



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### UCAT

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 **Monday 13 July - Thursday 24 September**) if they are intending to apply for entry in 2027 (or deferred entry in 2028). 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.

- **Wednesday 20 May 2026** (14:00 UK time) - [UCAT Account creation opens](#), [Bursary](#) and [Access Arrangement](#) applications open.
- **Tuesday 23 June 2026** (14:00 UK time) - [Booking](#) opens
- **Monday 13 July 2026** - [Testing](#) starts
- **Thursday 10 September 2026** (15:00 UK time) - Access Arrangement application deadline
- **Wednesday 16 September 2026** (15:00 UK time) - Booking deadline / UCAT Account creation closes
- **Thursday 24 September 2026** - Last test day
- **Thursday 24 September 2026** (15:00 UK time) - Bursary Scheme application deadline
- **Thursday 15 October 2026** - 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**

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**as booking opens to enable you to secure the date you want and most importantly at the test centre 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 [www.ucat.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk) for more information.

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 during the medical society enrichment slot.** 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 fill in the form and identify your bursary status.**

6 months (State School UK) for £108  
Activated by student when ready

5 months (State School UK) for £90  
Activated by student when ready

4 months (State School UK) for £72  
Activated by student when ready

3 months (State School UK) for £54  
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2 months (State School UK) for £36  
Activated by student when ready

1 month (State School UK) for £18  
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1 year (State School UK) for £126  
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1 week (State School UK) for £9  
Activated by student when ready

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 and later in the year and into 2027 bursary students can also claim their travel for interviews.



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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 school's 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/for-students/applying-to-medical-school/entry-requirements/>. There is also a similar resource for dental applicants however this is a pdf booklet <https://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk/making-an-application/uk-dental-school-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 Mrs Noble.

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 Friday 1 May 2026. I will add students to the medify account over the next few weeks as the form is filled in. Bursary students will have their account prepaid by Friday 8 May however I will try to do these again as the form is filled in.

[UCAT Medify question banks reduced fee offer. – Fill in form](#)



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Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Noble', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Noble - Medicinal Sciences Pathway Lead