



CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

# Future University Success Bulletin

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**“Do something today that your future will thank you for”**

## ***BMAT Doctors***

*BMAT preparation course - **8<sup>th</sup> October 2016** (LAST FEW PLACES) - A full day course held at Imperial College London to help students applying to Medicine with this notoriously difficult entrance exam. The course will include many interactive lectures and all the tips, tricks and knowledge required for the BMAT. Alongside this the students will be given mini-mocks and an extensive 250 page course guide. Please note that there are only a few spaces left for **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. If your pupils would like to attend please advise them to register sooner rather than later to avoid missing out. For more details, visit [www.bmatdoctors.com](http://www.bmatdoctors.com)*

## ***Interview Doctors***

*Medical school interview course – **12<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 26<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, Imperial College London. This is our flagship course delivered by official medical school interview panellists. We aim to equip students with all the essential knowledge and tips to ensure they succeed in the final and most crucial hurdle in the application process – the medical school interviews. Last year we helped over 200 students excel in their medical school interviews and this year we plan to help even more. This course is tailored to both year 12 and year 13 students. For more details, visit [www.interviewdoctors.com](http://www.interviewdoctors.com)*

# AspireMed BMAT Course

I am a Medical student at UCL and part of the UCL Charity Week Team 2016. We are planning two exciting courses for students who are applying to study Medicine this year. The AspireMed BMAT Course and the AspireMed Interview Course, both of which will prepare your students for the tough application process and will ensure they have the right skills and practice that they need to excel in the BMAT examination and in their Medical School interviews. I would be very grateful if you can forward the details of these events to the students at your Sixth Form/College.

The AspireMed BMAT Course will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at UCL from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

The course will be taught by professional BMAT teachers who will cover the 3 sections of the BMAT exam thoroughly and ensure the students are equipped with the skills needed to ace the BMAT exam. Throughout the day they will go through mock paper examples, answering techniques and practise questions, the students will also receive a free booklet to aid their revision.

Tickets are currently selling for £25 individually, and for £20 each when purchasing as a group of 3+, which is a lot more affordable compared to most BMAT courses on the market that cost a minimum of £109. Most importantly, all of the proceeds will be going to charity!

We have a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/889262751218319/>) which has further details on the course, tips and tricks, and instructions on how to purchase your tickets. Tickets can be purchased on the following link: <http://ucl.ac.uk/whats-on/clubs-societies/isoc-rums-aspiremed-bmat-course>

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## SO YOU WANT TO WORK IN TV?

**A really useful and affordable one-day entry level workshop aimed at 16 - 24 year olds who may be considering a career in Television Production.**

**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2016**  
**EALING STUDIOS, EALING GREEN, LONDON W5 5EP**  
**10am - 4.00pm**  
**£60 per person including lunch and refreshments**

This course, run by the Production Managers Association (PMA), offers participants the chance to find out exactly what it is like to work in television. Tutor Joan Cuffy, an experienced Production Manager, will give a fascinating overview of the TV industry, explaining all you need to know about how programmes are commissioned, production costs, and who does what in the hierarchy of roles.

As the course is limited to 14 people, you will also get plenty of opportunity to ask questions so that you will come away with a wealth of knowledge at your fingertips.

To enlist on this course, please submit a registration form available from the PMA website [http://www.pma.org.uk/other\\_training/](http://www.pma.org.uk/other_training/)

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Ealing Studios, Ealing Green  
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[www.pma.org](http://www.pma.org)

# Apply for Europe's first Black Studies degree at Birmingham City University

## Study BA (Hons) Black Studies - the first course of its kind in the UK.

*Our innovative Black Studies course provides you with a deep understanding of the histories and socio-political movements of the people of the African Diaspora, along with a practical knowledge of the relevance of Black studies to society and the workplace today.*

*“Birmingham is the perfect place to launch Black Studies, being one of Europe’s most diverse cities, with a strong history of community activism and engagement”*

## It All Adds Up – Booking Opens 10<sup>th</sup> October

**It All Adds Up** is the Mathematical Institute’s flagship yearly conference for girls in Years 9-13. The next event will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> January (Years 9-11) and 10<sup>th</sup> January (Years 12-13) 2017**. As in previous years, we will have a programme of plenaries, workshops and hands-on maths sessions on all things Mathematics and Statistics. Please note that some sessions may be the same as previous years, so bear that in mind when selecting students to attend.

### 9<sup>th</sup> January: Year 9-11

Schools may bring up to 12 students in Years 9-11, but note that Years 9 and 10-11 will follow different programmes, so if you are bringing a mixed group you may need to bring an additional teacher.

### 10<sup>th</sup> January: Year 12-13

You can register up to 5 students in Years 12-13, who can attend unaccompanied provided they are over 16. All attendees to this day must be doing Maths at A-level or equivalent.

All bookings need to be received by **17<sup>th</sup> December** and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. We cannot accept bookings without student names. You can find information about the day and the booking forms (from Monday) at [www.maths.ox.ac.uk/r/ItAllAddsUp](http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/r/ItAllAddsUp). Please direct any questions to [schools.liaison@stats.ox.ac.uk](mailto:schools.liaison@stats.ox.ac.uk).

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# History Masterclass - 19th November 2016

**An intensive one-day introduction to some of the key ideas in historiography, for students aged 15-18.** *At the History Masterclass, we ask how our views on what history is determine the way in which history is studied, and crucially the lessons which we, as individuals and as societies, take from such study. Should we view history, as Thomas Carlyle would have it, as a mere distillation of rumor or as G.W.F. Hegel would argue, an inexorable progression towards enlightened self-understanding?*

*The Masterclass begins with a seminar examining the work of four of the most influential thinkers in historiography. We engage in close reading of some fascinating passages from Nietzsche, Marx, Von Ranke and Collingwood, asking students to engage critically with assumptions underlying the arguments, and to consider the consequences and implications of such positions. Drawing on this material, and on their own experience, students engage with question of whether history should, or can, be objective, factual, entertaining, artistic or some combination of these qualities.*

*We will look further at the different ways that history has been viewed and studied across the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, from the British Whigs, who regarded history as a neat progression towards the ideal of parliamentary democracy, to Marx's assertion that 'the history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles', and the Annalists' rejection of political narrative in favour of a broader history aiming at the recovery of past 'mentalities' and long-term trends via the tools of social science.*

*Bringing together historical debates and contemporary politics, the day will close with a seminar debate on responses to the destruction of antiquities in Syria and Iraq. Should we intervene militarily to protect historical treasures? Or is it ethical to purchase antiquities which we have good reason to believe have been looted, if we thereby protect them from harm, or from being absorbed into illegal private collections? We will also discuss the responsibilities of nations to conserve or return the artefacts of other cultures and states.*

## **Student perspectives:**

*"The support, advice and debate were all exceptional. I cannot recommend it enough. Everyone could benefit from attending: those with only a slight interest in history would be stimulated, and those with greater interest refreshed and intrigued. I wholeheartedly commend it."*

*"The History masterclass was a brilliant opportunity to engage with areas of History that a classroom lesson wouldn't allow, whilst being taught by enthusiastic tutors and meeting like-minded people."*

*"The History Masterclass was an inspirational day which far exceeded my expectations. It showed me History in a whole new light and I learned that there are many ways of understanding and interpreting historical events. It made me realise that even just the concept of History as a subject can spark numerous questions and debates and I also realised what some of my own answers to those questions would be and what I would argue in those debates. If you are at all interested in History I would definitely recommend the History Masterclass as a thoroughly enjoyable and extremely thought-provoking day which will fuel your passion for the subject and will leave you inspired and wanting to learn more."*

## **Book a place:**

*The History Masterclass will be held at a University of London venue, Bloomsbury. Class sizes for this event will be 14-16 students and the event is suitable for students aged 15-18. The cost of the one-day course is £95.*

*Call us on 0845 519 4827, or email [info@debatechamber.com](mailto:info@debatechamber.com). Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*

## **Birkbeck Undergraduate Open Day** **Saturday 15 October 12pm-5.30pm**

*Over the summer, many of your students will have started to think about their options for the future, so now is an excellent time for them to take the next step in their planning. Birkbeck's [Undergraduate Open Day](#) is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about our unique higher education model.*

*All of our classes take place in the evening, which gives students the opportunity to gain meaningful work experience during the daytime, setting our graduates apart in an increasingly competitive labour market. More and more undergraduate students are recognising the benefits of evening study and choosing to study a full-time degree at Birkbeck.*

*Attending our Open Day will give your students the chance to:*

- *meet lecturers and get a taste of the courses they teach*
- *chat with current students about the Birkbeck experience*
- *tour our central London campus and the University of London facilities*
- *learn about fees and finance*
- *find out more about our Careers and Employability Services and Birkbeck Talent recruitment services.*

*Students can find out more and book a place at [www.bbk.ac.uk/openday](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/openday)*

*If you would like any more information, or would like to organise a group visit for your students, please contact [study@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:study@bbk.ac.uk) or call 020 7380 3098.*

*Best wishes  
Andrea Picazo  
Marketing & Recruitment Officer  
Birkbeck, University of London*

# TasteMedicine

My name is Mustafa Farooqi - I'm a junior doctor currently working in London, having recently graduated from Imperial College London. I am emailing you regarding **TasteMedicine** - a team of junior doctors and senior medical students who run **medicine-themed taster courses for secondary school students of all ages**. Our recent courses in July and August 2016 were a resounding success - we consistently received excellent feedback. We are delighted to announce our next course on **3rd-4th December 2016**.

## A Little Bit About Us...

At **TasteMedicine** we have first-hand experience of the university applications process and therefore understand how competitive it can be. It's crucial for young people to gain insight into careers and university courses; such that when it comes to making what are often life-changing decisions in choosing subjects and university courses, students are as well-informed as possible.

At TasteMedicine we are passionate about the field of medicine. Our goal is to transmit this passion to the next generation, whilst showing students **what medicine as a career entails and what it's like to be at medical school**.

We currently run **two different, themed single-day courses** - '**Future Physicians**' and '**Budding Surgeons**'. Both courses are targeted at **secondary school students**, and both courses introduce **basic medical concepts whilst also giving students the opportunity to try their hand at practical skills** such as suturing. Our tutors cover these topics in a fun and interactive manner - we promise to send everyone home having had a real taste of what medical school is like, having acquired a heap of new knowledge, and above all having enjoyed themselves immensely.

## Details:

All of our courses run at the **Imperial College campus in South Kensington, London**. Our dates for this term are **Saturday 3rd December for 'Future Physicians'**, and **Sunday 4th December for 'Budding Surgeons'**. Students can choose one course (priced at £79) or both courses (priced at £145 for both courses) - we have strived to make this pricing as affordable as possible and accessible to all, especially in light of the fact that other companies continue to charge extortionate prices for university 'taster days'.

Places for December are already starting to fill up, so for further information and in order to book, please visit our website at [www.tastemedicine.com](http://www.tastemedicine.com)

For any queries about anything at all, please feel free to email us at [info@tastemedicine.com](mailto:info@tastemedicine.com) .

**Bursary Scheme** - we also offer bursary schemes to widen access to our courses to pupils without adequate finance. For more information, please email us at [info@tastemedicine.com](mailto:info@tastemedicine.com)

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