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Gifted and Talented

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Carmel's **GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME** provides a structured programme of activities, events and support to our Gifted and Talented students. It offers the best possible preparation for application to **Oxbridge, Russell Group and other prestigious institutions**, as well as onto **Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science (MDV)** degree courses. It also provides support for our talented students in specialist fields such as Art, Music, Physical Education and Drama/Theatre Studies.

As a Gifted and Talented MDV applicant at Carmel, you will be supported, encouraged and challenged by **our highly-qualified and committed staff**, who will help you make a successful application.

Success Stories

In 2016 four students have gone on to study Medicine or Veterinary Science degrees.



Hameedat Ogunlayi
(Holly Lodge)
A*A*A*A*A*
Medicine at **University of Exeter**



Charlotte McDowell
(Ormiston Chadwick Academy)
A* AAA
Medicine at **University of Sheffield**



Anthony Wright
(De La Salle)
A*AAB
Medicine at **University of Keele**



John Chudley
(Rainford High)
A*AB
Veterinary Science at **University of Surrey**

What will I be offered through the College Gifted and Talented Programme?

At the beginning of your first year in college you will be enrolled onto **Carmel's Gifted and Talented Programme**. You will be offered the chance to attend the **Haydock Oxbridge Conference** and to visit Oxford and Cambridge.

You will also have the opportunity to complete the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**, which will allow you to choose an area or aspect of Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science in which you have a particular interest and then to use your research skills to produce a 5000 word study. Past examples have included, 'Can we cure Cancer?', 'Should the NHS continue to provide free health care?', 'HIV control in sub-Saharan Africa: Progress and challenges. Where do we go from here?'. This qualification is the ideal preparation for admissions interviews and is highly regarded by leading universities as it demonstrates your enthusiasm and motivation for the course and ability to work independently.

What will the MDV Gifted and Talented Programme offer me?

In the first year:

You will be encouraged to enrol in MedSoc, an enrichment which takes place regularly throughout the year. During these sessions, the following skills will be developed:

- the ability to engage in independent research on contemporary medical/scientific issues
- the ability to 'think outside of the box' in preparation for rigorous interviews and the new application tests
- the ability to discuss and debate ethical issues
- the ability to present your views and respond to challenges regarding those views
- the ability to analyse provided information

Other aspects will be covered such as:

- writing a successful Personal Statement
- developing effective interview skills (through mock interviews)
- how to gain appropriate work experience
- how to select an appropriate course

Students will also attend presentations by practising medics and may also be expected to arrange other external speakers to come in. In addition, they will have the opportunity to be part of a Merseyside Medical Challenge Day which includes talks and Q&A sessions with doctors and medical students. Students can also enrol on taster courses held by MDV departments at different universities and career Access Courses at local hospitals. Later in the term, talks will be held by ex-Carmel students currently studying MDV. This will enable you to gain invaluable advice about which institution and course to choose and how to maximise your chances of success in the application process.

In the second year:

The goal in the early part of this year is to ensure a successful application. You will be offered:

- substantial specialist help with completing your Personal Statement
- specialist guidance with your application
- interview practice conducted by our science staff, doctors and other external professionals

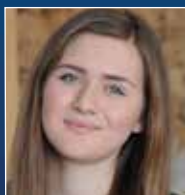
Later in the year, when students receive notice of interviews, the following will be offered:

- interview practice, now tailored to the university to which you are applying, conducted by our science staff
- support with preparation for the BMAT, required as part of the application to several medical courses.

2016's Gifted and Talented students visit the Oxbridge colleges



Our students say..



"Being a part of MedSoc at Carmel really helped enhance my medical school application. This Enrichment allowed me to explore my interest in the different areas of health care and I particularly enjoyed a workshop on strokes. There was a lot of help with my personal statement and taking part in practice interviews ensured that I felt well-prepared and calmer for the real interview. I would therefore recommend any student considering Medicine to join MedSoc."

Charlotte McDowell
Biology, Chemistry, Maths, EPQ



"At Carmel, I love that there is a great support network, but you are also encouraged to feel independent and responsible for your own learning. As a medical applicant, MedSoc was invaluable to me. I have been able to listen to guest speakers from the world of medicine, giving me great insight into their careers. I have also had a huge amount of support with preparing for interviews and guidance with my personal statement, which is challenging to write regardless of the course. Overall, MedSoc is very helpful, and Eve, the tutor in charge, is very supportive. Wherever I end up next year, I could not have got there without MedSoc."

Anthony Wright
Chemistry, Biology, Physics, EPQ

MDV Gifted and Talented Calendar 2016-17

		GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME GENERAL	MDV GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME
2016	SEPTEMBER	Gifted and Talented Programme meeting; Gifted and Talented Societies begin	Identification of students wishing to apply for Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Science; Invitation to attend MedSoc Enrichment; Term 1 MedSoc begins
	OCTOBER	Based on internal exam results – Gifted and Talented students not already on the programme are identified and enrolled	Based on internal exam results - High Achieving students approached to confirm MDV applicants and suitability of choice
	NOVEMBER	Apply for Cambridge and Oxford Shadowing Scheme	Individual application to attend "taster" MDV courses run at different universities
	JANUARY	Application for Sutton Trust and summer schools; Stage 2 of identification of Gifted and Talented students after internal exams	Confirmation of continuance to Term 2 of MedSoc. MedSoc activities
	FEBRUARY	Should you be thinking about Oxbridge? - talk	MedSoc activities
	MARCH	Mansfield Study days at Oxford; Haydock Oxbridge conference	MedSoc activities
	APRIL		Guidance on Personal Statements and applications
	JUNE	Careers Evening talks	Guidance on Personal Statements and applications
	JULY	Oxbridge Open days; Summer schools start	
2017	SEPTEMBER	UCAS preparation Early Applicants; Aim Higher evening; Oxbridge application training	Help in preparation for BMAT; Personal Statement help; Application guidance
	OCTOBER	Early Application deadline; Internal Mock Interview Evening	Mock interviews as required
	NOVEMBER	Oxbridge interview training	Mock interviews as required
	JANUARY onwards		Mock interviews as required
	AUGUST	Support on results day	Departmental support on results day

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