

BellerbysCollege

Preparation for University Education

Pathways to Dentistry, Medicine or Veterinary Medicine



Bellerbys medical preparation provides students with the best chance to study medicine in the UK.



Since 2012:



44

of our A Level students have gone on to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine



26

students progressed to the twenty top universities for studying Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine

(The Times/Sunday Times Times 2017 Good University Guide)



15

of our students progressed to universities ranked in the world's top 50

(2017 QS World Rankings by subject)



6

of our Foundation students progressed to study Medicine in 2016



Studying Medicine in the UK

If you plan to study Medicine in the UK, you should expect to study for at least 6 years before you complete your bachelor degree

Your studies may involve:

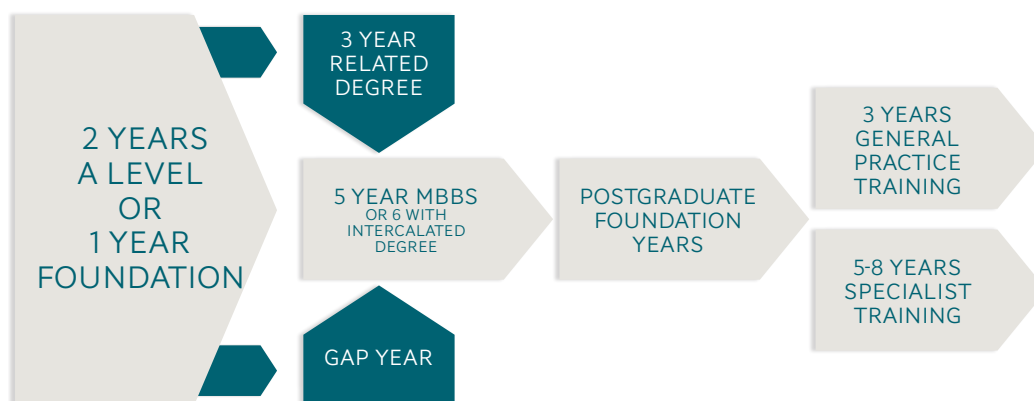
- A 1 year **Foundation in Medicine**, usually for people who have done non-science A Levels
- 2 years of **A Level study** (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics) including specialist medical enrichment
- A 5 year **undergraduate degree** (or sometimes 6 for more in-depth study)
- 2 years of a **postgraduate foundation course** (two-year training programme for newly qualified doctors)
- 3-8 years of **specialist training**, for example Paediatrics.

However, entry to Medical School is fiercely competitive. Many, even outstanding, students do not get into a Medical School straight after studying A Level.

For these students, their route to Medicine could look like the following:

- You will need to **complete a first degree in a related subject**, often Biomedical Science, before starting the 5 year Medical Degree (MBBS).
- You can **start a first degree in a related subject** and apply again to study Medicine through UCAS the following year.
- Sometimes you can **transfer off a related degree** at the end of the first year, and on to Medicine at the same University, but you will have to seriously impress.
- Alternatively you can **take a gap year** and apply again through UCAS. You will then be applying with your actual A Level grades, rather than predicted and GCSEs. You can do something interesting with the time to improve your Personal Statement.

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS THE ROUTES TO MEDICINE



Regardless of whether you decide to complete a first degree or take a gap year, you will need to apply again through UCAS.



What qualifications are needed?

Medicine is a very competitive discipline. Each year, over 80,000 students apply for only 7,500 places, with Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine being equally as competitive. To ensure a place, good preparation is key.

As a potential student, you will require high grades – particularly in science. You will need to **achieve three full A Levels**, or the equivalent, in the relevant subjects. Popular subject choices to consider include **Chemistry, Biology** and either **Physics** or **Mathematics**, all at an A grade standard.

To study in the UK, you will also need a high command of the English language. You will need an **overall IELTS score of 7.0**, but some universities could ask for a **score of 7.5 in all components**.

Academic skills aren't the only things necessary when applying to medical school. Students must have perseverance, initiative, originality, concern for others and the ability to communicate. Any practical skills gained in hospitals, care homes and hospices are also beneficial when applying and having a good **understanding of the UK's National Health Service** can also set you apart from the crowd.

The exact entry requirements of each medical school are different. At Bellerbys, your programme manager will be able to advise you of the requirements of the universities you are interested in applying to.

The deadline for applications to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine in the UK is **15th October one year before starting your studies**. This deadline is the same for all applicants – domestic and international. You can apply for up to four medical courses that interest you.

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Additional entry requirements

The majority of medical, dental and veterinary schools will require you to complete an admissions test. Depending on the university, you will take either the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) or the Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT).

UKCAT

- The UKCAT is required by most medical schools that you can apply to through UCAS.
- UKCAT does not contain any science content, but helps universities select applicants based on their **attitudes, mental abilities and professional behaviours**.
- The test must be taken between **1st July and 5th October** in the same year that you are applying to medical schools.

BMAT

- The BMAT is a **subject-specific admissions test** taken by applicants to certain courses.
- The BMAT is required by **seven schools for medicine**, one for **dentistry**, two for **veterinary medicine** and some **biomedical courses**.
- All students take the test on the same day, in the **first week of November**.

At Bellerbys, we make sure that our students enter for both UKCAT and BMAT. All students taking the UKCAT or BMAT are expected to have a good command of English. No extra time is allowed for students whose first language is not English.



PINKY FROM MYANMAR
STUDIED A LEVELS AND ACHIEVED **A*AAA**
NOW STUDYING MEDICINE AND SURGERY
AT **PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY**



Bellerbys College Brighton Elite Medics Programme

Bellerbys Brighton offers a unique programme for gifted students looking to study Medicine. The programme has been developed in partnership with Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) and can lead to their Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BM BS) degree.

As part of this programme, students are guaranteed an interview to study at Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

The Elite Medics Programme provides students with additional teaching hours, personal tutor sessions and a range of clinical and academic enrichment activities with BSMS staff.

Entry requirements

To study on the Elite Medics Programme, you must achieve:

- 5 GCSEs A*-B (including Chemistry and Maths at A* or A)
- An IELTS score of 6.0 with no less than 5.5 in any component

You will also need:

- A mini personal statement
- To attend an interview with two senior academic programme managers

The start dates for the Elite Medics Programme are September, January and April.

Progression from the Elite Medics Programme

In order to be offered a place to study at the BSMS to study the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, students will need to achieve:

- A successful interview with the BSMS
- AAA grades, including Biology and Chemistry (Physics and Maths are common third choices, but other subjects from the Arts or Humanities are welcomed).
- An IELTS score of 7.0, with no less than 7.0 in any component.

Elite Medics students will also have the opportunity to apply to up to four medical schools through UCAS.

Who are Brighton and Sussex Medical School?

Founded in 2002 with modern, purpose built teaching facilities, the BSMS students experience a practical approach to studying medicine. The school offers early patient contact in GP practices and hospitals. BSMS is:

- One of 32 medical schools in the UK recognised by the General Medical Council.
- An equal partnership between the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex.
- Ranked 16th for Medicine in the Guardian University League Tables 2018 and equal 18th in The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018.



Bellerbys College Brighton Elite Medics Programme

As an Elite Medics student, you will gain practical experience in medicine with our exciting enrichment activities and access to medical school facilities.

Elite Medics programme structure

As an Elite Medics student, you can study either the five or six term A Level programme starting in either September, January or April. The programme includes **three A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics**, as well as an **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**. You will be encouraged to choose a non-science subject for your EPQ, as BSMS appreciate candidates who have studied the Arts or Humanities to A Level standard.

The Elite Medics Programme involves shadowing and volunteering opportunities to give students **first-hand experience**. You will attend sessions at BSMS every two weeks, with classes such as Introduction to BSMS and Getting into Medical School. Students on the Elite Medics Programme benefit from:

- Shadowing and **volunteering opportunities**
- Student mentors
- Fortnightly exclusive enrichment activities
- **Small class sizes** with a maximum of 12 students
- A series of **specialist workshops** delivered by The Medical Portal
- Monthly visits to the medical school



A typical week for Elite Medics:

- 5 hours teaching per subject (15 hours for 3 subjects)
- 5 hours of advanced academic English classes
- 2 personal tutor sessions with a senior member of staff
- 2.5 hours of support for your EPQ in terms 2, 3, 4 and 5

Exciting sessions at the BSMS every two weeks include:

- Getting into Medical School
- Introduction to Anatomy
- Infection Control
- How to take a History
- The National Health Service (NHS)
- Medical ethics
- Neurology
- Pathogen: designing a pathogen, discovery and diagnosis
- Emergency Medicine
- Primary Care & General Practice
- Career paths in Medicine
- Personal statement writing
- Mock interviews


Enrichment Activities

Outside of classroom hours, you will be able to enjoy our enrichment activities. Enrichment allows you to gain experience on topics you learn in class as well as to experiment with subjects that interest you.

For more information about the Elite Medics Programme, please visit bellerbys.com



CHEE FROM MALAYSIA
STUDIED A LEVELS AND ACHIEVED **A*A*A**
NOW STUDYING DENTISTRY
AT **THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**



**ARATHI FROM MALAYSIA
STUDIED A LEVELS AND ACHIEVED A*AAB
STUDYING MEDICINE
AT UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS**



Bellerbys College Cambridge Medical Preparation

If you're looking to immerse yourself in science, Bellerbys Cambridge is the best place to start your exciting journey to a career in medicine. Every year students from all over the world gain places at leading universities with the Bellerbys A Level programme.

Studying at Bellerbys Cambridge means you benefit from a bespoke medical preparation programme alongside your A Levels, all whilst studying close by to the world-renowned University of Cambridge.

Entry requirements

To study Medical Preparation at Cambridge, you must achieve:

- 4 GCSE passes at grade C or above in relevant subjects, or have equivalent evidence of a good secondary or high school education
- An IELTS score of 5.5

The start dates for Medical Preparation are September and January.

Entry to UK Medical school is extremely competitive. We advise students wishing to study Medicine that they should have a minimum IELTS 6.0 and GCSE grades A*-B or equivalent in at least 5 GCSEs including an A* or A grade in Mathematics and Chemistry.

For students looking for a career in medicine, Bellerbys Cambridge offers:

- A series of **specialist workshops** delivered by The Medical Portal and sponsored by The Royal Society of Medicine.
- **UKCAT Preparation:** a one day, interactive course that breaks down the mechanics behind all UKCAT question types.
- **BMAT Preparation:** a one day course covering each of the three examined sections of the BMAT, providing the knowledge and framework to excel at this difficult aptitude test.
- **Personal statement workshops**
- **Medical School Interview Course:** a comprehensive one day course that fully prepares you for different interview types.
- **Project Based Learning Workshop: A two hour, interactive workshop** which provides a practical introduction to this style of learning.
- **One to one coaching** for the UKCAT and BMAT medical entry tests to help you get used to test conditions.
- **Interview practice** with current medical students studying at top institutions.
- Guest lectures from **industry professionals**.
- Practical lessons on **patient-doctor communication**.
- **Help finding a voluntary placement** to broaden your knowledge.
- **Tailored enrichment activities** such as Doctors Surgery, debating and an emergency scenarios workshop.

For more information about Medical Preparation at Bellerbys Cambridge, please visit bellerbys.com



Route to Medicine with Bellerbys Science and Pharmacy Foundation

Our Science and Pharmacy Foundation programme is available
at our Brighton and Cambridge colleges.

You will study between 18-25 hours a week in classes aimed at preparing you for a future in medicine, with modules tailored for Science and Pharmacy students. The programme also helps to develop your academic English language skills.

Entry requirements

To study on the Science and Pharmacy Foundation, you must have:

- A satisfactory completion of secondary or high school education
- An IELTS score of 4.5* (IELTS 5.0 for January start)

The start dates for the Science and Pharmacy Foundation are September, October and January.

* Potential students should be aware that most medical schools require an IELTS of at least 6.5 in all component.

In the past few the years, the following Science and Pharmacy Foundation students have gone on to study Medicine:

STUDENT	COUNTRY	GRADE	DEGREE	UNIVERSITY
T B LYANN	Myanmar	86%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
H S	Singapore	85%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
P-Y CHIAM	Singapore	83%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
F H S MOHAMMAD	Libya	83%	Medicine	University of Buckingham
W K KHAW	Malaysia	78%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
L T Y SOE	Myanmar	77%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
S K A ZRIBA	Libya	78%	Medicine and Surgery	University of Central Lancashire
A N S HARDIE	Singapore	90%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
S EDEN CHANDRAN	Singapore	89%	Medicine	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
A EFEKOHA	Nigeria	87%	Cellular and Molecular Medicine	University of Bristol

For more information about the Science and Pharmacy Foundation,
please visit bellerbys.com



Destination universities

Our Foundation programme is accepted by the following medical schools:



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, to study the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Founded in 1784 as a surgical training college, the RCSI is one of the most international medical schools in the world. The school is at the forefront of healthcare education and has a culturally diverse environment with over 50 nationalities.

To study at the RCSI, you will need to achieve:

- An overall score of 70% across all modules, with no less than 60% in any single module
- A minimum score of 75% in Chemistry
- An IELTS score of 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any component

The RCSI offer a five or six year programme. Entry into the five year programme will only be considered for students achieving significantly higher grades and will be assessed on an individual basis.




University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), to study the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

A programme designed primarily for international students, UCLan helps students become professional, compassionate doctors. Based in the newest medical school in the UK, you will benefit from a state-of-the-art curriculum and enjoy early patient contact. The programme is delivered by expert staff and NHS education providers.

To study at UCLan, you will need to achieve:

- 80% or higher in the Science and Pharmacy Foundation, including the Clinical Services half module
- An overall IELTS score of 7.0 with no less than 7.0 in any component



**CHIYOUNG FROM SOUTH KOREA
STUDIED A LEVELS AND ACHIEVED A*AB
STUDYING VETERINARY MEDICINE
AT UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**

Successful progression

Since 2012, the following A Level students have progressed to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine at the following universities:

STUDENT	COUNTRY	PROGRAMME	GRADES	DEGREE	UNIVERSITY
A SHERAFAT	Iran	A Level	AAAAa	Medicine and Surgery	University of Central Lancashire
P SAREESITHIPITAK	Thailand	A Level	A*A*A	Medicine	University of East Anglia
C C PANG	Malaysia	A Level	A*A*A	Dentistry	University of Manchester
A NAHIYEH	Iran	A Level	A*AAa*	Medicine and Surgery	University of Central Lancashire
Z M TAN	Malaysia	A Level	A*A*AA	Medicine	Imperial College London
A J M LIM	Malaysia	A Level	A*AAA	Medicine	Queen's University Belfast
A JEYARATNAM	Malaysia	A Level	A*AAB	Medicine	University of St Andrews
P MAY MYAT NOE PWINT	Myanmar	A Level	A*AAa	Medicine and Surgery	Plymouth University
M S I ABDULSHAFEA	Libya	A Level	A*A*A	Medicine	University of Central Lancashire
K A KAMARUDIN	Malaysia	A Level	A*A*A	Medicine	University of Bristol
R M Q SEAH	Singapore	A Level	AAA	Medicine	University of Glasgow
C AHN	South Korea	A Level	A*AB	Veterinary Medicine	University of Edinburgh
K CHAMNANCHANG	Thailand	A Level	ABCb	Medicine	Poznan University, Poland
S KAJORNDECHASAK	Thailand	A Level	AAB	Dentistry	University of Dundee
R A JACINTO PIRES	Portugal	A Level	A*AAAB	Medicine	Nova Medical School, Portugal
R A JACINTO PIRES	Portugal	A Level	AAAAB	Medicine	Nova Medical School, Portugal
D REVEENDRAN	Malaysia	A Level	A*AAB	Medicine	Queen's University Belfast
H H H DAO	Vietnam	A Level	A*A*A*	Medicine (International)	St George's, University of London
H I KOLEOSO	United Kingdom	A Level	A*A*A	Dentistry	Newcastle University
E N EKPENYONG	Nigeria	A Level	A*AB	Medicine	University of Buckingham
J Y R THAM	Singapore	A Level	ACC	Veterinary Medicine	University of Murdoch
W T SZE	British National (Overseas)	A Level	A*A*A*A	Medicine	University College London
L E TAN	Malaysia	A Level	A*A*A*	Medicine	University of Glasgow
V IAKOVLEVA	Russian Federation	A Level	A*A*A*	Medicine	Sapienza University of Rome
T H DINH	Vietnam	A Level	A*A*A	Medicine (International)	St George's, University of London
J KURDUN	Lithuania	A Level	AABC	Bioveterinary Sciences	Royal Veterinary College University of London
K X GOH	Malaysia	A Level	ABDE	Medicine	Lomonosov Moscow State University
X M F CHAN	Singapore	A Level	A*A*A*A	Medicine	Queen's University Belfast
L K YU	Australia	A Level	A*A*A*A	Medicine	Chinese University of Hong Kong
K DAVOUDI	Iran	A Level	A*A*AA	Medicine	University of Bristol
H I CHIO	Portugal	A Level	A*A*AA	Medicine	University of Edinburgh
M KIANDEE	Malaysia	A Level	A*AAA	Medicine	University of Birmingham
R Y J SIM	Singapore	A Level	A*AA a	Medicine	Newcastle University
K TAZAWA	Japan	A Level	A*AAB	Veterinary Science	University College Dublin
S A NG	Malaysia	A Level	AAAa	Medicine	University of Glasgow
O M ADINGWUPU	Nigeria	A Level	ABBb	Medicine	Royal College Surgeons Ireland
C M CHAN	Hong Kong	A Level	A*A*A*A	Medicine	Chinese University of Hong Kong
S E K S MOK	Singapore	A Level	A*AAA	Medicine	University of Edinburgh
K C SUEN	China	A Level	A*AAA	Medicine	Cardiff University
T C NGUYEN	Vietnam	A Level	A*AAA	Medicine	University of Birmingham
D H CHETTIAR	Singapore	A Level	A*AAaa	Medicine	University of Southampton
N SANYANG	Gambia	A Level	AAAB	Medicine	King's College London
S N MIRMOEINI	Iran	A Level	AAAa	Medicine	Newcastle University
O P KEBAITSE	Botswana	A Level	BBBa	Medicine	University of Murdoch

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