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Inspirational talk by Dr Gbadamoshi

Dr Gbadamoshi was in college last week talking about his path into Medicine. Born in the UK of Nigerian parents, he told a fascinating story of living in Nigeria between the ages of 3 and 15 before returning to the UK to sit his GCSEs. He studied Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths at A-level achieving AABB but was devastated to receive rejections from his chosen universities. He stressed the need to show that you love working with people, and to gain healthcare experience in order to find out what the career will be like. After his unsuccessful applications he spent a year working as a hospital porter as well as volunteering at an old peoples home before reapplying. With a much better understanding of the profession, he admits he was less naïve and arrogant during interview and was delighted to accept an unconditional offer from Imperial College London. He said “you don’t need to be really clever to study medicine it is mostly common sense, if you really want to do it keep trying”.

WORK EXPERIENCE for healthcare careers

On a recent visit to the college Izzy Wisker (pictured below) one of our BioMed alumni, offered guidance on work experience. She used the website ‘Do-it’ to find opportunities.

<https://do-it.org/>

In addition if you are over 18 you can apply for a post as a Healthcare assistant (HCA): www.nhscareers.nhs.uk Most commonly, HCAs work alongside nurses and also qualified midwives.

WORK EXPERIENCE for veterinary careers

Veterinary practice experience may be difficult to obtain but Don, one of our vet contacts suggested you volunteer with the RSPCA, help out at kennels, farms or stables, walk dogs for the local dog and cats home, and help out at animal rescue centres—all of which will give you valuable experiences to write about in your application.

KEEP A WORK EXPERIENCE JOURNAL

Don’t forget to make careful observations and note down any interesting events during your work experience. Ask for a reference from each place you work, and make a careful note of contact details as you may well be required to provide this to the Universities to which you later apply.



New degrees in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science

University of Bristol have launched 6 year gateway programmes for students with the potential to become doctors, dentists or vets but who do not have the grades for the five year programmes. The entry requirements are grades BBC at A level. Additional entry criteria must be met but this is a welcome addition to the growing number of access courses.



Coming up soon...

Talks by visiting speakers:
‘University Life’ - Dr Hancock, Associate Professor in Molecular Biology, UWE. Monday 23rd November 1215-1245 B208. This talk will be helpful for students wishing to study Biology at University, and A level Biology students will be interested in Dr Hancock's research in cell signalling.

Lynne Fernandes will be in college Wednesday December 2nd to talk about her career as an optician (1215-1245 B208).

Manual Dexterity Skills

Workshop Monday December 7th 1215-1255 B208. Limited availability, email me as soon as possible to reserve your place.