

# *Applying to* **Medicine & Dentistry**

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*College*  
**LONDON**

## *Medicine & Dentistry* Degree pathways

- Medicine MBBS (6 years – including opt-out intercalated BSc)
- Medicine Graduate/Professional entry (4 years)
- Dentistry DBS (5 years)
- Dentistry Graduate/Professional entry (4 years)



*A competitive application*

## What do unis look for?

- Suitably qualified - Grades A\*AA at A Level including Biology and Chemistry, with grades B in gcsze English Language and Maths
- Required work experience or skills
- Programme-specific entry criteria i.e. UKCAT
- Research into the subject
- A genuine enthusiasm and curiosity for the subject and profession



*What you need to know*

## Key dates



Check [ucas.com](https://ucas.com)  
for full dates and  
deadlines before  
you apply

**September**

APPLICATIONS  
OPEN  
[www.ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com)

**Oct-Mar**

INTERVIEW  
SHORTLISTING

**15**  
Oct

DEADLINE FOR  
MEDICINE AND  
DENTAL COURSES

**Nov-May**

MMI INTERVIEWS &  
OFFERS

**15**  
Jan

DEADLINE FOR THE  
MAJORITY OF  
KING'S COURSES

**2**  
May

STANDARD DEADLINE  
TO ACCEPT YOUR  
OFFER

## *Aptitude tests* UKCAT

- A way of differentiating between a number of good candidates
- Required by 26 universities
- Taken between 3 July and 3 October
- Focuses on cognitive powers and valuable attributes of healthcare professionals rather than curriculum or science content
- Each university uses differently



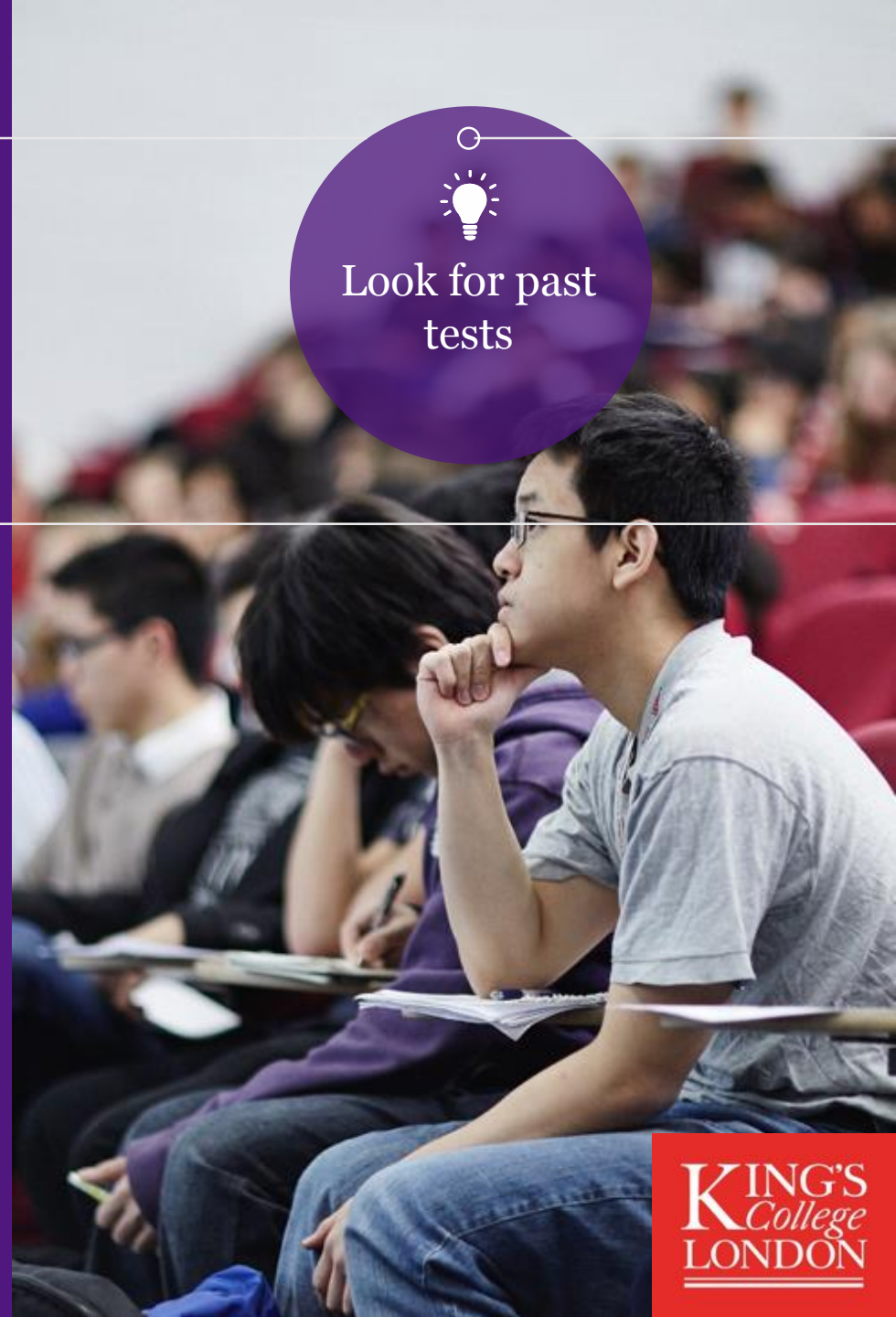
## *Aptitude tests* UKCAT

Two hours - Five subtests

- Verbal Reasoning - - 22 minutes - 44 items
  - Quantitative Reasoning - - 25 minutes - 36 items
  - Abstract Reasoning - - 14 minutes - 55 items
  - Decision Analysis - 32 minutes - 29 items
  - Situational Judgement - - 27 minutes - 68 items
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- Multiple-choice answers
  - You can't revise but you should practice!
  - Testing in July-October



Look for past tests



# *UCAS Apply* Personal statement

- Tell us what excites you about your chosen course
- Tailored to the the profession
- 4,000 characters



4000  
characters,  
NOT words!

## *Personal statement* What to include

- 75-90% relevant to academic pursuits in and outside of school/college
- Extended Project Qualifications
- Key skills and competencies
- Work experience or placements
- Relevant extra-curricular activities
- Any awards/achievements



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## *Personal statement* Work experience

- Any paid or voluntary experience in a care setting
- Work shadowing, for example with clinicians
- Evidence of insight into profession, and work in a clinical environment
- Specific examples where possible, one or two is sufficient



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## *Work experience* Logbook

- The context, where, what setting
- What you did, what you saw
- Specifics, granular detail, so the interviewer can imagine it happening
- Evaluation/reflection, what insight, how does knowing that give you an insight into become a Doctor



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Evidence  
informed

*A competitive field*

# Multiple Mini Interviews

- (MMI) Multiple mini interviews
- Short, timed assessments to score candidates on a range of criteria
- Candidates move around different stations in a carefully timed environment and under strict exam conditions
- Interviewers including King's academics, clinicians, students and service users

*Be prepared for anything*

# MMI examples

- 5-8 stations
- Usually 1-2 tasks per station, 5 to 7 minutes
- Understanding and motivation for the profession
- Case study
- Science knowledge
- Key values and qualities (NHS values), e.g. team work
- Communication, interpersonal skills



Do your  
research

## *Evidence informed* Why MMIs?

- 5 to 7 individual assessments making the overall assessment more reliable
- Cross section of views from persons across the profession e.g. surgeon, psychiatrist, researcher
- Reduces the risk of bias
- Mirrors the objective structured clinical examinations, the style of assessment students will be undertaking to assess clinical skills



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# Preparing for the MMI

- Keep a log of any work experience, you can reflect on this
- Keep up to date with current affairs related to the profession
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- Note down examples, be specific
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Take your time

*Communication*

## Question responses

- Take your time, there's plenty of it
- Ask if you need to have the question repeated
- Take notes on the question if it helps
- Succinct answers, focused on the question

*Be ready*

## On the day

- Dress should be appropriate for a professional setting, and comfortable
- Arrive in advance of the interview start time
- Follow the instructions given
- Bring a bottle of water
- Be friendly and personable to everyone



Be ready

# MMI examples

Example A:

Without using your hands, explain how to tie shoe laces.

Example B:

You're the captain of a team. Describe how you would tell squad members you didn't select them to play. How would you do so?

Example C:

What are the essential qualities required to be a successful Doctor?

*Be prepared for anything*

## Our top three tips

1. Be prepared for likely questions and have questions to ask
2. Give full answers but don't memorise speeches
3. Be yourself!



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# *Questions?*

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