

A-levels: Specialist preparation for Medical School

Gaining a place to follow a Medicine course at undergraduate level in the UK is very demanding. At Kings, we work hard to support all students who wish to follow this path.

Helping exceptional candidates stand out

There are around 8000 applicants for Medical places each year – but only about 600 places available for international applicants.

Demands vary from medical school to medical school but all agree on the following entry requirements for applicants:

Academic entry requirements

- Very high score in medically-based Ability Test
- A-level requirements:
 - Three A grades including two Sciences (Biology and Chemistry preferred)
 - Several A levels are accepted, and mathematics is not essential
 - 4th subject at AS with a minimum of B
 - No re-sits are permitted

English language entry requirements

- Language level: Minimum IELTS 7.5 overall (with minimum 7.0 in any one band)

Extracurricular and personal entry requirements

- Proven history of interest and involvement in caring and medically based experiences
- Evidence of a rounded character, as well as a successful track record
- Ability to express a point of view clearly and reflect upon personal abilities
- Ability to demonstrate personal attributes in a variety of interview processes
- Age: 18+ upon entry to the medical school

The Kings Medical School Preparation Programme

We have developed a carefully planned process to support our exceptional students with ambitions to be accepted to medical school.

Academic development: We focus on academic success in Biology, Chemistry plus one other subject.

Senior Mentor: A Senior Mentor leads you through the application process.

Language skills: We ensure you achieve the required language skills as early as possible.

Research: We guide your research into the most suitable medical school.

Medical school visits: We support you by arranging visits the medical schools.

Ability Test practice: We help you to gain experience and skills in taking Ability Tests.

Extracurricular development: We provide a programme to develop personal and social skills.

Enrichment opportunities: We offer enrichment opportunities, for example regular visits and special study sessions at the **University of Oxford School of Medicine**. Our students have taken part in student-based trials carried out by the Department of Medicine.

Personal statement: We guide you in ways of communicating your achievements to your best advantage in your personal statement.

Interview practice: We provide you with practice in the varying forms of interview.

Recent Medical success

Saddam Raziyeve from Kazakhstan. Gained a place for Medicine but decided to take Biochemistry at

Bristol University (#18*)



Ping Hei Cheng from Hong Kong. Now studying Medicine at **Queen's University Belfast (#24*)**

Chun Yu Chan from Hong Kong. Now studying Medicine at **Queen's University Belfast (#24*)**

“At university you have to manage your time very well, and no one will remind you what to study and when to study – you have to be independent. But thanks to Kings, I was prepared for that”

Adaeze Atube from Nigeria gained a place at the **University of Surrey (#8)** to study BioScience. She will convert to Medicine when she returns home.

* Rankings for Medicine



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