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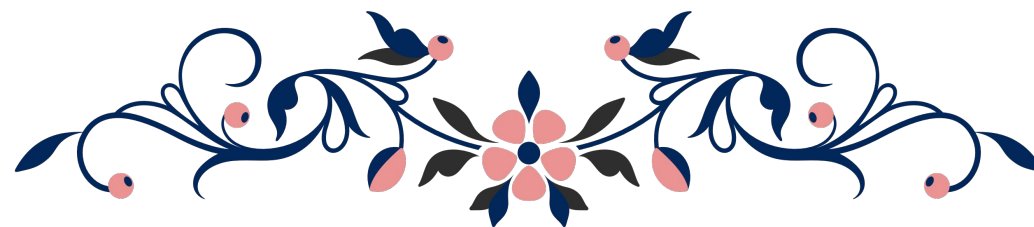
## 영국 의치대 진학 설명회

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# 의대입학 절차와 비결

## OVERVIEW OF MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICATION 2023

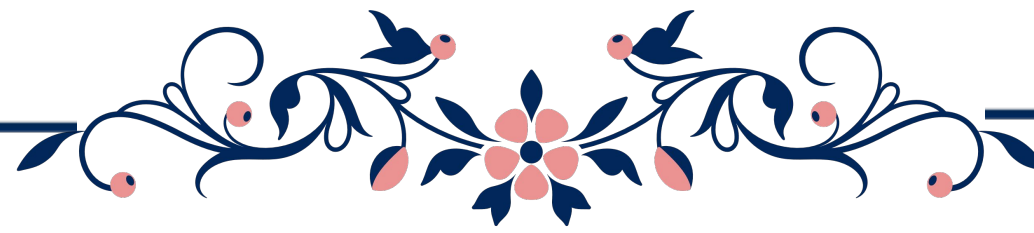


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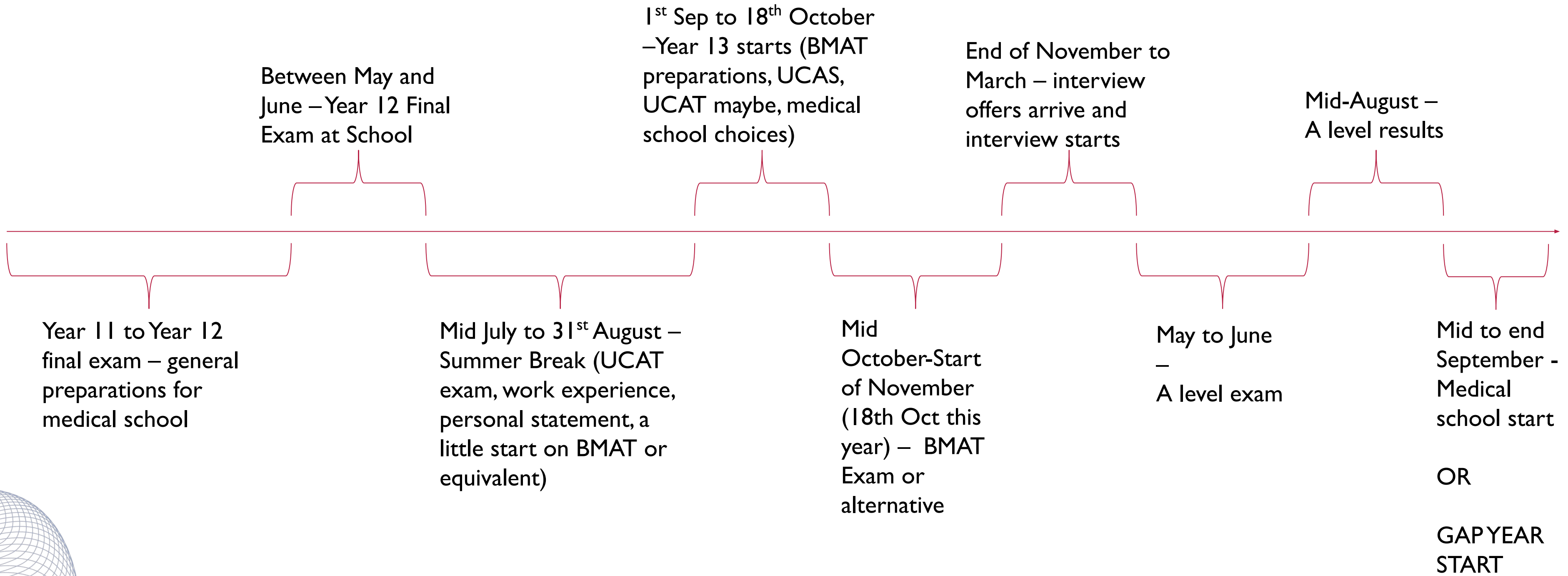


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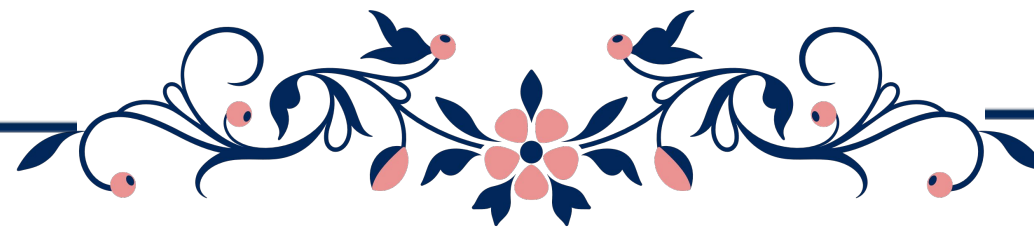




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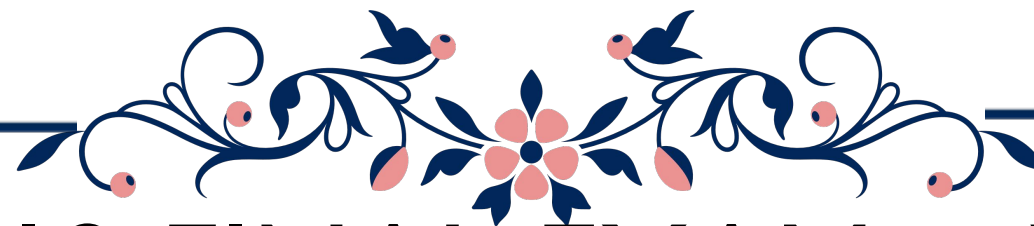






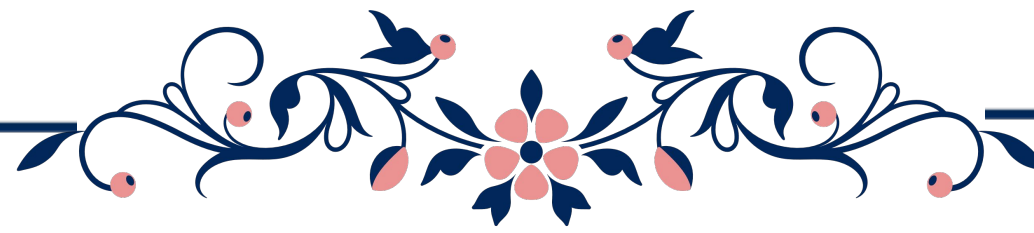
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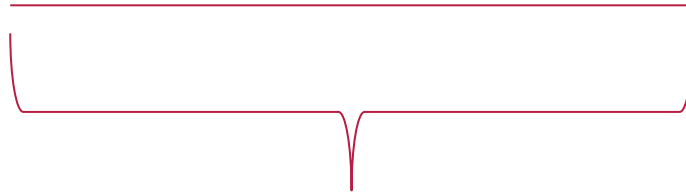
# YEAR 11 - YEAR 12 FINAL EXAM □ WHAT TO PREPARE FOR DURING THIS TIME?

- Main Aim □ Find experience and interest of why you want to study medicine!
- Year 11 □ GCSE exam:
  - IMPORTANT □ Many medical schools will use your GCSEs grades to determine your interview offer (some schools see GCSE score as important as UCAT or BMAT scores).
  - Getting the highest grades here can give you a higher chance to get to the interview stage.
  - Prepare your GCSE exam to the best of ability and take it seriously.
- What could you do to gain this experience & tips?
  - Work Experience (in person or online)
    - More to come from Jeong Hwa Hong
  - Reading medical books, journals, magazines, etc
  - Lectures or seminars
  - Following what's going on in news regarding health
  - Watching documentaries
  - School medical societies (if it exists or if not, try and set up one yourself!)
  - School events
- Reminder:
  - Find and note down what you find interesting in a medical field. □ what is it? / how does it relate to a career in medicine? / how do you feel about it? / why does this make you interested in the medical field?

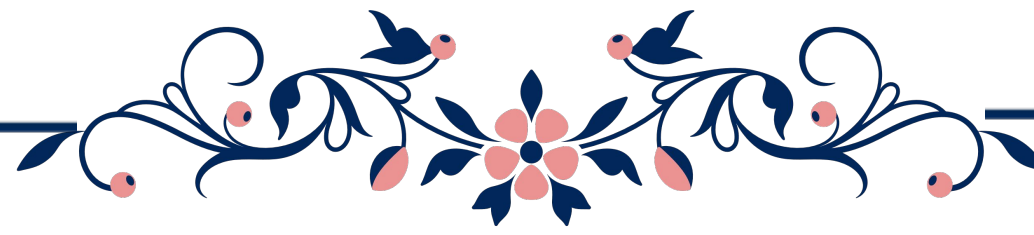


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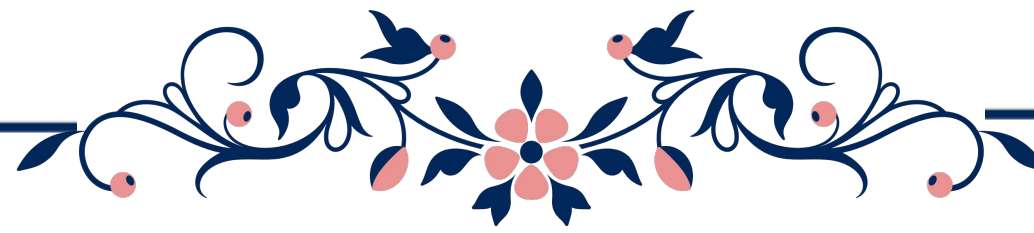


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# YEAR 12 FINAL EXAM AT SCHOOL

- MAIN AIM □ Achieving the best score you can get to achieve the best A level predicted grades!
- Preparation for your three-four subjects:
  - Start past paper early – ideally 6-8 weeks before your real exam.
  - Past paper makes the biggest difference.
  - At year 12, take your landmarks/half term tests seriously as this can sometimes uplift your predicted grades if you have done consistently well.
  - Don't focus on what you can't do, focus on what you can do in the next exam paper.
  - Preparing for this exam small-medium amounts consistently every day is the easiest way to achieve top grades. Start early.



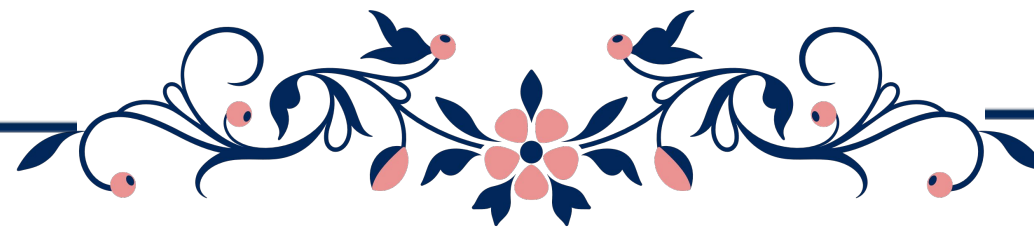
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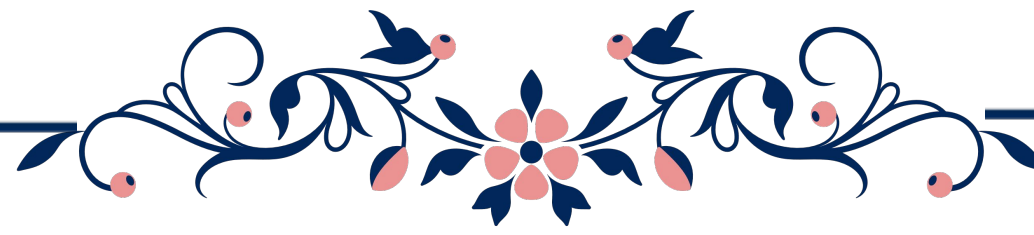
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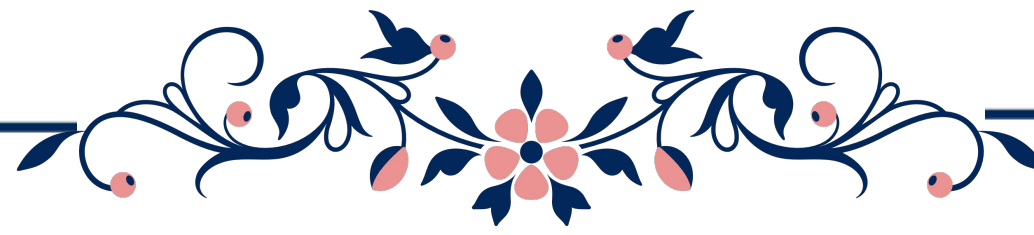
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- MAIN AIMS (BUSIEST SUMMER YET):
  - UCAT (university clinical aptitude test) preparation & examination
    - Advice □ the earlier you start the better! (at least start in July) / recommended to prepare for at least 5 weeks / best to take the test near the end of August to avoid clash with BMAT but you can take it even in September! HOWEVER, only take it, if you feel comfortable in taking it. You can delay it but riskier due to less control of time to take / don't forget your ID on the day!
    - Used for medical school offer
  - Work experience or summer school/camp
    - Doing a week of work experience here is fine! Although it may take a week away from UCAT preparations, you can always take that into account when picking the date.
    - Summer school/camp run during August in various universities. The application open early in the winter (December, January) so research these and try and go to them to gain more interest.
  - Personal Statement
    - Start writing your personal statement paragraph by paragraph and start early. You will make many drafts so the earlier you make it, the more refined it will be.
  - Small start on BMAT equivalent if it exists!!
    - If you manage to finish UCAT early, you can start on BMAT to get familiar with its structure and style.
  - Re-consolidating year 12 knowledge from your three subjects
    - If you feel like you need to re-consolidate on your weak areas in your subjects, it is advised to do so. However, it is not a priority. At the moment, the UCAT, personal statement and BMAT are the priority so please consolidate year 12 A level knowledge after you have done everything else.



# UCAT:

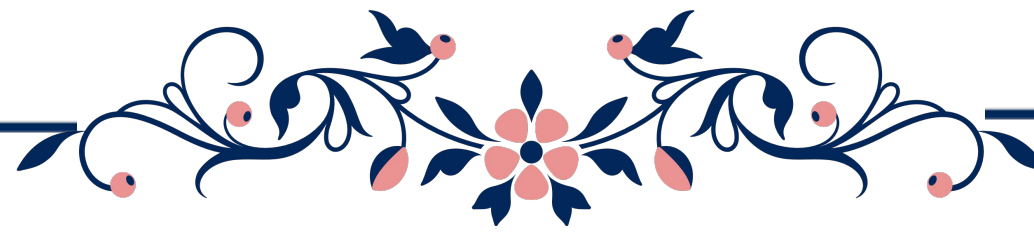
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- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Hull York Medical School
- Keele University
- Kent and Medway Medical School
- King's College London
- University of Leicester
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Newcastle
- University of Nottingham
- Plymouth University
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- St George's, University of London
- University of Sunderland
- University of Warwick



# UCAT:

Section	Time (+1 minute for instructions)	Number of questions
Verbal Reasoning	21 minutes	44 questions on 11 passages
Decision Making	31 minutes	29
Quantitative Reasoning	25 minutes	36
Abstract Reasoning	12 minutes	50
Situational Judgement	26 minutes	69 on 20 scenarios

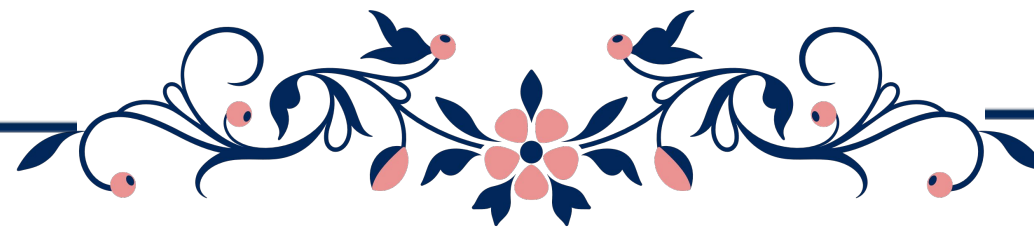




# UCAT:

- Quick tips:
  - Start early (ideally 6-8 weeks before)
  - Time is the biggest challenge so closer to the exam, always time yourself
  - Understand the format well
  - Sit mock exams
  - Monitor progress
  - Practice makes perfect
  - Use a wide range of resources:
    - Online = Medify, medical portal, medfine
    - Books = 1300 UCAT Practice Question





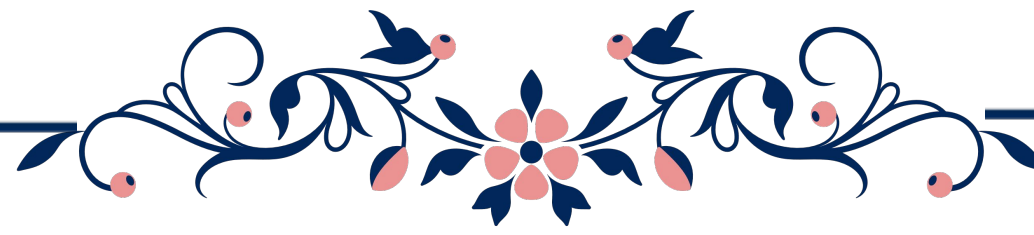
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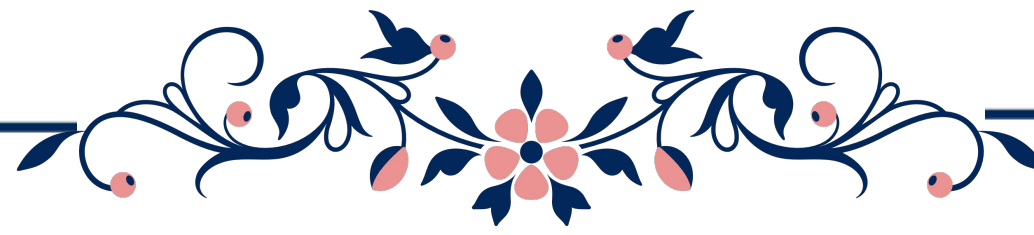
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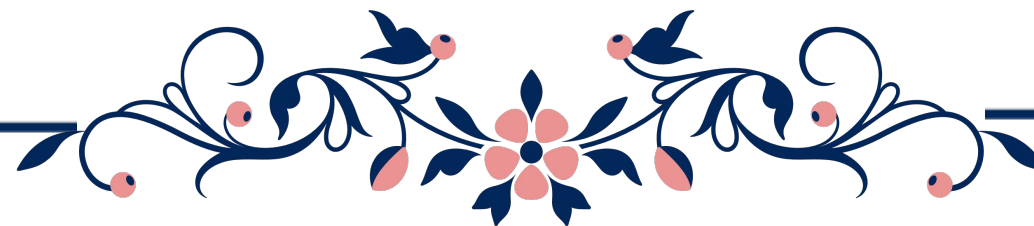
# YEAR 13 START – BMAT equivalent PREPARATIONS / UCAS / UCAT EXAM / MEDICAL SCHOOL CHOICES

- AIM:
  - UCAT EXAM:
    - If you haven't taken the UCAT exam, it is highly advised to take it in early to mid September to prevent interference with school at UCAS or BMAT
  - BMAT (biomedical admissions test) preparations:
    - IMPORTANT: Discontinued for 2024/2025 year.
    - It may be replaced by UCAT / Their own exams / BMAT may continue in some other way???
  - UCAS  medical applications have to be sent earlier than other courses (roughly 15<sup>th</sup> October) / you have to fill in your details and your grades so far and your choices /
  - Medical school choices:
    - You will have to pick 4 medical schools. When you get your offer, you will be able to put them in your preference later through UCAS.
    - By now, you will have gotten UCAT points & GCSE score.  Using these, pick some or all of the four medical schools that will give you the highest advantage and your desire to go to that particular medical school.
      - IMPORTANT NOTE: you won't have done your BMAT before your exam so you will have to pick the medical school that you would like to go to before you know your BMAT result.
      - ADVICE: generally safer to pick TWO BMAT & TWO UCAT if you do both exams. You cannot pick both Cambridge and Oxford together.



# MEDICAL SCHOOLS – HOW TO CHOOSE?

- **IMPORTANT:** go to the medical school application page!
  - They tell you: overview / grade requirements / how they assess whether you will get to interviews / day in a life in their medical school
- 1) You meet their grade requirements so far (i.e. GCSE, UCAT, predicted grade)
- 2) Look at which universities use BMAT equivalent or UCAT. (at the moment, 8 UK medical schools use BMAT // 30 UK medical schools use UCAT)
  - Some may switch to UCAT
- 3) Pick the medical schools that you would like to go to! This could be the location, style of teaching etc.
- Most important  Getting into medical school is a huge achievement in itself. Don't get too bogged down in which medical school you go to. All medical schools' aim is to make you into the best doctor and they are all qualified to make you the best doctor possible.



# BMAT EXAM (AROUND 3<sup>RD</sup>) EARLY NOVEMBER

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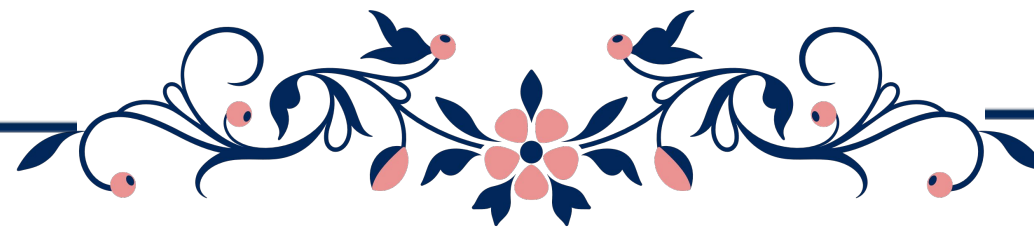
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- More to come later today from Chaerin Im





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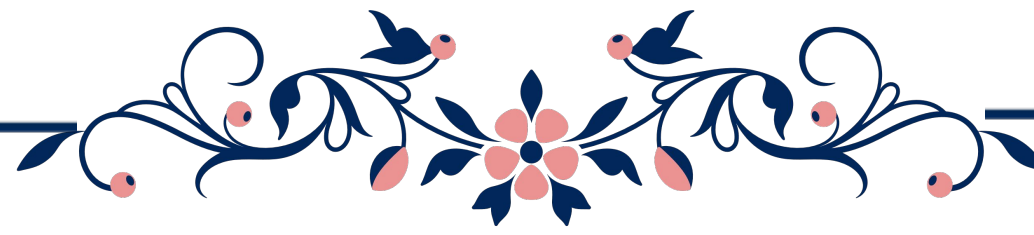
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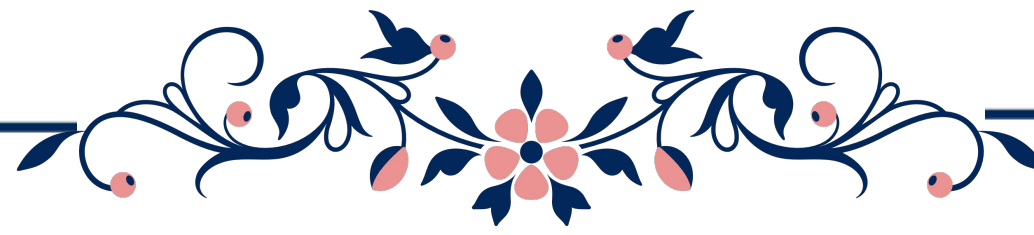
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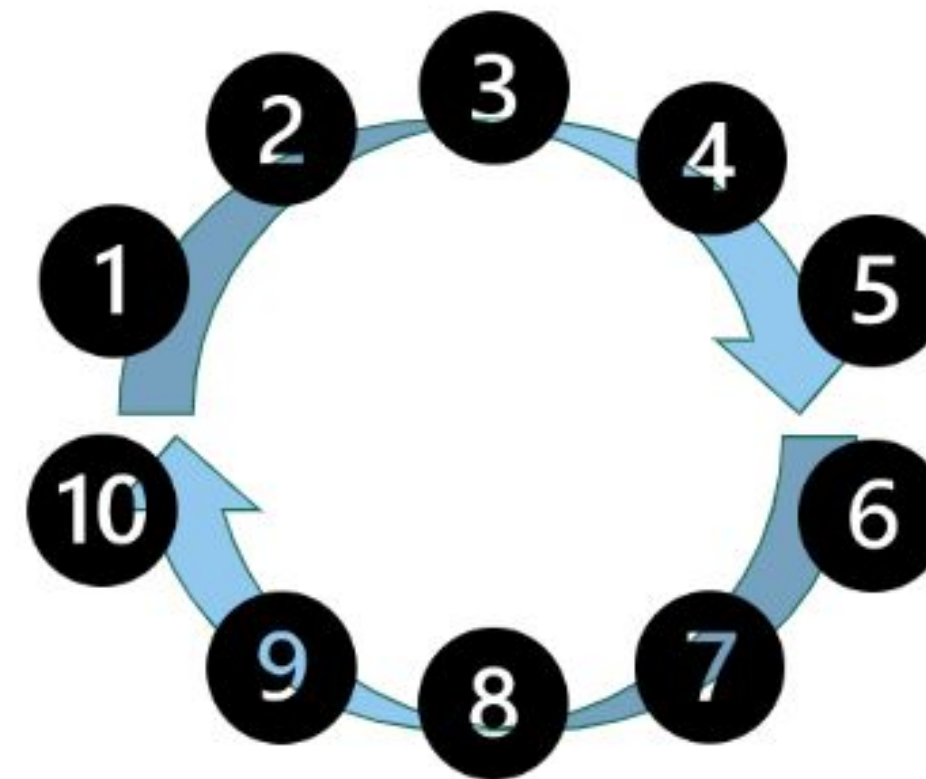
- Interview offers can arrive anywhere between the mid-end of November TO March.
- The quicker you start practicing after BMAT, the more concise and fluent your answers will be!
- Interview format will generally be in two formats: MMI or Panel interview.
  - More universities are starting to use MMI



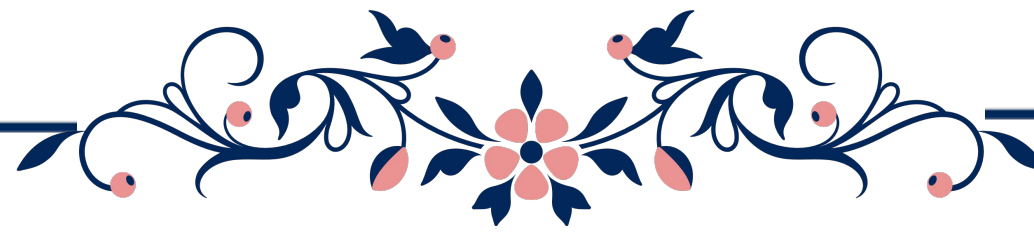
# MMI interview format

## Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) - Format

- Generally runs for ~ 2 hours
- Up to 10 individual stations exploring different skills / traits of medical applicant
- Each station may last for 5 – 10 mins depending on question type
- Presented with a question / scenario with short amount of time to think before answering question.





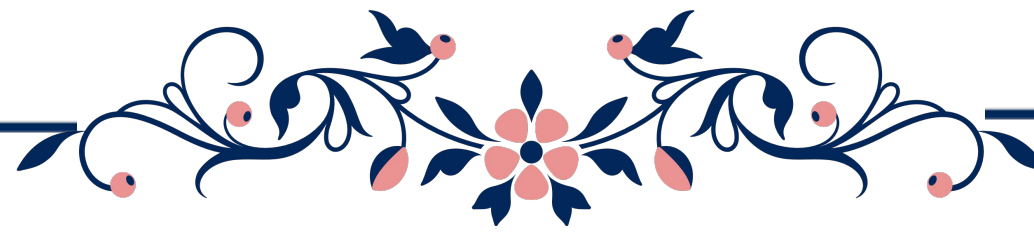


# MMI interview format

## Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) - Types of Stations







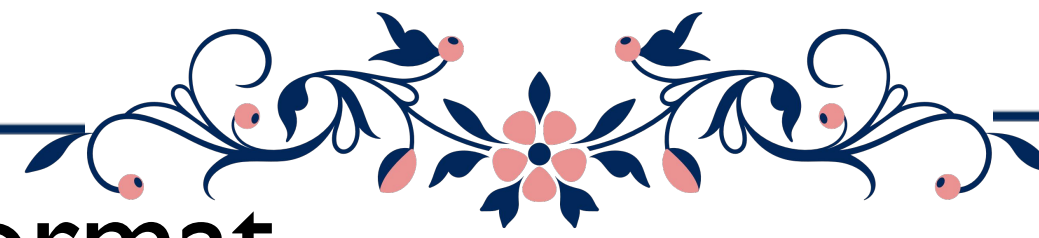
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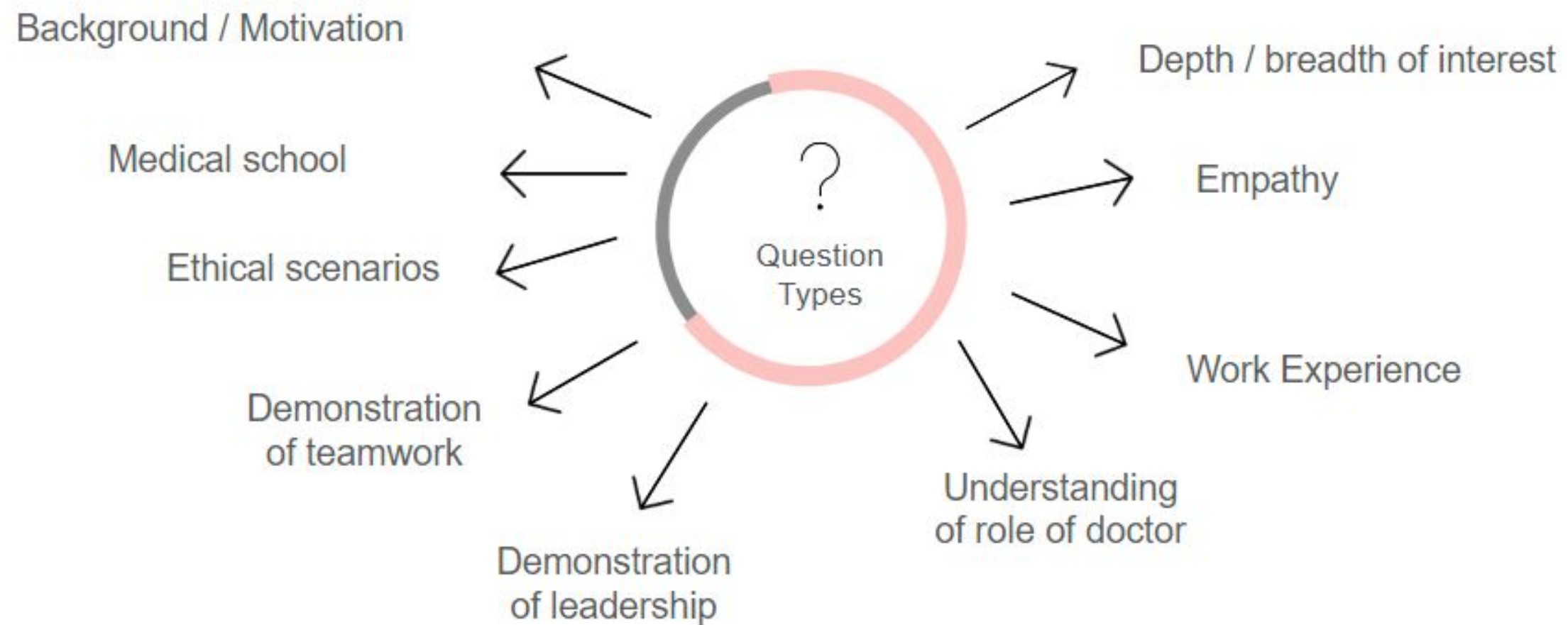
- Generally runs for 20 to 40 mins
- A panel of 3-4 interviewers will ask a number of questions to the candidate
- Panel members might involve doctors, nurses, medical students, academic/ admissions tutors, professors.
- Conversational interview.

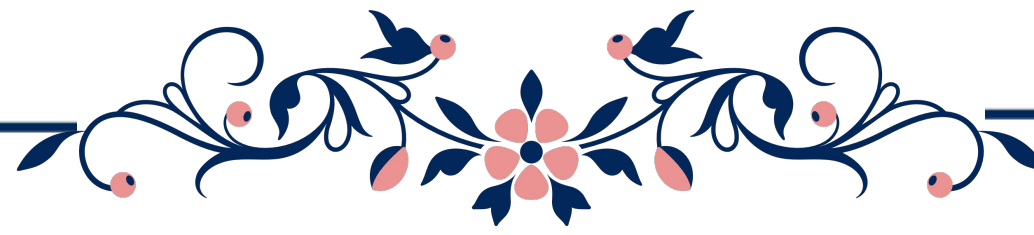


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# Tips

## Start Early

Start researching / practicing early

## University Specific

Look into university specific interview traits or stations

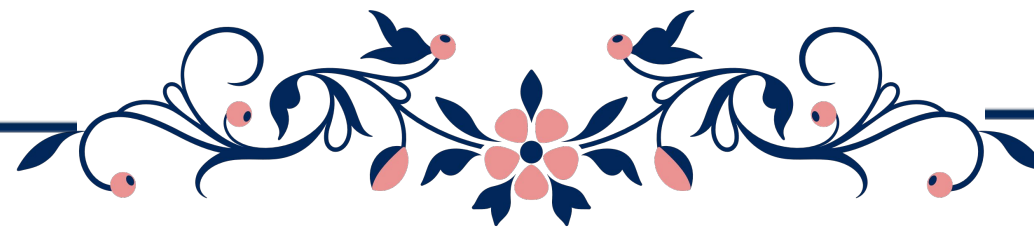
## Bullet point

Collate bullet point contents for common / key questions

## Practice, Practice.

Practice answering Questions – same Qs  
Different formats, different people





# REMAINING TIMELINE AFTER A LEVEL EXAM

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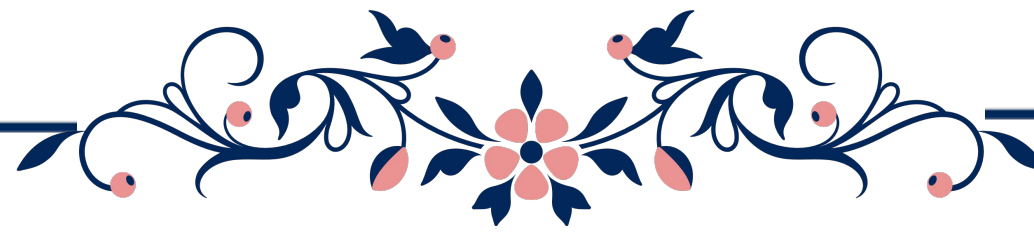
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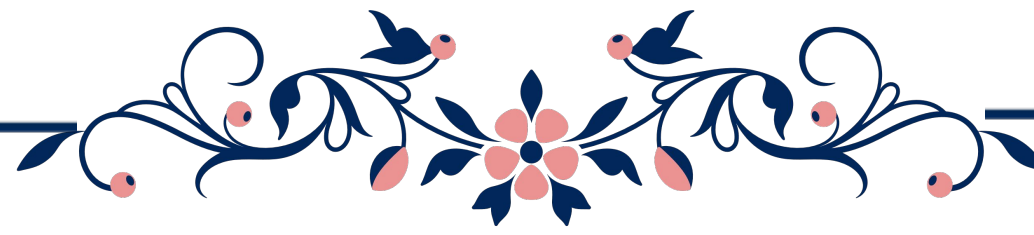
**GAP YEAR START**





# GAP YEAR

- Don't worry too much if you do not achieve what you wanted the first time you apply!
- **IMPORTANT**  Make sure you do your absolute best in your A level so that you can reapply straight away with the grades that is required by the university.
  - Your school will help you reapply with your UCAS.
- Same preparations as shown in the timeline from summer onwards.  don't wait until you get your grades if you haven't received any offers from medical school.



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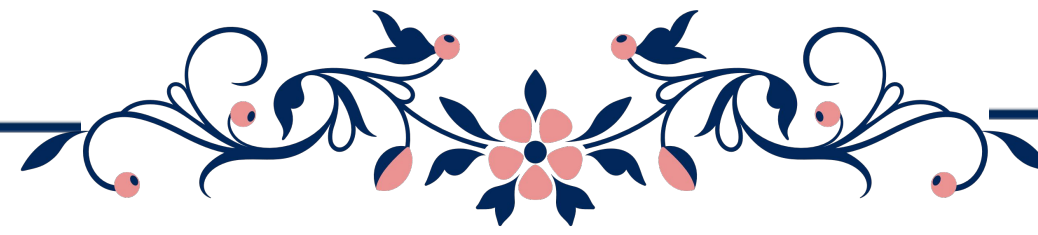
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# ESSAY COMPETITION

***WHAT KEY LESSONS HAVE YOU TAKEN AWAY FROM  
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