



This letter will be sent to students holding an offer to start BSc (Hons) Medicine at St Andrews in September 2017

You are holding an offer to study Medicine at St Andrews. Either your offer is unconditional or you are waiting to hear about exam results in order to meet the conditions we have set. If you have accepted, or are going to accept, our offer there are a number of preparatory activities we would like you to complete over the summer.

ARRIVAL AT ST ANDREWS

1. Orientation week comprises 5 full days of University and course activity. All students must be present at the School Lecture Theatre for the Dean's address on Monday 11th September 2017 at 9.00am.

HEALTH

2. The personal health of a medical student is important for a range of reasons:-
- a. Students must be fit to enter the course; be able to participate in the rigorous academic and practical programme and live independent lives.
 - b. Students must be fit to study; able to learn, revise and sit exams.
 - c. Students must be fit for practice; they should not pose a risk to patients nor be at risk from patients.
 - d. Students must be fit to practise, that is they are likely to be fit to be registered as a doctor by the General Medical Council. To be registrable they must pose no risk to patients and must not damage the reputation of the medical profession.
3. **HEOPS standards.** The School of Medicine uses the standards defined by the Higher Education Occupational Health Physicians (HEOPS) to decide if a student is Fit to Enter the course. All applicants must read the [School's advice](#), the HEOPS standards and complete the certificate by 5th August.
4. **Occupational Health questionnaire.** All applicants, including those who have already completed a previous version of this form, must complete and return the Occupational Health Questionnaire that was emailed to you on 2nd May. Please read the covering letter which contains all the relevant advice, instructions and links to the form and send it back by 30th June. Please do not return the form if you have declined, or intend to decline our offer.

5. **Other relevant policies:**

- a. The School [policy for pregnant students](#)
- b. University [disability advice website](#)
- c. [Leave of absence policy](#)

We will write to you again later this month with advice on Freshers' Week, advice on textbooks and things to buy. If you have any questions please contact us by e mailing md2000@st-andrews.ac.uk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clive Masson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DC MASSON
Executive Administrator