

# 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.

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“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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