BrightIdeas gives you an opportunity to complete a medicine focused research project, with the support of an e-mentor. The project, which ends in a 3-day summer residential event, will provide you with invaluable insights into the roles of a doctor; as a scientist, a clinician and a teacher.

THE PROJECT STAGES

1. RESEARCH
You will choose a chronic condition of interest and perform a basic literature search to gain a scientific understanding.

2. EXPLORE
Through a variety of resources, from online case studies to an organised symposia, you will explore the social and psychological implications of the conditions.

3. REPORT
Taking a holistic approach to the condition, you'll create a report, in a format of your choosing - be it an essay, a video, a podcast etc. - to document your findings.

4. SHARE
During the summer residential event, you will present your projects to an audience and answer any questions that arise.

5. REFLECT
Using a learning gain tool and your experiences to guide your thoughts, you will write a short reflection on your experiences.
PROJECT SESSIONS

Please note attendance at all three project sessions is compulsory.

1. THE LAUNCH

Date: Saturday 29th February 2020
Time: 11:00-16:00
Location: St. Leonards Academy, Hastings

We will cover an overview of the medicine application process, undertake an undergraduate level teaching session and introduce you to the project and mentors.

2. THE MID-POINT REVIEW

Date: Saturday 16th May 2020
Time: 11:00-16:00
Location: St. Leonards Academy, Hastings

You will review your project progress with your mentor before hearing about the biological, psychological and social impacts of chronic condition from patients/carers.

3. THE RESIDENTIAL

Arrival: Thursday 23rd (between 16:00 -18:00)
or Friday 24th July (09:00)
Depart: Sunday 26th July- 16:00
Location: Brighton and Sussex Medical School, University of Sussex

You will travel down to Brighton and Sussex Medical School, where you will stay in university accommodation for 3/4 nights (depending on arrival date). During the residential, you will present your report at our “BrightIdeas Conference” to peers, parents and BSMS colleagues. You will also get a taster of different medical specialties through a variety of interactive activities as well as a guided navigation through the various application process hurdles. All participants will have an opportunity for their personal statement to be reviewed as well as a chance to experience a medical school admissions interview.

WHO IS THE PROJECT FOR?

BrightIdeas is a programme for current Year 12 students, in Hastings and surrounding areas, who are interested in studying Medicine.

Students should be studying Biology and/or Chemistry at A-level and priority will be given to students who meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Sat GCSEs at an underperforming school (Attainment 8)
- Attended a school with a high percentage of students on free school meals
- Live in an area where not a lot of people enter Higher Education (POLAR 4)
- Are a young carer
- Parents have not been to University
- Are/have been in receipt of free school meal/16-19 bursary/PIP or other Means Tested Benefits
- Be estranged from parents/guardians and/or be an asylum seeker or refugee

Those who are in or have been in local authority care will automatically be offered a place.

HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply for BrightIdeas, you will need to complete the online application form which is available here: bit.ly/2pmH6U
Applications will close on Monday 27th January at 09:00
If you have any questions about this programme, please contact outreach@bsms.ac.uk

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