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Which Medical School Should I Go To?

20 minutes discussion
25 Minutes Q&A from students

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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!

Poll Question 1

Poll Question 2



What should I be looking at when deciding?

- Minimum entry requirements
- UCAT/BMAT
- Teaching style
- Location
- Previous student experiences

Minimum Entry Requirements

- Check carefully: it's not always just 3As at A-level
- There may be GCSE requirements
 - E.g. Manchester require 5 GCSEs at >7
 - Some state a minimum grade for English and Maths (usually 6/7)
- Almost every medical school requires A-level chemistry
- Many require biology as well
 - Aston, Birmingham, Brighton, Cardiff, Edge Hill, Exter, Hull York, Imperial, KCL, Lincoln, UEA, Plymouth, Southampton, St Georges, UCL

Open Days

- Think you meet the entry requirements? Go on the open day!
- Likely virtual for the foreseeable future
- Note down any questions you want to ask beforehand
 - Work-life balance, societies and extra-curriculars, course structure, teaching
- Opportunity to look at the accommodation as well
- Speak to current students!
- While you're there, think about your 5th UCAS choice

UCAT/BMAT

- Narrow down your choices depending on your UCAT score
- Done well? Apply to universities that put a lot of weight on your score or have a high cut-off
- Vice versa if you didn't do as well as you'd hoped
- BMAT not until after applications sent
 - Brighton & Sussex, Imperial, Lancaster, UCL, Cambridge, Leeds, Oxford, Keele
- Check out our previous webinar and articles for more detail

Teaching Style

- Problem based learning, traditional and integrated
- PBL
 - Teamwork and self-directed learning
 - Early patient contact
 - Manchester, Hull York, Plymouth etc
- Integrated
 - Majority of medical schools
 - Systems based
 - Lectures and tutorials alongside clinical experience
- Traditional
 - Oxbridge
 - 'Pre-clinical' years for learning basic sciences
 - Followed by 'clinical' years in hospitals

Location

Town



Campus



City



Other Things to Consider

- Cost of living
 - Check prices of accomodation but also student flats
- Opportunities to intercalate
 - Bachelor's, Master's
 - Do you have any particular interests?
- Sport and extra-curricular
 - Do they offer your sport?
 - What is the standard like?
- Full body dissection
 - Sheffield, St Andrews, Newcastle, Leicester, King's, Cambridge
- Speak to current students
 - Open days, interview day?
- Still stuck?
 - Create a list with pros and cons or even score each aspect of the university

Question Time!

(Approx 20 minutes)

Poll Question 3

Thanks for joining us!

Next webinar: Life at Medical School

24th February - 7pm

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