

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS FOR MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY MEDICINE AND LAW

Increasingly, applicants for university courses in the above subject areas are being required to take additional tests. The extent to which these tests are used in the selection process varies from institution to institution. The timing and procedure for sitting the tests also differ significantly from test to test.

It is very important that students who, at this stage, feel that they may want to make applications for any of these courses consult Dr Mallinson or any other member of the Careers Department. Potential applicants for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry should already have registered their intentions with Mrs Thornton.

The following tests will apply to the UCAS application round for 2009 entry:

• UKCAT

This test will have to be taken by most applicants to courses in Medicine or Dentistry. Please consult the website at **HYPERLINK "http://www.ukcat.ac.uk" www.ukcat.ac.uk** for the latest information.

Candidates can register from 1 May 2008 until 26 September 2008 via the UKCAT website. They can sit the test from 7 July 2008 and will have to sit before the deadline of 10 October 2008. UK candidates will be able to choose a test centre near to their school or home. Details of centres will be on the UKCAT website. The cost of sitting the test is £60 before 31 August 2008 and £75 between 1 September and 10 October 2008.

The courses which require UKCAT for 2009 entry are listed below.

Medicine

Aberdeen
Dundee
Edinburgh
Glasgow
St Andrews
Brighton & Sussex
Cardiff
Durham
East Anglia
Hull/York
Keele
Leeds

Dentistry

Dundee
Glasgow
Cardiff
Manchester
London: KCL, QMUL
Newcastle
Queen's University, Belfast
Sheffield

Leicester
London: KCL, QMUL, SGUL
Manchester
Newcastle
Nottingham
Peninsula
Queen's University, Belfast
Sheffield
Southampton

• **BMAT**

For 2008 entry, this will apply to applicants for Medicine at Cambridge, Oxford, Imperial College and UCL and to applicants for Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge and the Royal Veterinary College. The procedure is that applicants are registered by the school before UCAS applications are submitted and they will sit the test at GWC on 5 November 2008. Please consult the website at HYPERLINK "http://www.bmat.org.uk" www.bmat.org.uk for the latest information

• **LNAT**

Currently applies to applicants for Law courses at the universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Exeter, Glasgow, Nottingham, Oxford, Manchester Metropolitan, KCL and UCL. Others may still come on board. The procedure for 2008 entry was that applicants had to register for the test online during the Autumn Term and sit the test at a local centre (not GWC) before mid-January. Arrangements for 2009 entry are expected to be very similar. Please consult the website at HYPERLINK "http://www.lnat.ac.uk" www.lnat.ac.uk for the latest information. This will be updated in late June 2008.

It is vital that students who may have to sit any of these tests regularly consult relevant websites, meet Tutors frequently and consult the Careers Department whenever necessary. These tests do not constitute an application for any course. The full UCAS application has to be made in the normal way. For applicants to Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry, the UCAS deadline is 15 October but the internal GWC deadlines will be significantly earlier. Full details of those deadlines will be given in the talks on applying to Higher Education which will be delivered in the Summer Term.

