



MedSoc
Ashmole Academy



Cultivating the
Next Generation of
Healthcare Leaders

The MedSoc Distinction

At Ashmole Academy, MedSoc serves as an elite, high-performance community designed exclusively to support Sixth Form students aiming for top-tier university courses in Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine. We also warmly welcome students with a keen academic interest in healthcare advancements and topical bioethical discussions.

Recognizing that the admissions landscape for clinical professions is exceptionally rigorous, MedSoc actively dismantles these barriers. Through weekly, structured lunchtime symposia, we guide candidates through the complexities of the university application process, admissions assessments, and competitive interviews, while actively mitigating application pressures and building steadfast professional confidence.



Elite Academic & Institutional Collaborations

Our flagship program is defined by exclusive, multi-year institutional partnerships that provide unparalleled exposure to real-world clinical and research environments.

University College London (UCL) Division of Medicine

For three consecutive years, Ashmole's MedSoc has maintained an exclusive collaborative bridge with UCL's Division of Medicine. Working alongside senior researchers like Dr. Vitor Teixeira and Dr. Manuela Plate, our students engage in high-level medical initiatives:

- **Hands-on Clinical Research:** Students transition from A-level theory to real-world application by conducting advanced laboratory work, including DNA analysis and microscopic specimen viewing at UCL's premier facilities.
- **Bespoke Scientific Mentorship:** Academy students engage in direct Q&A sessions with pioneering scientists and attend keynote lectures from global leaders making critical breakthroughs in medicine.
- **Sustained Research Placements:** Demonstrating exceptional merit, many of our students maintain ongoing professional relationships with researchers within UCL's Rheumatology and Respiratory Divisions, returning for advanced work experience and contributing to digital scientific infrastructure, such as the Rosser Lab website.



Prominent Clinical & Hospital Partnerships

- **Chase Farm Hospital (Theatres & Surgical Recovery):** For the past three years, selected Year 12 students have completed immersive, week-long clinical placements within Theatres, Recovery, and Day Surgery. Students follow patients seamlessly through the pre-, intra-, and post-operative pathways, gaining a sophisticated understanding of planned NHS surgical care.
- **Barnet General Hospital (UCL CPSA Examinations):** In a unique collaboration with the Medical Education Officer for the Royal Free Trust, Ashmole students volunteer directly within UCL Medical School's official Clinical and Professional Skills Assessments (CPSAs).
- **The Royal Free Hospital (Allied Healthcare Symposia):** Our students participate in advanced clinical workshops led by executive trust leaders, including the Chief People Officer and Head of Apprenticeships. Students rotate through professional environments spanning clinical pharmacy, physiotherapy, operating theatres, and radiography—consistently earning commendations from trust directors for excelling beyond school standards.



Royal Free Allied Healthcare SYmposium

Advanced Extensions: Conferences & Early Pathways

- **The London Core Review (Cardiothoracic Conference):** Selected Sixth Form students are invited to attend this prestigious international conference at the Wellcome Collection. Students interface directly with global experts, review cutting-edge advancements in mitral valve surgery and cardiac tumors, and audit case panels led by world-renowned surgeons such as Professor Tirone David.
- **UCL Target Medicine (BECOME Programme):** Our proactive approach begins early; high-achieving Year 10 students routinely secure competitive slots in UCL's clinical skills, medical ethics, and clinical roleplay workshops at the Bloomsbury Campus.

Our structured support consistently translates into top-tier university placements and maximum A-level outcomes.

Recent Success Highlights

Eliana (Medicine, University of Cambridge): Flourished as a student since Year 7, achieving A*A*A* at A-level. She actively led peer debates on medical "HOT topics" during regular MedSoc sessions before impressing Cambridge admissions panels.

Maryam (Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London): Recognized as an incredibly bright scientist, she consistently ranked in the top three of her entire school cohort, securing A*A*A* and leveraging extensive experience across private dental practices and hospital settings.

Duvindi (Medicine, Exeter University): Served as an executive MedSoc coordinator and student mentor while securing A*A*A* in her A-levels, orchestrating regular debates and providing critical UCAT guidance to younger peers.

A Proven Blueprint of Competitive Success

Comprehensive Admissions Strategy

We systematically prepare candidates for every phase of the UCAS medical admissions cycle:

- **Reflective Personal Statement Workshops:** Moving beyond basic descriptions to teach students how to analytically reflect on clinical skills, empathy, and team dynamics gained during work experience and volunteering.
- **Aptitude Test Mastery (UCAT):** Rigorous, early-stage preparation starting in the Spring term of Year 12. We deliver internal workshops led by specialized faculty and returning alumni, alongside access to premium external preparation courses.
- **Advanced Interview Preparation:** A highly customized, detailed training program covering traditional individual panels as well as modern Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs). Candidates undergo realistic mock interviews to master structured, systematic communication under pressure.
- **Bioethical & Clinical Debate:** Weekly sessions examining medical ethics, patient autonomy, legal precedents, and healthcare economics, ensuring applicants speak with mature, balanced, and informed perspectives during university interviews.

Ashmole Academy Sixth Form Inspiring Excellence, Cultivating Futures.

For detailed admissions pathways and further information regarding our MedSoc provisions, please visit our digital prospectus or contact our Sixth Form admissions office.

We heard from our Alumni students how MedSoc has supported their applications:

Name: Vanisha

Degree course: Medicine

Current University and Year: University of Birmingham, 5th year



How Medsoc helped me: The mock MMI's were a key part in building my confidence and learning how to approach interview questions in a systematic way!

Top tips to aspiring Medsoc students:

- Start UCAT preparations early as this dictates the universities you can apply to.
- Gain as much work experience as you can to see if you could do this as a career for the rest of your lives.
- Be confident in your interviews even if you don't feel it – have faith in yourselves, you got this far in the application process for a reason!!
- Ask lots of questions at university open days to the medical/dental students on campus as they can give you a valuable insight into how the course is run and what it will entail, should you decide to attend there.

Name: Maryam

Degree course: Dentistry

Current University and year: Queen Mary University, 1st year



How Medsoc helped me: Medsoc gave me the opportunity to present topics in Dentistry which I was passionate about and learn about HOT topics from fellow students (which I was able to discuss in interviews). It also enabled me to network and meet people in the dental field who gave me amazing advice on UCAT and interviews! Mrs Shah also runs a mock interview course with MMI and panel style questions which prepared me.

Top tips to aspiring Medsoc students

- It's very competitive but if you put the hard work in from day one it will definitely pay off
- Try to take every opportunity Medsoc has to offer
- During work experience talk to many doctors/dentists and ask questions to find out if a career in this field is truly for you

Name: Eliana Nakhleh

Degree course: Medicine

Current University and Year: University of Cambridge, 2nd year



How Medsoc helped me: Being a part of MedSoc has provided me with so much invaluable support and guidance, from both the amazing teachers and MedSoc members. The guest speakers who gave talks during MedSoc sessions provided precious insight to various medical professions. Furthermore, the society provided guidance on personal statement and interview preparation, enhancing my readiness for the application process.

Top tips to aspiring Medsoc students: Try to participate in MedSoc activities as much as possible and always seek guidance and advice when needed throughout your application process. Participating in extracurricular activities can significantly enhance your interpersonal skills, such as communication and teamwork, which are invaluable assets for all aspiring medical students! Best of luck!

Name: Gracie

Degree course: Medicine

Current University and Year: University of Manchester, 5th year



How Medsoc helped me: MedSoc really helped me with my medical school application by giving me interview prep and great advice on volunteering and work experience. MedSoc also gave me the confidence and support I needed during my A levels to make my application! I couldn't have done it without the help of MedSoc and will always be thankful for the support I was given!

Top tips to aspiring Medsoc students: Start UCAT preparation early. Make sure apply to medical schools that you know you can get an interview for (you can find out if you meet interview requirements on their website) and finally, don't give up!

Name: Sherryn

Degree course: Medicine

Current University and Year: University of Nottingham, 4th year



How Medsoc helped me: Medsoc organised regular workshops and talks which I found incredibly helpful for my medical school application. This included personal statement workshops, UCAT (admission test) and interview preparation / mocks and receiving talks from current medical students and doctors. The Medsoc staff showed me continuous support and were always happy to help with my application.

Top tips to aspiring Medsoc students: Try and get as much work experience as you possibly can – not just as a tick box for your application but also to see whether you can truly vision yourself working in the profession. A-Levels are tricky, especially year 13! Try and write your personal statement and do the UCAT before you start year 13 so you can put all your focus on your studies when you return from the summer break. Attend all the organised Medsoc events – everything was super useful! Wishing you the best of luck!

Name: Mohammed

Degree Course: Medicine

Current University and year: Queen Mary University, 1st year



How MedSoc helped me: Honestly, MedSoc played a huge role in helping me get into medicine. Mrs Shah went above and beyond, from bringing in guest speakers to finding work experience, she made sure we had every opportunity possible.

Throughout the whole application process, we were never alone. Whether it was help with personal statements or mock interviews, we always had support. I'm so grateful for everything MedSoc offered, there's so much that I could write a whole page about it!

Top Tips for aspiring MedSoc students:

- **Prioritise the UCAT:** Make it your main focus over the summer. Your score heavily influences which universities you can apply to.
- **Prepare properly for interviews:** Don't panic, but don't leave it until last minute either. Good preparation makes a huge difference.
- **Make the most of MedSoc:** Take advantage of the opportunities on offer and build friendships. It's really helpful to have someone else motivate you and keep you accountable.
- **Consider a structured gap year if needed:** If things don't go exactly to plan, don't be afraid to take a gap year. A well planned break can help you grow, gain new skills, and come back even stronger. It's not a setback; it's a strategic step forward.





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