

# Medical Summer

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-session 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 intensive A-level programmes in preparation for Medical School applications as these need to be completed by October 15th in the year prior to the degree start date.



**Start dates:** 5 July  
**Level:** IELTS 4.5 (or equivalent)  
**Length:** 2 weeks  
**Class size:** 8 – 12  
**Min – max age range:** 14 – 17

## Course structure

The Medical Summer 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, UKCAT & BMAT

## Accommodation

### Student residence (Wavy Gate)

- Single en-suite study bedrooms
- 24 hour live-in warden supervision
- Full board



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## Sample timetable

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning</b>		English	English		English	English	
		Science for Medicine	Science for Medicine		Science for Medicine	Science for Medicine	
		<b>Lunch</b>					
<b>Afternoon</b>	Arrival/Departure or Free day	Understanding Medical Professions	Applying to Medical School	Medical-related excursions / visit to a university medical school	Critical Thinking and Debating skills (prep for Friday debate)	Understanding MMIs and Panel Interviews	Excursion
		Comparing Medical Schools and Teaching approaches	Understanding UKCAT & BMAT		The role of care in medical professions	Debate a medical ethics topic	
				<b>Dinner</b>			

## 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:** Sadam 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.