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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



## 2 Professional Programmes

### What are the Professional Programmes?

If you have a specific career in mind you may benefit from the College's suite of Professional Programmes. These enrichment options are a valuable opportunity to take part in an extended, careers course which is additional to your studies and will help you to prepare for specific university level courses and careers.

Each of the following programmes will be followed for between one and three lessons per week for up to 16 weeks, depending upon your requirements.

### What are the benefits?

All students who follow a Professional Programme will benefit from specific careers guidance, a programme of visiting speakers and the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of their chosen career areas through visits and work experience.

Where appropriate, you will be helped to prepare for Higher Education courses and a variety of additional tests that are used to select between able candidates in these increasingly competitive fields e.g. the Bio- Medical Admissions Test (BMAT), or the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT).

### Opportunities to develop skills

You will be timetabled for at least one session per week. This includes opportunities to develop the skills to:

- research career opportunities
- compare the structure of different courses
- produce an impressive personal statement
- manage the application process
- perform effectively at interview where appropriate

You will be helped to prepare for the variety of additional tests that are used to select between able candidates in some of these increasingly competitive fields, e.g. the UKCAT Clinical Aptitude Test or Skills Tests for teaching.

### The student experience as a whole:

- The Professional Programme will run alongside your A Level or Vocational courses
- You will review your progress regularly with your teachers and tutor
- Details about your participation in the Professional Programme can be used to enhance College references and the personal statement that support your application to university
- In 2017-18, all students who gave feedback felt that the programmes were worth attending

### What vocational areas are covered?

- Medical - Doctors, Dentists and Veterinary Science
- Nursing, Midwifery & Paramedic Science
- Law - Solicitors, Barristers and related professions
- Teaching

### The Medical Professional Programme

The College has an excellent reputation for career guidance and support for students and is, therefore, well placed to provide additional opportunities for students who wish to apply for fiercely competitive Higher Education courses, including Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry.

- The programme focuses on skills for working in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. It also covers how to prepare for a successful university application.
- Additional talks from admissions tutors, university departments, practising professionals and students who are currently applying for, or studying these subjects, at university.

Participants in the Medical Programme should have at least 4 GCSEs at grades 9/8 (or equivalent).

### The Nursing & Midwifery Professional Programme

This programme will offer you extra opportunities that could get you noticed by admissions tutors or employers in an increasingly competitive world.

- The programme focuses on skills for Nursing & Midwifery. It also covers preparation for a successful university/apprenticeship application
- There are additional talks from practising healthcare professionals, university admissions tutors and students who are currently studying at university
- Work experience and/or volunteering is strongly encouraged and extra opportunities may include trips e.g. to universities

### The Law Professional Programme

The College has an excellent reputation for supporting and extending our most able students, therefore, we are well placed to provide additional opportunities for students who wish to apply for a highly competitive course such as Law.

The programme involves one lesson per week and includes:

- presentations by visiting speakers on topics related to careers in Law, including admissions tutors and practising professionals
- visits to universities and places of work where appropriate e.g. through work shadowing
- support with your personal statement and interview techniques where appropriate

## The Teaching Professional Programme

This programme will be suitable for you if you are considering becoming a teacher or are interested in pursuing another professional role in education. You will opt for one lesson a week for:

- lessons with an experienced teacher. These include routes into education, the nature of work in education and making informed choices about Higher Education institutions and courses
- additional talks from, e.g. admissions tutors, university departments, practising professionals and students
- opportunities for 1:1 interviews to discuss your career choices plus support with your personal statement and interview techniques

In addition you will have the opportunity to do work experience, participate in voluntary work and develop skills which will enhance your application, including practice with the new skills test.

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