

# **UCAS Early Entry: MDV courses**



# Thinking of a career in medicine, dentistry or veterinary?

- If you are considering one of these competitive courses, there is much support on offer at SCGSG.
- There are visits and extra-curricular sessions for you to get involved. Over the last few years, these have included: a Medlink conference at Nottingham University which involves lectures on applying and a careers fair; an in-school session with the Medical Mavericks to try out different medical equipment and to explore medical-related careers; both an in-school practice MMI session and a later externally provided session; personalised help with personal statements and interviews.
- Once we have a cohort of MDV students, we set up an O365 group to enable easy communication.
- For more information at this stage, contact Mrs Farrell at school.



# Making sure you have a competitive personal statement

- Usually, for MDV courses, personal statements are dominated by the different work experience opportunities you have undertaken. This is something we will guide you through in Year 12.
- However, there are lots of things you can be doing during lockdown and the summer to make sure your application is competitive. It should also help you confirm that the course is the right one for you.
- The following slides list a variety of activities you can be engaging in during lockdown and over the summer. Feel free to contact me if you find anything else you think everyone would benefit from.



# Podcasts

There are lots of podcasts available to listen to which give you a really broad knowledge of your discipline. Below are a few that you might try but there are lots more available.



<https://soundcloud.com/bmjpodcasts/sets/the-bmj-podcast>



<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/units/nuffield-department-clinical-medicine>

This is one department of many offering podcast lectures at Oxford.



<http://thispodcastwillkillyou.com/>



<https://vetgirlontherun.com/>

Although this is designed for practising vets, there should be plenty of accessible content here. She also offers webinars.



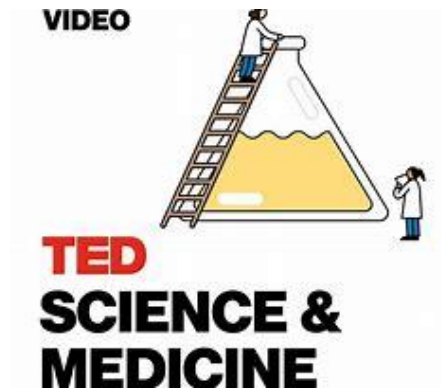
<http://extractingwisdom.libsyn.com/website>



# Ted Talks

Ted Talks are an amazing resource and are available online or as podcasts.

<https://www.ted.com/topics/medicine>



<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ted-talks-science-and-medicine/id470623801>



# MOOCS



Again, there are lots of MOOCs you can complete for free with providers like FutureLearn. There are currently 118 MDV related courses available on FutureLearn, all accredited by universities, so you should find something to interest you. Opposite are just a selection of courses on offer over the next few months.

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## Animal Viruses: Their Transmission and the Diseases They Produce

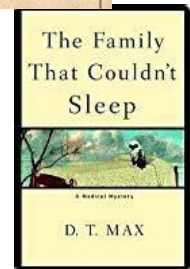
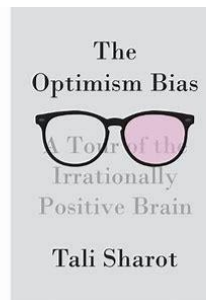
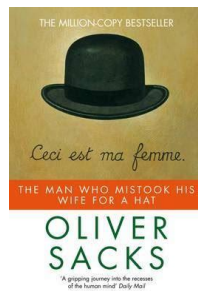
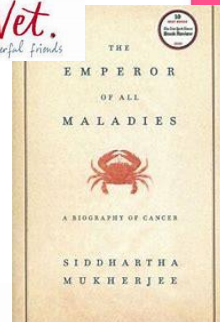
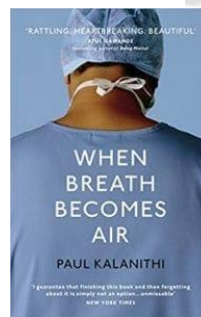
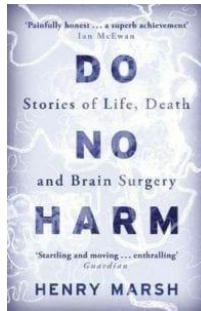
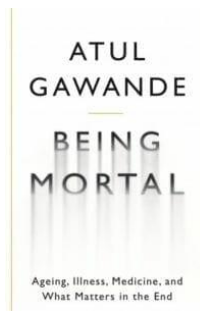
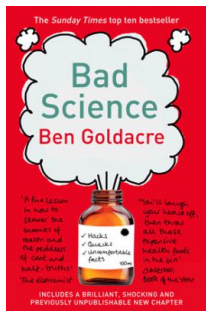
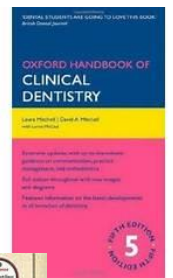
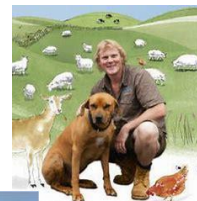
Learn how important animal viruses are transmitted between animals and humans, and understand the diseases they produce.

[Join course for free](#)



# Reading

There are lots of options for wider reading, from the light-hearted to the more serious clinical studies. Here is a small selection.



# Blogs

There are lots of blogs you can access, either from publications like Vet Times or from individuals who are going through the process of becoming a doctor/dentist/vet etc. Below is a selection of those available.



<https://internal-optimist.blogspot.com/>



<https://gcsetodegree.blogspot.com/>



<https://thejuniordoctor.blogspot.com/>

<https://thinkmedic.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.vettimes.co.uk/category/opinion/student-blogs/>



<https://www.dentalhealth.org/Blogs/blogs-and-vlogs>





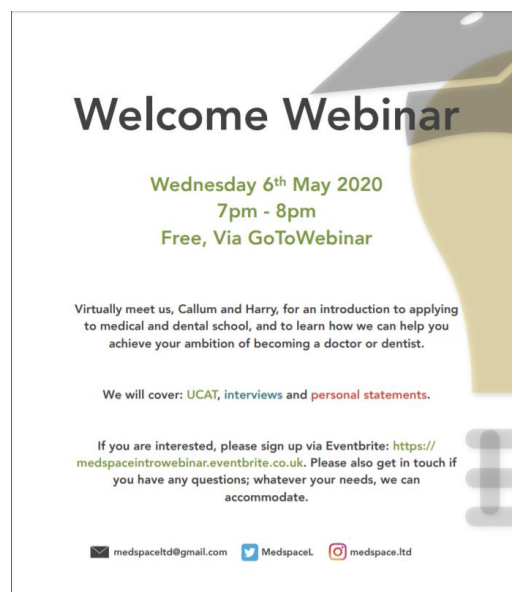
# The application process

- It is useful early on to think about the kind of university you want to study at, from Oxbridge to some of the newer medical schools, like Sunderland.
- The following sites are useful for exploring which universities best suit your requirements:
- <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/how-choose-uk-university>
- <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/choosing-a-course>



# Webinars

Lots of associations are offering free webinars at this time. It's worth looking at what is available, and we will let you know about any we have information on. Below are the details of a webinar we were sent details about.



**Welcome Webinar**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
7pm - 8pm  
Free, Via GoToWebinar

Virtually meet us, Callum and Harry, for an introduction to applying to medical and dental school, and to learn how we can help you achieve your ambition of becoming a doctor or dentist.

We will cover: UCAT, interviews and personal statements.

If you are interested, please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://medspaceintrowebinar.eventbrite.co.uk>. Please also get in touch if you have any questions; whatever your needs, we can accommodate.

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# UCAT and BMAT preparation

- All universities use the results from the UCAT test in different ways, as part of the application process.
- Some universities also ask for the BMAT test, including both Oxbridge universities.
- Again, we will guide you through this process during Year 12.

