

	Aspire Programme	MVD Career Pathway
<b>Lower Sixth Autumn Term</b>	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.
<b>Spring Term</b>	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.
<b>June</b>	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.
<b>July</b>	Progression exam results and predicted grades issued.	Progression exam results and predicted grades issued.
<b>Upper Sixth September</b>	College UCAS Deadline for Early Applications.	MVD application support in College before Upper Sixth Enrolment.
<b>October</b>	UCAS Deadline for Early Applications.	
<b>October – December</b>	Mock Interview Programme / Applicant support sessions.	Mock interview sessions (both panel and MMI style) and further applicant support.
<b>January onwards</b>		On-going support.

# Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry Pathway »



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Liz Sanders photographed with MVD students 2024 -25

## Recent Successes

### 2025

#### Medicine

Edwin Abraham - Sheffield  
 Mohammaad Asif - Kings College  
 Bethany Cawthorne - Kent and Medway  
 Abigail Culverwell - Exeter  
 Kevin Maruthan - Brighton and Sussex  
 Jonathan Paul - Nottingham  
 Niamh Portman - UEA  
 Erin Ricks - Southampton  
 Ellie Thomas - Sheffield

#### Veterinary Science

Emma Barron - Liverpool  
 Rebecca Day - Harper and Keele  
 Mia Foreman - Nottingham  
 Liesel Verlander - Royal Veterinary College

### 2024

#### Medicine

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

#### Veterinary Science

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

### 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

## \* Aspire Programme

All students can now take part in the College's Aspire Programme, but only those with an average GCSE score of above 7 who are taking both Chemistry and Biology A Levels, are eligible for the College's Programme for aspiring Medics, Vets and Dentists (MVD).

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 Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry Schools.

### 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?

13 students gained places for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science in 2025, with 11 students securing offers in 2024, and 18 in 2023.

## \* 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.