

BRAMPTON COLLEGE

INDEPENDENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



MEDICAL SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



"Students receive excellent guidance regarding university admission. They are carefully and skilfully advised about appropriate courses and universities. In addition, there is a medical forum which thoroughly prepares students for the rigorous admission processes for medicine and related courses. Potential applicants for other courses are given appropriate subject support in addition to interview guidance and practice. Experienced careers advisors are available at the college for one-to-one advice."

Independent Schools Inspectorate Report - December 2021

Gaining a place at university to study Medicine, Dentistry or similarly competitive degree programmes requires commitment and dedication. At Brampton College our team of experts help students along their journey from selecting the most appropriate universities all the way through to preparing for interview and beyond.

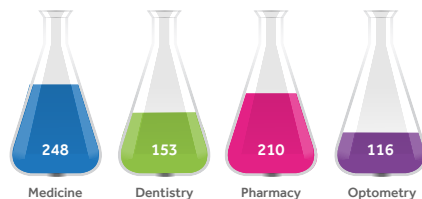
We encourage students to begin their journey early and work on their applications consistently alongside their A levels.

Our programme is overseen by our Principal, John Wilson, who has supported students' applications to Medical School and other competitive degree programmes for over 20 years.

Contributions to the programme are made from our Head of Careers and several members of our Science teaching staff, who all have vast experience in the application process.

Our experience and success is unrivalled, with over 700 students gaining places to read medically related degree programmes since 2000.

OUR RECENT RECORD 2000 – 2023



'The teachers here have really helped instil a love of learning into me. They also care about the students so much and are always there to offer further support.'

Kara achieved AAA and a place to study Medicine at the University of Bristol.



'The teachers here just don't compare to the ones I've had in the past. There's constant support whenever and wherever I needed it. The weekly tests really helped me get used to the exam mindset. For anyone out there who hasn't got their grades or university place, it's totally worth taking another year to resit your subjects.'

Maria resat her Chemistry and Biology A levels improving her grades from ABB to AAA and achieved a place to study Medicine at the University of Liverpool.

Our approach

Students who hope to apply to Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine are automatically enrolled on our Medical School Programme. This includes a fortnightly seminar starting in the Spring Term of the first year of A level, several workshops, and participation in medically related events. Additionally, and inkeeping with the philosophy and ethos of the college, much of our guidance and support is offered on a one-to-one basis by our committed and knowledgeable staff.

THE APPLICATION

A medical application is multi-faceted and demanding. We deliver expert support and help at every stage.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

We meet as a group every fortnight to develop understanding and knowledge of the career. Our seminars cover:

- The National Health Service and other healthcare systems
- Medical ethics
- Situational judgement
- Decision making
- 'Hot topics' and new research in the profession
- Skill building
- Presentation skills

WORK EXPERIENCE

Medical and Dental schools expect applicants to organise placements independently and so we also have this expectation, although we support candidates with their letters of application and references. Brampton students also gain valuable additional experience of working with practitioners and experts.

This includes:

- Week-long placements at Imperial College
- Visits to a Maxillofacial ward at Northwick Park Hospital
- Participation in workshops at UCLH Ambulatory Care Unit
- Talks, visits and Q & A sessions from leading practitioners in many medical disciplines

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This remains a crucial element of a successful application and much of the work is done on a one-to-one basis. Students have a dedicated UCAS tutor and they can arrange as many meetings as they need, giving them the opportunity to draft and re-draft their statements several times.

ENTRANCE EXAM

Brampton runs a full-day seminar and workshop to support preparation for the UCAT.

INTERVIEW

Interview preparation is a critical and integral part of the Medical School Programme. Brampton's tutors are skilled and experienced in delivering MMI and traditional panel style interview practice. We have a wealth of experience of the different styles found at each university and keep on top of changes that are made to the systems and styles of interview. Our support includes:

- Unlimited one-to-one interview preparation
- Presentation seminars and workshops for presenting both in-person and online
- Confidence building and guided practice
- One-day MMI seminar and workshop delivered in the summer term

Other support features

EPQ

Many Brampton Medical and Dental applicants take the Extended Project Qualification. Students who choose to do this are allocated a supervisor to address an area of scientific or medical research. Recent projects have included one student who used AI to help diagnose brain tumour patients at Imperial College and another who researched racial bias in the NHS.

OXBRIDGE

Some of our Medical applicants also take advantage of our Oxbridge programme to make applications to these prestigious universities.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS


Several Brampton students make applications to Medical and Dental schools overseas and we also support these applications. There are Brampton alumni studying in Nicosia, Valencia and Vilnius, to name a few.

POST A LEVEL

Some of our most successful applicants achieve their university place post A level, during a gap year, having already achieved their A level grades. These students continue to receive support from us and remain a part of the Brampton family, benefitting from the same one-to-one support as our full-time students. We have supported many students this way in recent years, and for some this can be the best application route, whilst for others it may provide a 'second chance.'

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UCAS TUTOR TO SUPPORT THEM
AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR
MEDICAL APPLICATION.**



A young man and woman are smiling and posing for a photo in front of a brick wall. The woman is on the left, wearing a brown hoodie, and the man is on the right, wearing a black hoodie. They are both looking towards the camera.

'It was quite a big transition coming from a big school to a small one, but the teachers and students here are great and I've had a really positive experience. My teachers always had time for me for which I am very grateful.'

Saurav achieved A*AA and a place to study Medicine at the University of Bristol.

'What makes Brampton different is the level of support you receive. I was used to teachers who weren't proactive or collaborative, but here you can ask teachers anything and they're always at hand. It's always been my dream to study Medicine and I'm so pleased I stuck to my guns.'

Dipen re-sat Biology and achieved an A* and a place at the University of East Anglia to read Medicine.

'Compared to my previous school, Brampton was more focused on each individual and offered greater support. The variety of revision resources provided was a defining factor. I would like to thank my teachers for their expertise in the subjects they taught and for building my confidence!'

Nimrah achieved a place to study Medicine at Anglia Ruskin University having improved her grades from BB to A*A*.

'I will forever be thankful for Brampton encouraging me to pursue my dream. Their positive attitude always motivated me, and I knew that I was always welcome to approach any of my teachers when I needed help. They all went above and beyond for me and for that I'll always be so grateful. Moving to Brampton College was the best decision I've ever made!'

Trisha achieved A*A*A and a place at Anglia Ruskin University to study Medicine.



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'The level of support has been amazing and the amount they check your progress via weekly tests means that you can't slip through the cracks. The one year course also went into so much depth at such pace, with so many practice papers, that it makes it impossible not to get the grades you need.'

Rhys improved his grade B in Chemistry to an A* and achieved a place to study Medicine at the University of Manchester.

'Being at the college has been one of the best experiences of my life, and I feel truly privileged to have been part of the community, with so much support from the wonderful staff. I couldn't have secured a place in Optometry without the help of all my teachers.'

Imaan achieved A*AAB and a place at City, University of London to study Optometry.

'For someone considering changing school and coming to Brampton, I'd say take the jump and go for it! I don't know a single person here who ever had a second thought about coming to Brampton. I remember my first day here and how I was immediately struck by the quality of teaching and knowing that I'd made the right decision.'

Yael achieved A*AAA and a place to study Biomedical Science at the University of Manchester with a year abroad.

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