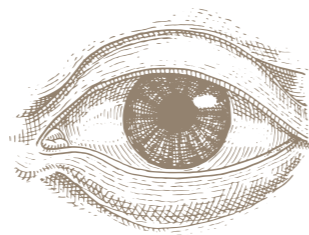




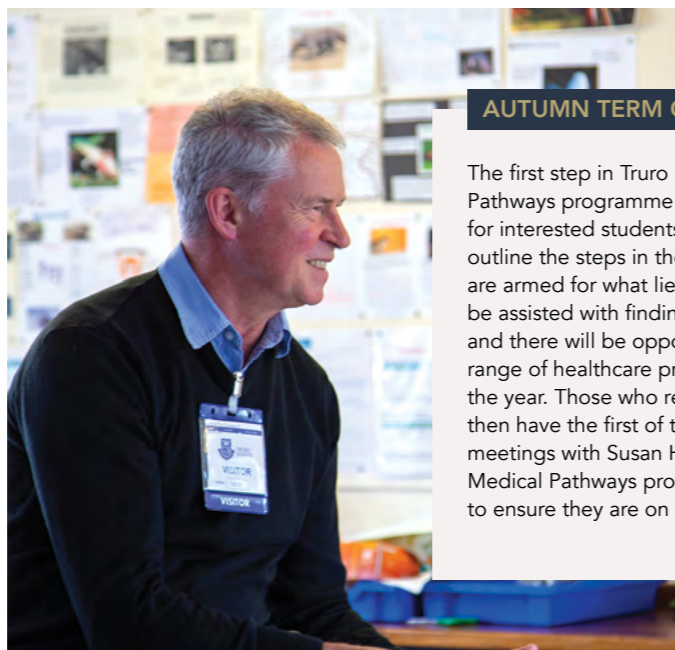
THE MEDICAL PATHWAYS PROGRAMME



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Medical Pathways is Truro School's personalised programme that prepares students for success at securing an interview and a place at medical, dental or veterinary school.

You will gain insight into your prospective career and be thoroughly supported in developing the skills you need to evidence on your personal statement, in application tests and at interview. You will be guided every step of the way, record your progress in a reflective logbook and have review meetings each term of the Sixth Form to check your progress towards securing a place.



AUTUMN TERM OF LOWER SIXTH

The first step in Truro School's Medical Pathways programme is an introductory talk for interested students and their parents to outline the steps in the journey so that they are armed for what lies ahead. Students will be assisted with finding work experience and there will be opportunities to meet a range of healthcare professionals throughout the year. Those who remain interested will then have the first of their termly one-to-one meetings with Susan Havis, Truro School's Medical Pathways programme co-ordinator, to ensure they are on the right track.



SPRING TERM OF LOWER SIXTH

This term will be centred around workshops to give students an insight into their chosen vocation. This will include discussions with medical professionals at various stages of the course or career, debates on current medical affairs and a medical ethics workshop.



THE UPPER SIXTH FORM

Upon entering the Upper Sixth, applications should be well on the way so the focus is very much on one-to-one support to finalise your personal statement, make university choices to optimise your success and work on areas for development in application tests and at interview as identified during Lower Sixth reviews. There will be sessions on the entry requirements at different universities to help pupils identify which courses they are most qualified for and further hot topics discussions to ensure students are up to date for interview. Truro School offers mock interviews delivered by doctors, dentists and vets.

SUMMER TERM OF LOWER SIXTH

This term will be centred around workshops to give students an insight into their chosen vocation. This will include debates on current medical affairs and a medical ethics workshop. Students will also research different University options and have time to practice the UCAT questions in groups.

Students will gain an early experience of multi-mini interview (MMI) stations, using medical students and local health professionals to make the experience

as realistic as possible. As the opening dates for University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) draw close, pupils will have workshops preparing them for the various question types. Ms Havis will lead a dedicated medical pathways session during the school's annual UCAS day which will include specialist advice on writing personal statements for all medics, dentists and veterinary courses at this stage. A suggested reading list is supplied for the summer holidays.