

	Aspire Programme	MVD Career Pathway
Lower Sixth Autumn Term	Students enrol on Aspire Programme during College enrolment. Activities Fair – Students sign up for relevant College activities.	MVD Pathway is discussed with eligible students at their enrolment interview. MVD Pathway's Autumn Programme.
	Students identified for university applicant support schemes using data from Enrolment.	MVD students to begin compiling their volunteering portfolio.
	Aspire seminars start soon after enrolment. Theme 1 – Building an Academic Interest.	MVD Pathway's Winter Programme.
	Aspire Theme 2 – Researching Higher Education.	Students apply and are selected for the College's work experience placements.
		EPQ – Students develop MVD topic area of interest.
Spring Term	Aspire Theme 3 – Taking Your Interests Further. Students apply for London university Taster Days, essay competitions and masterclasses. Oxbridge intro session run by Oxbridge admissions officers.	MVD Pathway Spring Programme. Students apply for MVD Taster Courses.
	Applications for summer schools and residential. Aspire parents meeting, including supporting your child's Oxbridge application.	Session for parents – 'Supporting your child's MVD application' session.
	Get Ahead Day – Whole College day devoted to researching university options with College's careers fair of over 100 exhibitors. Aspire Theme 4 – 'Making an Application'.	Get Ahead Day – Students attend specialist MVD sessions.
June	Progression Day – Students start completing online UCAS Form and gain help with their personal statement. Aspire personal statement workshops.	Progression Day – Students attend session on preparing an MVD application. Students attend UCAT preparation course at College. MVD Pathway Summer Programme.
July	Progression exam results and predicted grades issued.	Progression exam results and predicted grades issued.
Upper Sixth September	College UCAS Deadline for Early Applications.	MVD application support in College before U6 Enrolment.
October	UCAS Deadline for Early Applications.	
October – December	Mock Interview Programme / Applicant support sessions.	Mock interview sessions (both panel and MMI style) and applicant support on offered.
November		

Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry Pathway »



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Some of the 2023 MVD offer holders with Liz Sanders (top right)

Recent Successes

Students who've been successful in securing offers for Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry in the last three years include:

2022

Medicine

Hope Stevens - Nottingham

Veterinary Science

Adam Chatfield - Surrey
 Lauren Hetherington - Bristol
 Kristen Price - Bristol
 Ailise Taylor - RVC London (Biovet)

2023

Medicine

Marika Abbink - Barts (QMUL)
 Lauren Baur - Bristol
 Katie Bunyard - Hull York

Anna Craddock - UEA
 Tom Dickman - Bristol
 Rachel Fearon - Bristol
 Daniel Greenhalgh - Brighton
 Finty Harrison - Sunderland
 Blanka Marton - Oxford
 Sam Murphy - Southampton
 Khushee Patel - UCL
 Ella Patey - Sheffield

Veterinary Science

Marcus Barfield - Cambridge
 Oscar Boyce - Nottingham
 Aimee Diplacito - UCLan
 Jack Langner - Bristol (Gateway)
 Rylee McLoughlin - Surrey (Biovet)

Dentistry

Rebecca Frampton - Sheffield

2024

Medicine

Alex Adams - Hull York
 Yasin Ahmed - Southampton
 Danny Graham - UCL
 Isabel Leo - Aberdeen
 Emily Long - Nottingham
 Kashish Patel - Barts
 Michaela Summers - Leeds
 Susannah Wallbank - Manchester

Veterinary Science

Jess Ager - Bristol
 Elise Hollis - Bristol
 Rose Pernet - Surrey

* Aspire Programme

Students who achieve an annual GCSE score of 6 or above, are invited to join the College's Aspire Programme, at the beginning of their Lower Sixth (Note, the average GCSE score can vary slightly year-to-year– but it's usually just above 6).

Students don't need to ask to be on the Aspire Programme, since students with the right grade profile are automatically invited to take part at enrolment.

Weekly Aspire tutorials run throughout the Lower Sixth and are offered in addition to weekly MVD Career Pathway tutorials (see below).

There are usually a maximum of 12 students in each Aspire group and each group is allocated its own dedicated Aspire Tutor.

* MVD (Medics, Vets and Dentists) Careers Pathway

The MVD Careers Pathway has been run by Liz Sanders (Associate Director Pathways) for over 10 years. Liz has developed an excellent programme of support to assist students with gaining offers at the country's most prestigious Medical Schools including Oxford, Cambridge, UCL and Bristol.

Who is the MVD Careers Pathway open to?

The MVD Careers Pathway is open to students:

- Doing both Chemistry and Biology A Levels,
- With an average GCSE score of above 7
- Who are interested in studying Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry at university

When does it start?

Students can elect to join the MVD (Medics, Vets and Dentists) Careers Pathway at the beginning of their Lower Sixth.

What form does the MVD Careers Pathway take?

The MVD Careers Pathway takes the form of an additional timetabled weekly tutorial (on top of regular Aspire tutorials in the Lower Sixth), through which students benefit from a whole programme of support. This includes: learning how to construct a reflective portfolio documenting their work experience, researching contemporary health related issues, debating major issues in Medical Ethics and attending talks from practicing medical professionals.

What happens at the end of the Lower Sixth?

At the end of the Lower Sixth, based on their progress, MVD students then have the option to join the MVD Upper Sixth tutorial pathway to support them through the process of making MVD applications.

How successful is the MVD Careers Pathway?

19 Reigate College students were offered conditional MVD places in 2023, with all but one of them securing a place, following A Level Results Day.

* Hear what Kashish has to say

Kashish Patel (see front cover), who was previously at Carrington School, is just one example of students who are now selecting Reigate College for their sixth form, specifically for its MVD Programme.

Kashish achieved offers from all four of her Med School choices and took up a place at Queen Mary University (Barts) in 2024. She received invaluable support on her journey to applying to Medicine, including tackling the UCAT (entrance exam), finding and reflecting upon relevant work experience, taking part in Operating Theatre Live (a live dissection) and being able to talk to different doctors about their experiences.