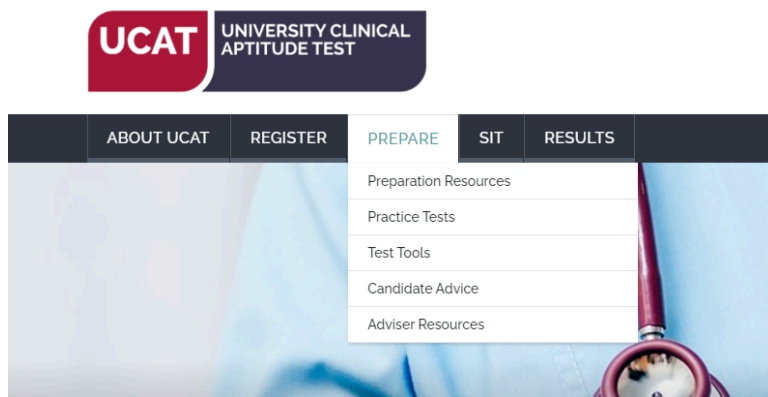


## Medicine and Dentistry

Aspiring to be a GP, surgeon, doctor or dentist? Did you know that universities require you to sit an entrance exam, called a UCAT, alongside UCAS as part of the application process? UCAT exams contain verbal, quantitative and abstract reasoning as well as decision making and situational judgement assessments. Do not panic, at Scott Medical we are experienced in supporting our students through this process and have an exceptional pass rate.

Current medical and dentist students advise that the official UCAT website (<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/>) provides guidance and support to support preparation. It is important to use this site to familiarise yourself with the entrance exam requirements and when to book your test. Students have a window of opportunity to complete these, but from experience we would recommend students book to take the exam in the September of year 13. This allows students to factor in adequate revision, as scores within this exam impact university offers. Remember practice makes perfect!



Use the summer holidays to watch the 'UCAT Preparation plan', as well as taking the tour tutorial, all allocated in the 'Prepare' tab.

In January of Year 12, students will be invited to attend a fortnightly Medics club. The Medics club allows for peers to work together to prepare for the exam, but also uses staff guidance to practise interview skills. Competition for places on courses means students will need to consider extra curricular activities to ensure they set themselves apart from the crowd, again this will be supported through the staff input within the Medics club.

Suggested reading:

- This is going to hurt by Adam Kay
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

<https://www.themedicportal.com/blog/books-to-read-before-your-med-school-interview/>

<https://www.step2med.co.uk/single-post/the-medical-student-reading-list>

Other sources of information:

The Medic Portal

<https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/choosing-a-medical-school/what-a-levels-do-you-need-to-be-a-doctor/>