



CONCORD  
COLLEGE

# Medical Futures Conference

**Saturday 1st March 2025, 9am – 5.30pm**

## *Considering a career in Medicine?*

Aimed at Year 11-12 students in the West Midlands and Welsh Borders, the day will cover all aspects of the highly selective admissions process to enable you to make a competitive application to medical school. In addition to this there will be opportunities to talk to practicing doctors, medical, dental and veterinary students and experts in the admissions field from 20 different universities. There are short talks on life as a medical student, UCAT, interview technique and work experience, plus workshops offering hands-on clinical skills. Due the popularity of the event we are offering two booking options:

- **Online via Microsoft Teams with access to all morning lectures & keynote presentation**
- **In-person – attend all day, including free lunch and transport from Shrewsbury to Concord (£5 donation to Moving Mountains charity for street children in Kenya)**

There are limited places for both options and priority will be given to students in Year 12 attending state schools, but we hope to accommodate as many as possible either in person or online.



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Professor Derek Willis**



*Professor Willis studied at Birmingham University and trained both as a hospital physician and GP in the Midlands region. He worked as a GP and hospice doctor in New Zealand. He now is medical director for Severn hospice and is a Visiting Professor at Chester and Northumbria University. Derek has an interest in ethics and has a BA in Philosophy and an Ethics Masters. He is Associate Editor of The British Medical Journal of Supportive and Palliative Care. He also likes Argentine Tango and has medals to prove it!*



# MORNING PROGRAMME

9am – Registration

## LECTURES

- How to succeed in your medical school application
- Excelling in your medical school personal statement
- Choosing the right medical school



The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital  
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# AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Go free-range and build your own programme by selecting from a range of activities:

- *'Meet the Professionals'* – speak to junior doctors, GP's and consultants from a wide range of specialties.
- *'Meet the Medical Students'* - speak to current students to learn about life at medical school.
- *'Meet the Universities'* – admissions staff, recruitment advisors and current medical students can guide you through how to apply and provide prospectuses.
- Short talks and interactive workshops on the UCAT admissions test, interviews, work experience and careers, plus hands-on clinical skills. Try your hand at suturing, tying surgical knots or inserting a canula. There will be a range of medical technology to investigate.
- *Reading Room* – an opportunity to chill out, have a hot drink and browse a huge range of background reading options to enhance your insight into medicine.

**Concord College Medical Society** has nearly 200 members and supports over 40 medical, dental and veterinary applicants every year with a weekly programme of workshops, presentations and peer-led sessions, plus monthly lectures and focus days on key aspects such as UCAT, interview practice and medical ethics.



We support applicants in gaining work experience and are a key partner in the **William Farr Academy**, working in partnership with the **Royal Shrewsbury Hospital** and **Keele University Medical School** to provide expert advice and guidance to talented Shropshire pupils from eligible schools to become outstanding doctors of the future.

Participation in the day will give you access to a huge range of support materials from the society. In addition to this you will also be invited to further support events running later in the year on interview preparation, work experience and special interest lectures.

## Booking

To apply for your place at the conference scan the QR code which takes you to the booking form



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