

Additional Tests: Medicine, Law, Dentistry
2013 Entry

UKCAT Exam

If you are applying for Medicine or Dentistry at the following institutions:

Aberdeen
Brighton & Sussex
Cardiff
Dundee
Durham
UEA
Edinburgh
Glasgow
Hull
York
Keele
Kings College London
Leeds
Leicester
Manchester
Newcastle
Nottingham
Peninsula
Queen Mary
St. Andrews
St. Georges
Sheffield
Southampton

These medical/Dentistry schools are going to use this test as a requirement for those wanting to apply; starting in July 2012 for 2013 entry i.e. Students must take this test the summer before they apply.

www.ukcat.org.uk or www.ukcat.ac.uk

This is a separate test to the BMAT test. The UKCAT will be looking to test mental ability in the areas of:

- Problem Solving
- Logical Reasoning
- Critical Thinking
- Information Management

There will be no science paper and the tests will NOT be curriculum based. Examples will be posted on the website listed above.

BMAT Examination

The BMAT test (Bio Medical Admissions Test) still applies for the following Institutions:

Cambridge
Oxford
Imperial
UCL

It is taken as a public examination in November

The test comprises of:

A sixty minute test of general aptitudes & skills
30 minute test of science knowledge, based on GCSE science
30 minute writing task (Critical Thinking style)

Students can & should look at examples of the tests on the BMAT website:

www.bmat.org.uk

You cannot effectively revise for the BMAT examination, as it is designed to evaluate thinking skills. You can however fully familiarize yourself with both the nature and structure of the questions you will face. Ms.Bignall (Head of Biology & Science) will be running preparation sessions to help & guide you with this – please speak to her directly.
NB. Visiting the website for guidance is however also crucial.

LNAT – Law Admissions Test

This is mostly a critical thinking & comprehension test. It is currently used at:

Birmingham

Bristol

Cambridge (Cambridge have announced that they will be dropping the LNAT test for Law entry & devising & implementing their own test – please see their web site for updated details)

Durham

Glasgow

King's College London

Manchester Metropolitan

Nottingham

Oxford

UCL

Web address: www.lnat.ac.uk (link also on the pupil intranet & VLE – HE & UCAS)

Sample tests are available on the website with information about registering to sit the examination externally.

You are responsible for registering to sit the above additional tests yourself. School cannot administer these tests, apart from BMAT, although this is subject to discussion with myself & JML.

Please do your research & organise yourself, as these tests have specific deadlines, particularly the UKCAT medical/Dentistry examination listed above.

STEP Papers

This is used by Cambridge & Warwick Universities for those applying for Maths. Applicants apply through Mill Hill School.

- Candidates taking Maths A Level will take papers 1 & 2
- Candidates taking Double Maths will take papers 2 & 3

Candidates can order papers through the following web address:

publications@ocr.org.uk

or by calling 0870 8706622

OCR produces an excellent booklet containing worked solutions to 42 STEP style questions.

Cambridge & Oxford

Both Universities run additional tests for various areas that you apply for:

Oxford (Regardless of College)

Classics
Computer Science
Economics and Management
Experimental Psychology
History
Law
Maths
Modern Languages
Physics
PPE
PPP

Cambridge (Set by individual Colleges)

Check in the 'Assessment & Applications' section of the prospectus & double check with the College you are applying to.

Cambridge Colleges very often expect applicants to sit additional '**Thinking Skills Assessments**' in:

Natural Sciences
Computing
Engineering
Economics

Most questions are based on problem solving & critical thinking

Students can go to www.tsa.ucles.org.uk and do a short test or a timed 90 minute test with 50 questions which replicates the real thing.

Modern Languages Assessment Test – Applicants for Modern & Medieval Languages (MML) are asked to sit a test at interview. This is a standardized test for all colleges. The test involves reading a short passage in English & answering some questions about it in one of the modern languages the candidate plans to study at Cambridge.

Please see LHS & JML if you need more information, but it is essential that you speak to the relevant departments here at school to get specific help in your chosen area.