

Timeline - Applying to Medical School

20 minutes discussion
25 Minutes Q&A from students

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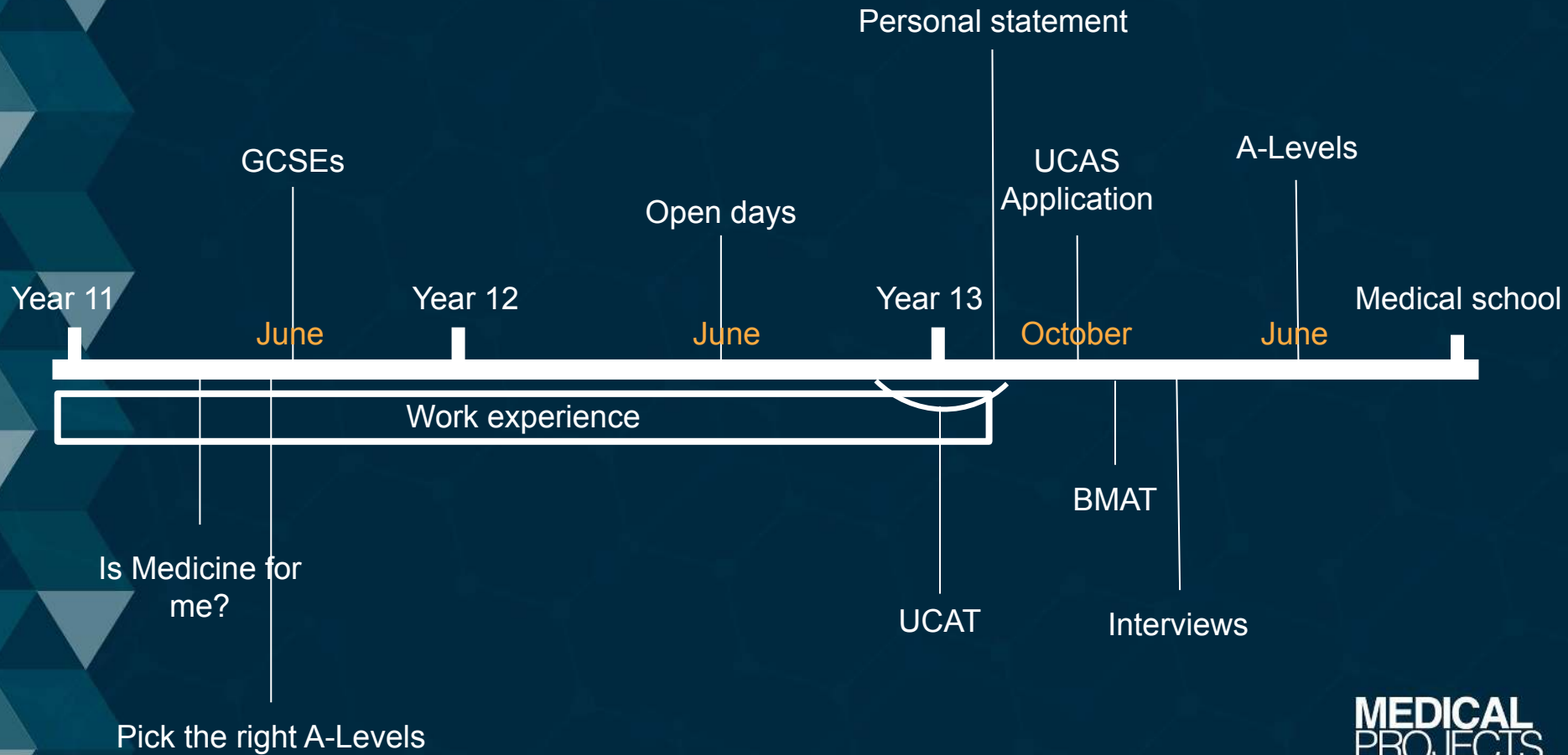


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Housekeeping and Introductions:

- This webinar will finish before 8pm
- We will send a recording and slides out within 48 hours
- Q&A section at the end
- Please use the Upvote system
- We will be using poll questions, get involved!



Is Medicine Right For Me?

- Is it what **YOU** want to do?
- Can you see yourself studying the subject for 5/6 years?
- Have you looked into what a career in Medicine entails?

Here's what you can do:

- Get some work experience. See in person what the role of a doctor is. It might be different to what you expected!
- Speak to current medical students or doctors. Ask them about their experiences.
- Look the university websites. There are lots of videos and articles detailing what the course is like.

Picking the Right A-Levels

- Typically need Biology and Chemistry
- Some may ask for Chemistry and an additional science subject of your choice
- Check the university website!
- General studies and critical thinking not accepted by most (if not all) universities

Work Experience (Year 11 and 12)

- Shadowing
 - Great way to see what the day to day job of a doctor is
 - GP or hospital
- Volunteering
 - Demonstrates your commitment to Medicine
 - Gives you first hand experience with patients
 - If NHS role not possible, a caring role e.g. care home or hospice would be a good substitute
- Covid has meant medical schools are generally more relaxed about work experience requirements
 - ObserveGP
 - GP Live course
 - Ward Round Live course
 - Be able to demonstrate insight into the career

Open Days (End of year 12 and Summer)

- Likely all virtual for the foreseeable future
- How is the course taught? Chance to intercalate? Clinical experience from the start?
- This is your time to ask questions and speak to current students!
- Also need to consider accommodation and the town/city itself. Is it somewhere you can see yourself living for the next 5/6 years?
- UCAS convention also provides an opportunity to ask questions if you can't 'attend' an open day

UCAT & BMAT (Start of Year 13)

- UCAT: July to September
 - Before UCAS application
- BMAT: November
 - After you've sent off your application!
- During summer of year 12 begin to think about where you want to apply to. Do you need UCAT or BMAT?
- Start practising!
- Use UCAT results to narrow down your choices

UCAS Application (Start of Year 13)

- Deadline mid-October (Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Med and Oxbridge earlier than all other courses)
- Personal statement
 - Give yourself plenty of time!
 - Draft, draft and draft
- Finalise your 4 medical school choices
- Think carefully about your 5th option
 - Is there an option to transfer to Medicine? (Extremely competitive!)
 - Will it allow me to apply to postgraduate Medicine?

Interviews (December to March)

- Don't be disheartened if you don't hear immediately
- Keep up with hot topics
- Ask teachers if they can practice with you
- Practice the common questions
- Time between interviews and offers will vary

A-Levels and Results Day (June to August)

- Get those 3 As!
 - Then you're all set to go
- Didn't get in?
 - Do as best you can so you can try again next year
- Results
 - Have a plan if things don't go so well
 - Insurance, clearing or gap year

You're Going To Medical School! (September)

- Enjoy your last few weeks of holiday (as much as you can considering...)
- Check what you need for your course
 - Stethoscope, lab coat
- Don't rush out to buy textbooks
- There may be Facebook groups you can meet people in before you even get there
- Enjoy it!