

## *Medical Poland Admissions Open Day AND Med-Entry class*

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This week, senior students had the chance to attend open days for courses in medicine! The experience was brought to us by the lovely Ms. Zimmermann and we had the opportunity to learn about what medicine really entails from the comfort of our own homes. The online open days presented students with information about medicine, veterinary and pharmaceutical jobs and provided useful resources for students who would like to continue in the very rewarding field. Students registered through online forms provided by each facilitator a few days before, with many interested students and adults applying!

### *Medical Poland Admissions Open day*

On Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, students had the chance to attend an online Open Day hosted by The Medical Poland's Admissions Office's Team. The meeting was open to anyone interested in getting admissions for medical, dental and veterinary schools. It covered the details about applying for medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine and other programmes. Medical Poland Admissions Office helps Irish and all international students to study these programmes abroad, in English.



The meeting began at 6:30pm with students from as far away as Canada attending. The meeting was being recorded so that it could be rewatched by those that thought it would be of great use. The Medical Poland's Admissions Office's Team went through a PowerPoint about the lifestyle that most students had in Poland regarding accommodation, transport and living costs. They discussed the different schools in Poland and the variation of subjects that needed to be studied in the Leaving Cert to attend each of the schools.

The meeting was quite interactive as students had the opportunity to freely ask questions about studying in Poland through the chat box. The Team made sure to answer all the questions that were asked while also going through the Powerpoint and teaching us about studying abroad.

The event proved to be of use to many students that hope to have a career in the medical field and that would like to have the opportunity to study abroad to achieve it.



### *'Medical entry in Ireland' virtual meeting*

On Thursday 13th of October, over 300 students and guidance counsellors had the chance to enroll and join a Med-entry class presented at 12.30 pm. Because many students were in school at that time, the facilitators recorded the event and provided a link to the video for those who had enrolled but were unable to attend. This was a very useful event!

The webinar lasted for around 26 minutes, with many Guidance counsellors present from all around the country, such as Dublin and Cork. This event was made by Dr. Ann Deely, a director of education in the med-entry HPAT preparation team, to educate guidance counsellors and students about where to start when it comes to getting a job in medicine and aims to provide useful information about what to do and where to go for help.

Doctor Ann Deely is a dermatologist who has taught over 10,000 students for over 20 years. She scored in the 100% percentile in the HPAT and was accepted into all the medical schools of her time. Furthermore, she was accepted for a Monash scholarship of excellence and graduated with first class honors which highlighted how qualified she was to teach us!

During the 26 minutes, Dr. Deely spoke of the advantages and disadvantages of studying medicine, advised students on a career in medicine, spoke of the medical entrance in Ireland, informed us of the HPAT, provided free resources such as free HPAT exam questions and booklets, taught us about how Med-Entry can help us and finally, ended with an interactive questions and answers session for any inquisitive listeners. Furthermore, Dr. Deely shared her upcoming two-day workshop that would prepare and test students planning to enter medicine, delivering much needed advice and strategies that would help them on their journey to success.

All in all this was a very helpful event, where I had the opportunity to learn about what it takes to become a medical student and what I would need to succeed in studying. This was an invaluable class that I am lucky to have attended and can be very useful to those who would like to study in the medical field. A very heartfelt thank you to Dr. Deely for providing us with the opportunity to attend the educational and very interesting webinar!



In conclusion, both events acknowledged the importance of preparation and hard work in becoming a part of the medical field. Students had the opportunity to receive useful links and booklets, as well as other open days that would further help them in the discovery of their dream career! The talks were very highly appreciated by all those attended and we would like to thank anybody involved in the making and sharing of these two virtual lessons!