

Preparation for *Medicine,*
Dentistry and medically
related courses

BRAMPTON COLLEGE



“Students’ success in examinations and their careful preparation for university admission give them an excellent preparation for future study and employment... Almost all (students) move on to their destination of choice in higher education”.
Ofsted Report February 2009

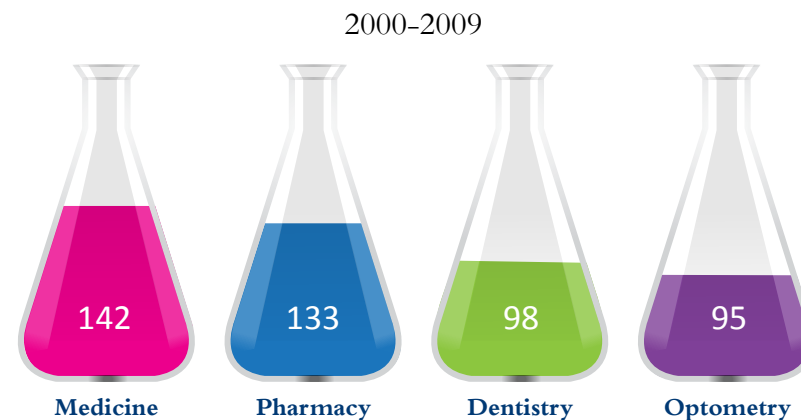
Brampton College was judged as ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted in 2009.

An Introduction

Gaining a place to read Medicine or Dentistry requires thorough preparation and skilled guidance. This is also true of Veterinary Science, Optometry, Pharmacy and other professions allied to Medicine.

Nearly 500 of our students have been placed on Medicine, Dentistry and medically related courses since 2000.

Our Record



In 2009 alone, fourteen students went on to study Medicine, seventeen Pharmacy, seven Dentistry and two Optometry. The 2008 and 2009 leavers have between them won places at every London Medical school including those requiring the BMAT, Imperial and University College, as well as other leading universities.



Shinal Desai achieved AAA in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics after a two-year A level course at Brampton College. She went on to study Dentistry at Manchester University.



Stephen Moss completed a one-year A level course and achieved AAA in Biology, Chemistry and English Literature. He went on to study Medicine at Queen Mary, University of London.

The College Medical Programme

We advise on sixth form subject choice, courses and destinations

Two highly qualified careers advisers work with students and tutors on identifying the most appropriate courses and destinations. There is an annual Higher Education evening and the College runs a specialist programme on applying to university.

We support arrangements for work experience

The College summer term concludes at the end of June, allowing students maximum opportunity to arrange relevant work experience. This is a vital component of a successful university application in medical sciences. Students are issued with a diary in which to record and reflect on their work experience, helping their recall when they complete their UCAS forms and attend interviews.

We run a twice weekly medical forum

Joy Mason, the Vice Principal of the College for Science and Mathematics – and a lay member of the Medicine interview panel at University College, London – runs a medical forum for students applying for Medicine or medically related courses on two days per week, and attendance is required at one session. Students research and deliver presentations on topics such as the organization of the NHS, current affairs, new treatments and various controversial ethical issues.

Help is given on how to prepare a medical application including advice about what type of work experience is most suitable, and the importance of involvement in the community. Suggestions are made for suitable reading and a forum is provided where students can explore and express their views.

Stimulating discussions and role play help students develop their approach and expand their knowledge on many ethical issues. We invite students from previous years who are now studying Medicine and Dentistry to

return to talk to the students about their experiences and how to be successful at interview.

We encourage volunteering/ community service

Volunteering or community service is a valuable indicator of interest in other people, and in the wider community. It shows that you have a caring nature and a practical interest in working with others. While all experience is valuable, helping others suggests something special and individual. We encourage students to find challenging opportunities working with those with learning disabilities or those who are elderly and frail.

How do we achieve this success?

By providing excellent teaching to enable you to achieve the results which are required for competitive courses.

In 2009 Brampton College again came top of

all Sixth Form Colleges in London – for the ninth year running, with 56% grade A. Our students achieved one of the best value added scores in the country, which is a measure of improvement from GCSE to A level (taking into consideration some socio-economic factors).

By expert interview preparation

Every student is offered both a general and a subject specific interview and receives feedback, advice and support. Two of the College staff have first-hand experience as lay members of medical interview panels.

By our detailed knowledge and experience of different universities and university courses

Universities differ in their entry requirements, their methods of teaching and on the emphasis that they place on different aspects of an application. Our students have gone on to virtually every university in the country offering Medicine and medically related courses. These range from the oldest, such as the University of Oxford, where Arie Gafson is studying at Worcester College, to the newest such as the University of East Anglia where Armin Ghanbari is now studying Medicine.



The student experience at Brampton College

“My experiences at Brampton were all positive. The teaching at the College is genuinely second to none; focused on examinations but at the same time stimulating and interesting. If you want to do well at Brampton you will.”

Arie Gafson 2008 leaver
Medicine at Worcester College, Oxford

“The teachers at Brampton are the most inspirational teachers I have ever experienced, they taught me so that I understood my subjects and were able to help me enjoy learning.”

Anna Beber 2005 leaver
Veterinary Science at the University of Glasgow

“Guidance on university applications was very important to me as I wanted to secure an offer for Medicine, and Brampton ensured that they did all they could in helping me achieve this.”

Anisha Raithatha 2008 leaver
Medicine at Peninsula



Sneha Nayaranaswami achieved A grades in Chemistry, Biology and Psychology and went on to study Medicine at Imperial College.

Armin Ghanbari achieved AAA in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology following a two-year A level course. She went on to study Medicine at the University of East Anglia.



What about other medically related courses?

Our students may be found on a variety of demanding medically related courses including Physiotherapy, Radiography, Speech Therapy, Audiology and Nursing amongst others.

Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience have also received many successful applications, and our 2008 and 2009 leavers can be found studying these courses at Kings, Imperial, University College, Manchester, Nottingham and Warwick.

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