



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

University pre-admissions tests for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary

I am writing to you, as the Medicinal Sciences Pathway Lead, to inform you of some upcoming key dates and information that may be of interest.

As part of applying for medicine or dentistry courses there is a requirement for students to sit a pre-admissions test called the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT), this is an exam that takes place at an external provider. Applicants are required to sit the UCAT (between 7 July - 26 September) if they are intending to apply for entry in 2026 (or deferred entry in 2027). The UCAT is delivered in Pearson VUE test centres across the UK and in 130+ countries worldwide.

Students can only sit the UCAT exam once in a year. Below you will find all the key dates for the UCAT booking and testing for this year.

- **13 May 2025** (09:30 BST) – [UCAT Account creation](#) opens. [Bursary](#) and [Access Arrangement](#) applications open.
- **17 June 2025** (06:00 BST) - [Booking](#) opens
- **7 July 2025** - [Testing](#) starts
- **16 September 2025** (23:59 BST) - Access Arrangement application deadline
- **19 September 2025** (12 noon BST) - Booking deadline / UCAT Account creation closes
- **26 September 2025** - Last test day
- **26 September 2025** (16:00 BST) - Bursary Scheme application deadline
- **15 October 2025** - UCAS deadline
- **Early November** - [Results](#) delivered to universities

You can change the date of your exam once you have booked if for any reason you are unable to make it on the day. With this in mind, the best advice is to book your exam as soon as booking opens to enable you to secure the date you want. (Most people will book for August as there are no school lessons at this point in the year and it gives the applicant time to prepare in June/July). You then have the opportunity for the exam to be moved to September if necessary. Please visit <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/> for more information.

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Due to the importance of this pre-admissions test, students should be completing 35-40 hours of preparation for the exam. **I will be running UCAT practise sessions in school on a Wednesday lunch time on week B.** We will mainly be using the questions from the UCAT website as this will familiarise the students with the exact set up of the exam including the on-screen calculator.

In addition to this, I am able to give students access to 40% of medify question banks. This is a website that provides banks of questions for students to practise for the UCAT. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that there is no obligation to subscribe to additional resources from external organisations. There are free resources on the UCAT website and there are also text books that we have available in the school, in the main library and the careers library, to support students. I just wanted to communicate the reduced offer available.

If your child would like to access these resources, please can you ensure that they complete the following form with the email they would like registered to the medify account so that I can set this up for them. Once I have submitted the student details they will receive an email with a link to follow to complete their set up and pay for the resource at the reduced fee. The school will cover the costs of the resources for any bursary students however we still need to know if they would like to access this so please still fill in the form.

State Schools Discount

UCAT 40% off	School Price
1 Week	£9
1 Month	£18
2 Months	£36
3 Months	£54
4 Months	£72
5 Months	£90
Season Pass	£108
2 Season Pass	£185

Add ons	
Interview Preparation Course	£1.00

In addition to the offer of the additional question banks from medify, the school can cover travel costs for bursary students wishing to access open days for medicine and dentistry so please ensure you take up this offer.

If there are any bursary students wishing to purchase the UCAT text books or the text books for mini multiple interviews these can also be purchased by school.

The medical schools council website has all the entry requirements for all the different medical and dental school in the UK. It would be worth students familiarising themselves with the different schools and also looking at the widening participation criteria. This is a set of criteria that students may fall into if they are a recipient of the bursary, the criteria is different for different universities and will usually mean that students that fit the criteria are eligible for an offer of lower grades such as ABB instead of AAA. <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/how-to-apply-to-medical-school-in-the-uk/entry-requirements>

If there is anything that would support your child applying for medical/dental school that the school can fund such as the travel costs/text books etc, then please do get in touch with Me. Additionally, if you have any questions regarding the admissions process for medicine or dentistry please do not hesitate to ask, it is a daunting and demanding time for the students to be ready for their early application in October for these courses. The teams page that the students have access to for the sixth form pathways as all the upcoming events on and sign up forms for internal events, please encourage them to keep checking these updates.

Please fill in the following form by 2nd May 2025 <https://forms.office.com/e/jRnflVviOB>



Kind Regards

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