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- **May – August:** Research, Virtual Open Days, Webinars, Writing Personal Statement, BMAT and UCAT research
- **August - October:** BMAT and UCAT tests (TBC)
- **September:** 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> drafts of personal statement
- **October:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October School Deadline (this gives us time to check your application and add finalised your reference in time for the deadline)
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 6pm:** Final UCAS deadline



# What will be considered

- GCSE results
- A level predicted grades
- Personal Statement
- Reference
- BMAT / UCAT score – some universities will have a minimum score for this
- Interview
- Final grades
- Check your subjects – next slide



# A level requirements (as of Sep 2020)

Chem + 2 other sciences (Bio, Phys or Maths)	Bio and Chem + anything else	Chem + 1 other science (Bio, Phys or Maths) + anything else	Bio or Chem + another maths/science/psychology + anything else
Most Cambridge colleges	Aston	Aberdeen	Manchester
<b>2 out of (Bio or Chem, Psychology) + anything</b>	Birmingham	Bristol	Plymouth
Lancaster	Brighton and Sussex	Buckingham	Sheffield
	Cardiff	Dundee	Kent and Medway
<b>Bio or Chem plus any other 2</b>	Edge Hill	Edinburgh	Leicester
UEA	Exeter	Glasgow	Keele
	HYMS	Liverpool (3rd	<b>Bio or Chem + another maths/science + anything else</b>
<b>Any 3, NO science requirements</b>	Imperial	Oxford	ARU
Newcastle	King's	QUB	Leeds
	Lincoln	St Andrews	Barts
<b>Bio + 1 of (Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Environmental Studies or Geography) + anything else</b>	Nottingham	UCLAN	Sunderland
Southampton	St George's		
	UCL		



# Personal Statements – 4000 characters/47 lines

- How your qualities and skills match the course criteria
- Experiences in Healthcare/Medicine – Work Experience (this can be virtual this year)
- Why you want to be a doctor! (not anything else)
- Communication skills
- Leadership
- Honesty and integrity
- Well rounded
- 80/20 Rule – 80% academic/specific experience and 20% extra curricular
- Look at examples but don't be tempted to copy – every personal statement will be checked for plagiarism



# Where to apply - do your research

- This medical school comparison tool is amazing - <https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/choosing-a-medical-school/comparisontool/>
- Review the medical school based on a set criteria
- BMAT or UCAT – it is good to avoid doing both tests as this creates a lot of extra work
- Learning styles – integrated or project based learning
- Interviews – are you suited to 1:1 or Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI). Don't let this put you off as we will do lots of practise for this
- Life at Med School – Campus Vs City Uni



# Different learning styles

## **Lecture Based Learning/Traditional (Integrated)**

Lectures

Modular

Own reading

System based

Individual

Exams

## **Problem/Case Based Learning (PBL)**

Group discussions

Problems

Own reading

Topic based

Teamwork

Exams



# Admissions Tests

- UCAT – Usually October

<https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/ucat/>

- BMAT – Usually August and October

<https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/bmat/>

**COVID-19 update: Admissions tests “remain committed to delivering the UCAT & BMAT in 2020.” However “it is likely that the timeline for UCAT will shift.”**





# Interviews

- Subject knowledge
- Ethical issues
- Teamwork/leadership
- Caring manner
- Personal statement
- Current medicine in the news
  - this is currently quite focussed around COVID so read around and find other interesting articles
- Know the course
- Have a question
- Check the format
- Most common now is MMI – multiple mini interviews

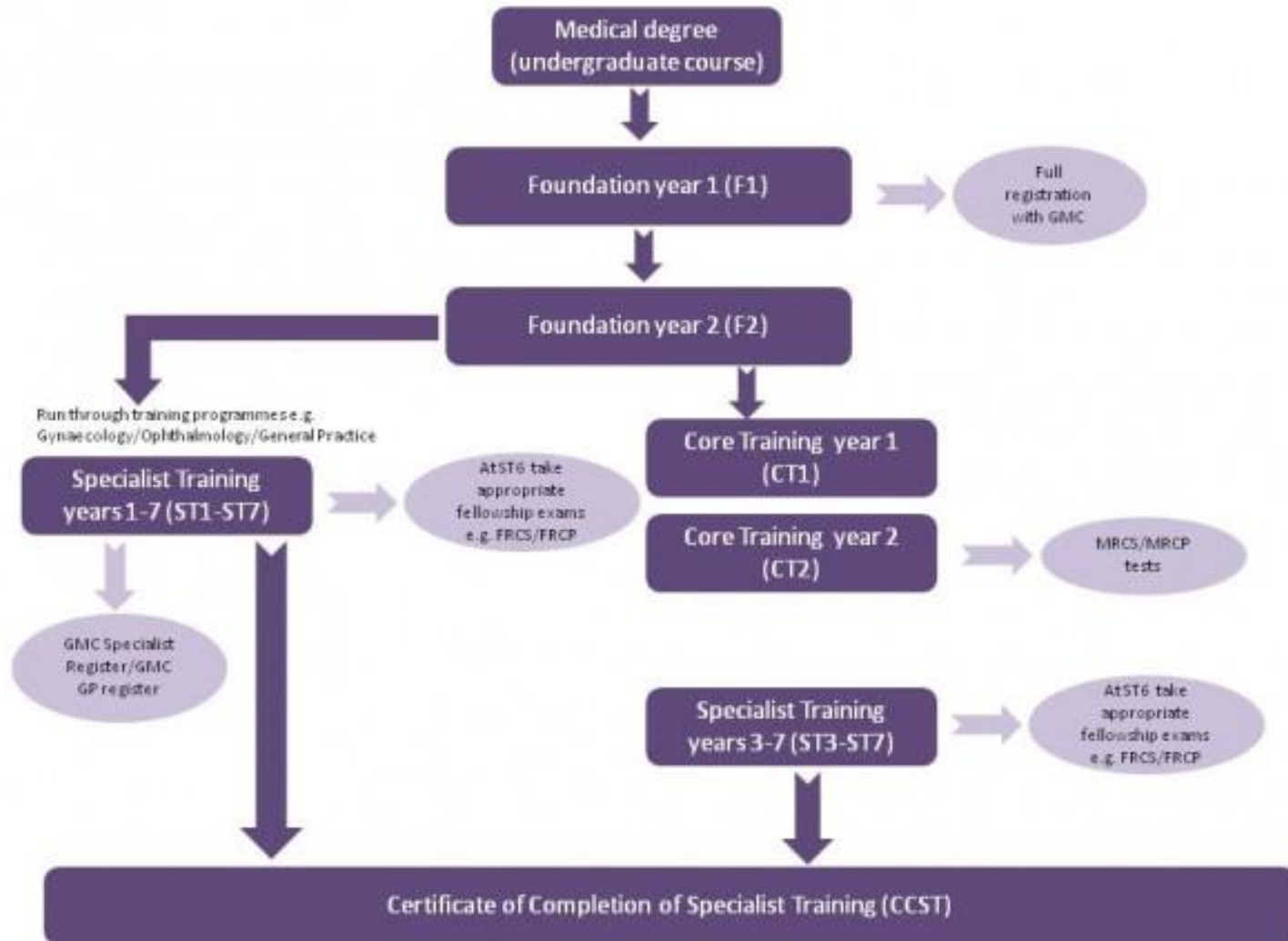


# Life at Med School

- Different from “normal” students
- Shorter summer holidays!
- More exams!
- “Work hard, play hard”
- Close to your peers
- Strong friendships
- Sports, clubs and societies
- Think about career from the start
- Campus vs City University life – which will you prefer?



# Life after Med School



# Further Reading

<https://www.myheplus.com/>

Lots of further reading under both Medicine heading + the Sciences

<https://www.themedicportal.com/blog/prospective-medical-student-reading-list/>

Medical Portal recommended Fiction and Non-Fiction Books



# Useful Websites

[www.stepmaths.co.uk](http://www.stepmaths.co.uk)

Admissions tests videos for BMAT and UCAT – you should have received an email with login details for this.

Email Miss Isaac if you did not

<https://sites.google.com/site/smrtprogression2/home>

SMRT 6<sup>th</sup> form progression site – check out Medicine and Admissions Tests tabs

<https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/applications>

Further guidance on all aspects of your application

