding of the widespread and systematic issues facing healthcare and the NHS through wider reading days incorporated into the summer school
2. A high quality, completed personal statement that has been verified and checked by multiple Doctors with personalised feedback being given at every stage
3. Dedicated mock interview days which are examined by practising doctors to replicate the scenarios likely faced by prospective applicants at their medical school interviews
4. Both UCAT and BMAT preparation leading up to the entrance exams
5. Lifelong friendships made with other applicants and an exciting insight into life at university and beyond



A portrait of Queen Tanimowo, a young Black woman with long dark hair, wearing glasses and a dark blazer over a light blue shirt. She is smiling and has her hands clasped in front of her. The background shows blue tiered seating, likely in a lecture hall or auditorium.

# Testimonial

**Queen Tanimowo**

Year 13, Basildon Upper Academy

What's the main thing you will take away from summer school?

As stressful as the medical application is, there's so much support from Medic Mentor that's available to you. The support that we receive makes the application a lot less difficult and the team at Medic Mentor are brilliant.

What was your biggest surprise about Summer School?

The level of support has been amazing. I knew that we would get support but I didn't expect it to be as in depth as it's been. It was just brilliant, I can't put into words how much help I received and how much impact that's had on my application.

It was also great to meet like minded people. However, to be able to do this with students from all over the country and international students too has been a great experience. To make friends with these other students gives us a support network through our applications and medical journey.

What advice would you give to your younger self?

A bit of advice is to stay organised, focused and collate all of your experiences together. It's really helpful to have all of that work together when you have to evidence it in Year 12 and 13.

What are you looking forward to next?

On my medical journey, I'm looking forward to getting the rest of the application completed. Now that my personal statement is done, I can concentrate on that and I know with Medic Mentor it won't be as stressful as it may seem.

A message to the Medic Mentor

I'd like to say thank you so much for all of your help. I was so lucky to get a scholarship that allowed me to come to summer school and I'm so thankful that I was chosen for such a brilliant opportunity. Medic Mentor have helped set me up the future and I look forward to everything to come with them.



## A Typical Day

### For A Medic Mentor Summer School Student

Below is an example of a typical day for a Medic Mentor Summer School student:

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
08:00 - 09:00	<b>BREAKFAST</b>				
09:00 - 13:00		<b>Personal Statement Induction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The theory behind personal statements</li> <li>How to make yours stand out!</li> <li>Top Tips from your mentors.</li> </ul>	<b>An Introduction to Wider Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is wider reading crucial to the application process</li> <li>Overview of hot topics in Medicine (current affairs / themes)</li> <li>Overview of medical law and ethics</li> <li>Interactive Q&amp;A Session with the Doctors</li> </ul>	<b>Review &amp; Refine Personal Statement Draft</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review with your group mentor the feedback from your Chief Mentor</li> <li>Start to make edits to your personal statement</li> <li>Power breaks!</li> </ul>	<b>Formal Mock Interviews with clinicians</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motivational Brief</li> <li>MMI / Panel / Group Interviews.</li> <li>How to prepare for virtual interviews</li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>				
14:00 - 15:30	<b>Welcome to Summer School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational Induction</li> <li>Campus Tour</li> <li>Meet the Mentors</li> <li>Meet the Summer School Reps!</li> </ul>	<b>Personal Statement Writing Begins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:1 with your Group mentor</li> <li>Construct body paragraphs</li> <li>Power Breaks!</li> </ul>	<b>Personal Statement Progression</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motivational Brief by Chief Mentor</li> <li>Writing a stand out introduction</li> <li>Ongoing Group Mentor &amp; Chief Mentor support 1:1</li> </ul>	<b>Polishing your personal statement!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have you met the UCAS parameters?</li> <li>Is your personal statement personal?</li> </ul>	<b>Formal Mock Interviews</b>
16:00 - 18:30	<b>Welcome to Summer School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well-being Induction</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety Briefing</li> <li>Group Allocations</li> <li>Getting to know your Chief Mentor (Doctor)</li> </ul>	<b>Continued input from Chief Mentors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue developing body paragraphs</li> <li>1:1 feedback from Chief Mentor</li> </ul> <p>Well done – you have completed your main body paragraphs!</p>	<b>Introduction to writing an effective conclusion by a Doctor.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin working on your conclusion</li> </ul> <p>Well done you have a full personal statement draft!</p>	<b>Interview skills Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interactive interview sessions</li> <li>Communication &amp; Professionalism Workshop</li> </ul> <p>Well done, you are fully prepared for your Mock Interview day!</p>	<b>Official Closing Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prizes &amp; Awards</li> <li>Ongoing support following Summer School</li> <li>How to access 1:1 session with Chief Mentors (Virtual drop-in personal statement clinics)</li> <li>How to access further Interview training with Medic Mentor</li> <li>How to access your 6 week BMAT / UCAT preparation sessions</li> </ul>
18:30-19:30	<b>DINNER</b>				
19:30 - 21:00	<b>Group social evening activities</b> Interactive activities to improve communication, team building, leadership				
21:00 - 22:00	Wind down and lights out by 22:00				



# Virtual Summer School.

With the difficulty of navigating a new world post Covid-19, we here at Medic Mentor decided to meet these challenges and set up a completely virtual online summer school for our students, alongside our in person summer school for those who could attend. This pilot was extremely successful, and across the UK we had over 190 students attending our virtual SS. Alongside this, our virtual students will be entitled to 4 in-person interview days so they do not miss out on vital preparation before interview.

With the ease of a virtual set up, we were able to cast a wider net on the number of widening access students that were able to attend our virtual summer schools. Each year we envisage that our numbers continue to increase as Medic Mentor reduce the barriers to access for our most disadvantaged students



## Beyond Summer School

After students have completed our summer school, the mentoring and support does not stop there. We believe that for mentoring to succeed, a long term approach must be taken and as a result, all of our students have access to:

- Speaking to qualified doctors from Monday-Friday about their application
- Personal statement support and guidance from our Chief Mentors and Scholars
- Support for university choices after they have written their entrance examinations
- Providing teacher references that help school teachers draft an excellent reference for their students
- In-person interview days with our Chief Mentors who are able to simulate real medical school interviews



# Scholarship Students



Because of our long term approach to mentoring, we find that the majority of prospective students who gain a place at Medical, Dental or Vet school decide to stay with Medic Mentor through their university years. Our mentoring is not only for prospective students, we continue our support & guidance and this is why the vast majority of our applying students decide to stay with us. At present, Medic Mentor provide the largest number of scholarships in the UK. With an astonishing 100 scholarship places, worth over £2000 a year.

Medic Mentor's scholarship programme is longitudinal meaning each scholar receives tailored mentoring throughout each step of their academic journey.

1. Enhancing medical leadership skills through coordinating medical conferences
2. Presenting at national and international medical conferences in regards to medical education
3. Developing research skills with our close ties to academic centers that will propagate the next generation of academic medical doctors
4. Understanding the importance of managing healthcare systems and solving current inefficiencies within the NHS through meetings with current NHS healthcare leaders
5. Developing their CV and application to make them the top 10% of applicants that apply for foundation jobs post-graduation
6. Medic Mentor provide professional well being support through group workshops and training as well as 1:1 support.

With over 96% of our students obtaining a place at medical school, and 100 students obtained a scholarship from Medic Mentor, it is clear that getting into medical, dental or veterinary school is a gateway for social mobility and we here at medic mentor are extremely proud to facilitate this upward mobility for our students.



# Testimonial

**Heidi Kressel**

Third Year Medic, Hull York School

I found the Medic Mentor Summer School really useful. Firstly, meeting other people who wanted to do medicine was huge for me. I attended a state school and a separate sixth form college, where medicine wasn't really pushed for. I didn't know anyone else who was applying to do medicine so summer school was my first exposure of being in an environment where everyone else wanted to do medicine. It was amazing to be around so many like-minded people.

In terms of my UCAS application, the summer school helped me produce a personal statement to be proud of. It was amazing to have people who were in medical school, who knew exactly what was needed, mentor me in the process. Having their insight was invaluable and I love that I can now give back that same knowledge as a mentor.

I received a Medic Mentor scholarship at the beginning of my first year having started at York Medical School. One of the Medic Mentor programmes I've taken ownership in as a scholar is Medsoc UK, a society for all current Medical students within Medic Mentor. As phase one lead of Medsoc UK, I helped start the society up and have seen it grow, as we now have medical students from across the country attend our sessions. It's also been an amazing opportunity to network with different doctors, as one of my roles was to recruit different speakers. For one of my talks, I managed to recruit a consultant neurosurgeon to speak about portfolios, which was a great, insightful experience.





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