



Welcome to Medicine

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We are delighted that you have chosen to study medicine on the BSC (Hons) Medicine course at St Andrews, and we look forward to welcoming and meeting with you in September.

We find that students often share the same concerns and need answers to similar questions. Our [Flying Start](#) website addresses these common issues and provides a 'to do list' which will ensure you complete some essential tasks and plan for your arrival. You should check the Flying Start website periodically as it will be updated with new information throughout the summer. At the beginning of September you will be given web access to Galen (our online curriculum management system) where you will be able to view your Semester 1 timetable.

Orientation Week for Medical Students

The University, the Students' Association, Student Societies, the Halls of Residence and the Athletic Union organise an extensive programme of social and academic activities for all students during Orientation Week. You will find the details on the [University new students web site](#) and this will guide you through what you should do and when to do it. It aims to make the registration process and beginning your life as a student of University of St Andrews run smoothly.

In addition to these University events, the School of Medicine organises a programme during orientation week specifically tailored to meet the needs of new medical students. You will meet new colleagues and your clinical skills group, you will hear from some key staff and senior students, be shown around the building and be given lots of useful advice to help you prepare for the beginning of your course! During this week the Bute Medical Society organises a BBQ and a welcoming party, so you are bound to make friends very quickly!

On the Flying Start web site you will find advice relating to:

- **Disclosure and Professionalism** - in orientation week we will ask you to complete the Disclosure Scotland Protecting Vulnerable Groups application. To prepare for this you should read the [instruction letter](#), download a blank form and complete this in draft so that you have all the details you'll need for the main form. Payment should be made via the [Online Shop](#) by 13th September.
- **Recommended Textbooks** - information about the text books that have been selected to support your learning.
- **Stethoscopes, Pocket Masks, Protective Glasses and Laboratory White Coats** - which type to get and how/where to buy them.
- **Computers** - important advice about computers and information about connecting your computer to the University network.

- **[School of Medicine Agreement](#)** captures the School's expectations of medical students in an agreement form. All students should be familiar with it before they arrive. The content of this agreement will be discussed and you will have opportunities to ask questions during orientation week and thereafter you will be required to sign a copy.
- **A link to the School's handbook** - this summarises key information about the University of St Andrews, the School of Medicine and the first year modules. This is an important document and you should be familiar with it before coming to St Andrews and includes relevant policies on:-
 - University [disability advice website](#)
 - The School [policy for pregnant students](#)
 - [Leave of absence policy](#)
- **St Andrews Medic Freshers' Facebook group** - this will be run by students from the Medical School. This is a first point of contact with your new colleagues and a forum for informal chat about life as a medical student. Find the link on the [Flying Start](#) page. There is also an official Facebook page for the Bute Medical Society (Butemed Soc on Facebook, also on Twitter as @ButeMedics) who organise events throughout Orientation Week and the rest of the academic year.

All questions relating to the course, fees, visas etc should be directed to the School office on md2000@st-andrews.ac.uk

Once again, we are looking forward to meeting and working with you in September and wish you a safe journey to St Andrews.



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