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Bachelor of Dental Surgery Open Day Sept 2025

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RANKED IN THE
TOP 1%
OF THE
WORLD

A MEMBER OF THE
RUSSELL GROUP
OF RESEARCH-
INTENSIVE UK
UNIVERSITIES

THE OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN FROM
**PIONEERING
ACADEMICS**
WHOSE RESEARCH IS
INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNISED

THE FOURTH
OLDEST
ENGLISH-SPEAKING
UNIVERSITY
IN THE WORLD

FOUNDING
MEMBER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
**RESEARCH
UNIVERSITIES
NETWORK**

SCOTLAND'S
LARGEST CITY

RENOWNED
MUSIC SCENE
AND A WEALTH
OF ARTS AND
**CULTURAL
VENUES**

UNESCO CITY
OF MUSIC



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Why Dentistry?

- Health Care Profession
- Academic
- Practical
- Vocational Course
- Varied Career Options
- Rewarding and Fulfilling Career

- NOT Beauty Therapy!





Dental Treatments

- Restoring damaged teeth





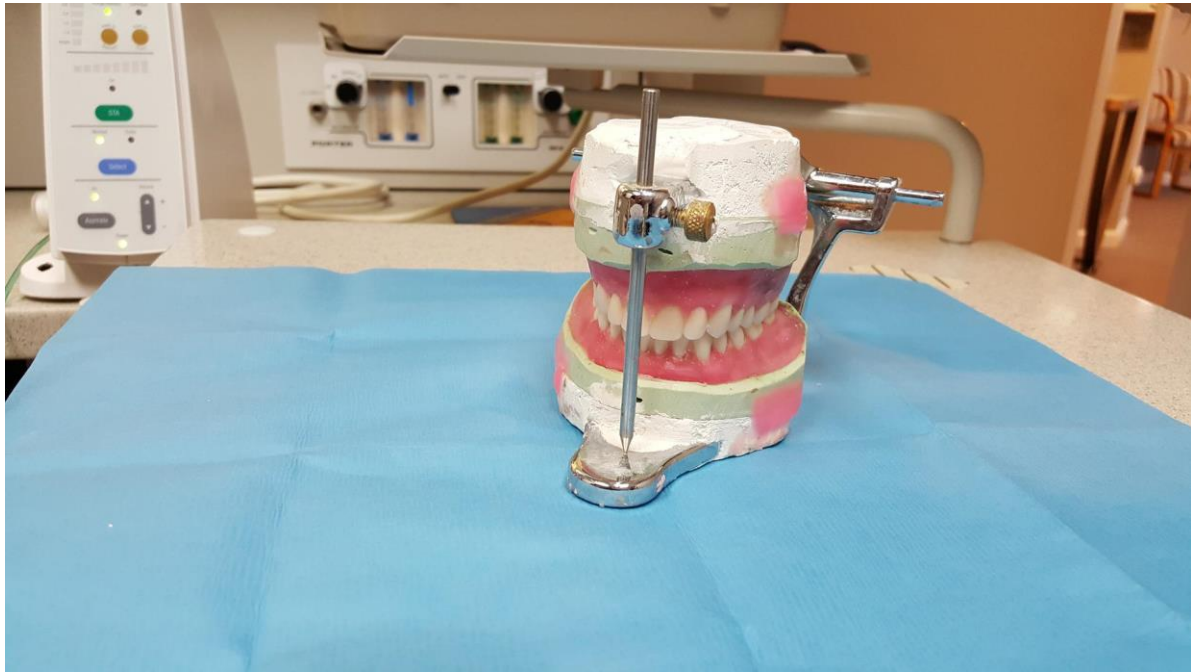
Dental Treatments

- Restoring damaged teeth
- Gum disease



Dental Treatments

- Restoring damaged teeth
- Gum disease
- Orthodontic treatment



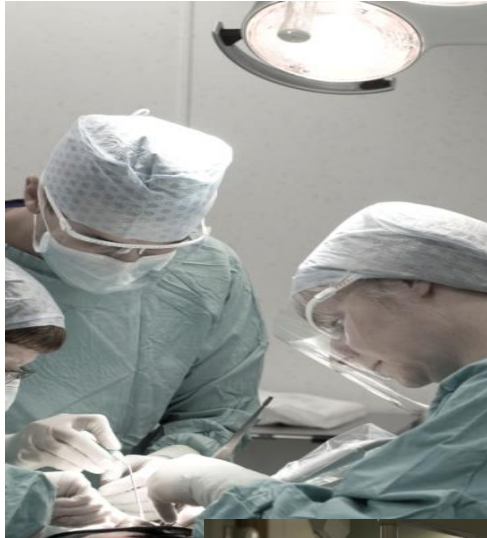
Dental Treatments

- Restoring damaged teeth
- Gum disease
- Orthodontic treatment
- Dentures



Dental Treatments

- Restoring damaged teeth
- Gum disease
- Orthodontic treatment
- Dentures
- Soft tissue disease



Dental Treatments

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- Dentures
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- Surgery



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Dental Treatments

- Restoring damaged teeth
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- Dentures
- Soft tissue disease
- Surgery
- Prevention

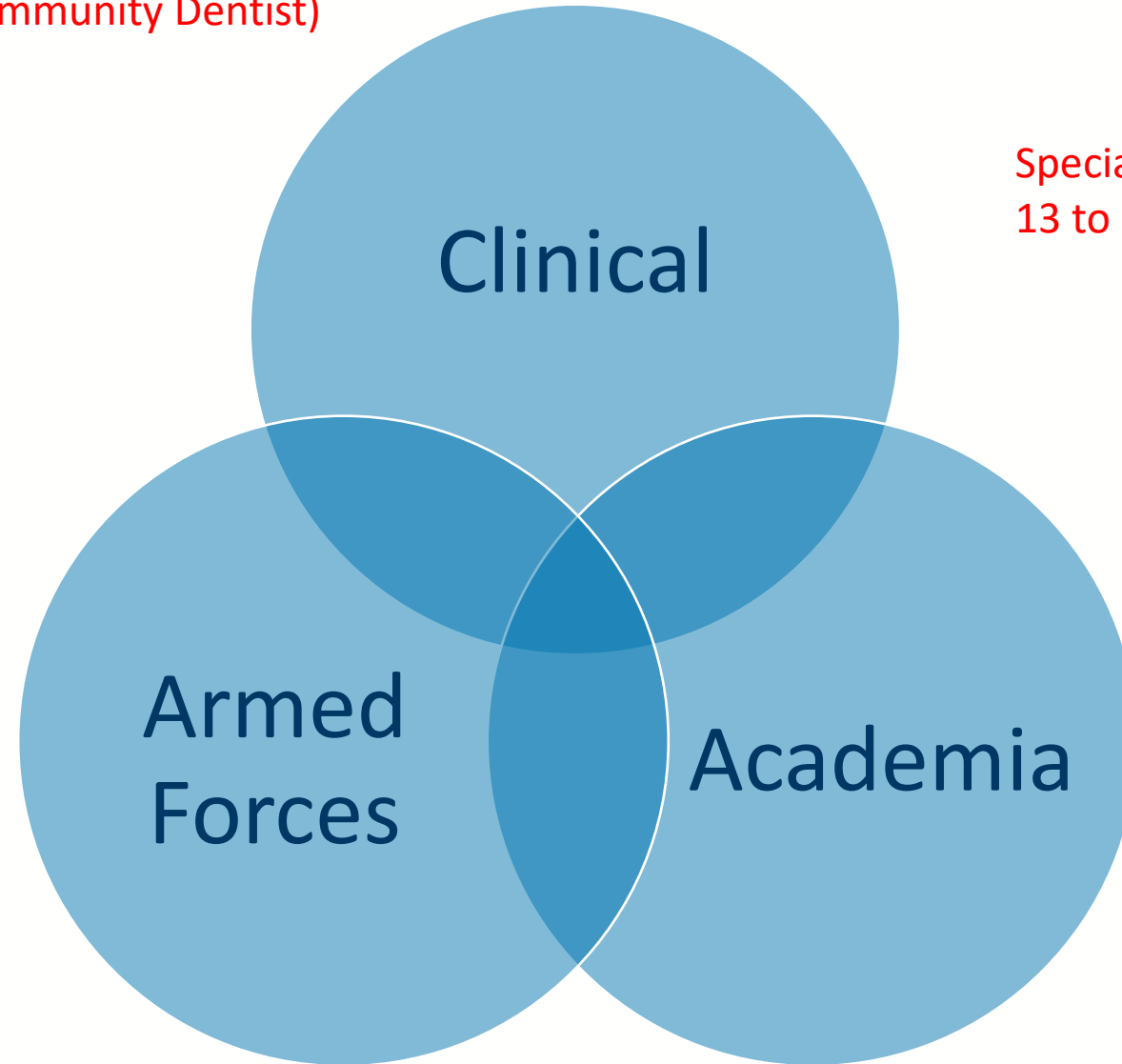


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Career Options

Navy
Army
Air Force

Hospital Dentist
Public Dental Service
(Community Dentist)
High Street Dentist



Specialisation –
13 to choose from!

Research
Teaching

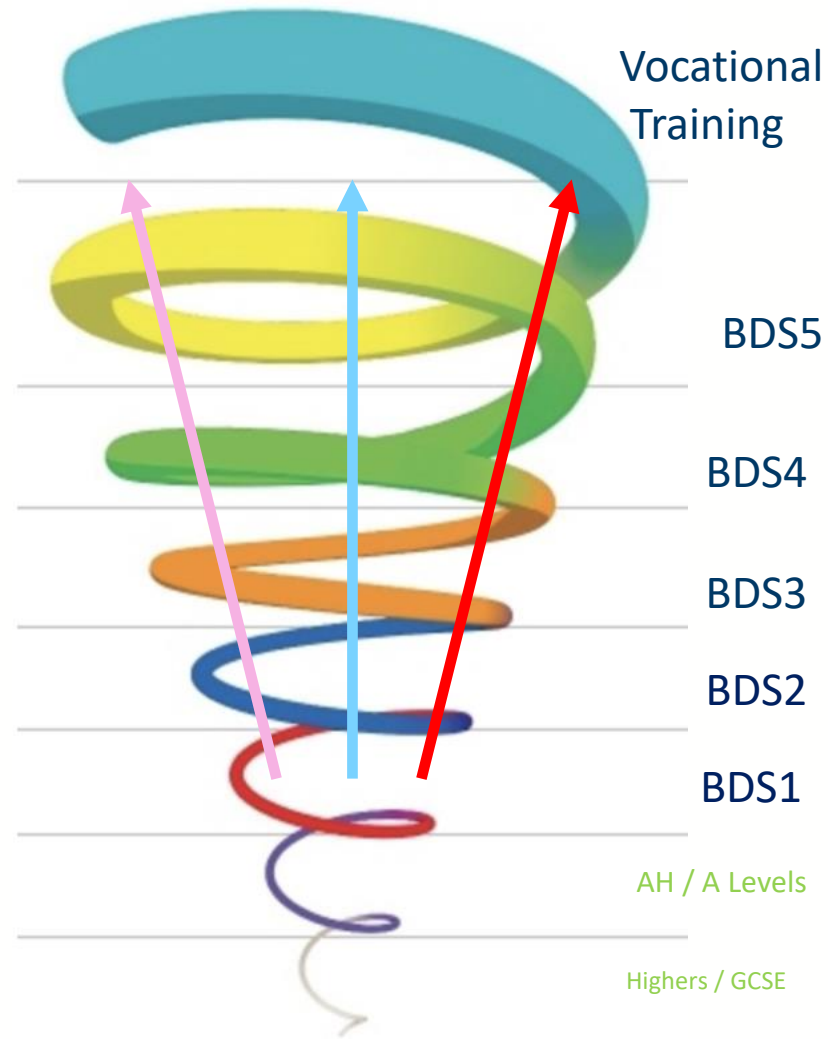
The Curriculum

3 Themes:

Biomedical and
Applied Medical Science

Clinical Dental Science

Patient Management /
Health Promotion



Assessments

OSCE, LCDP

Written, CCE, LCDP

Written, OSCE,
LCDP, Elective

Written, OSCE,
PCSA, LCDP

Written, OSCE



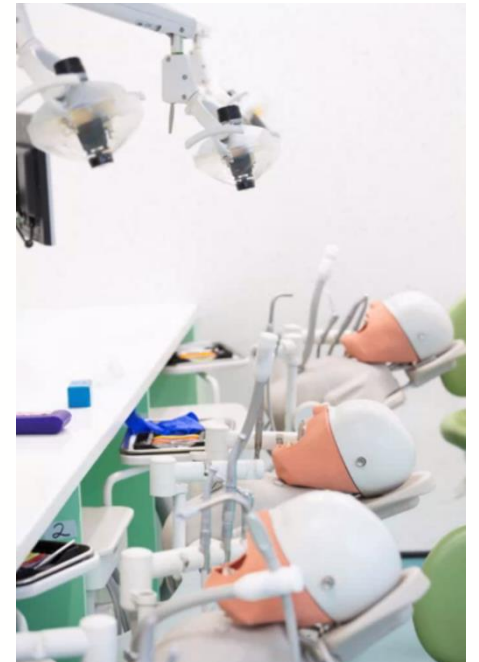
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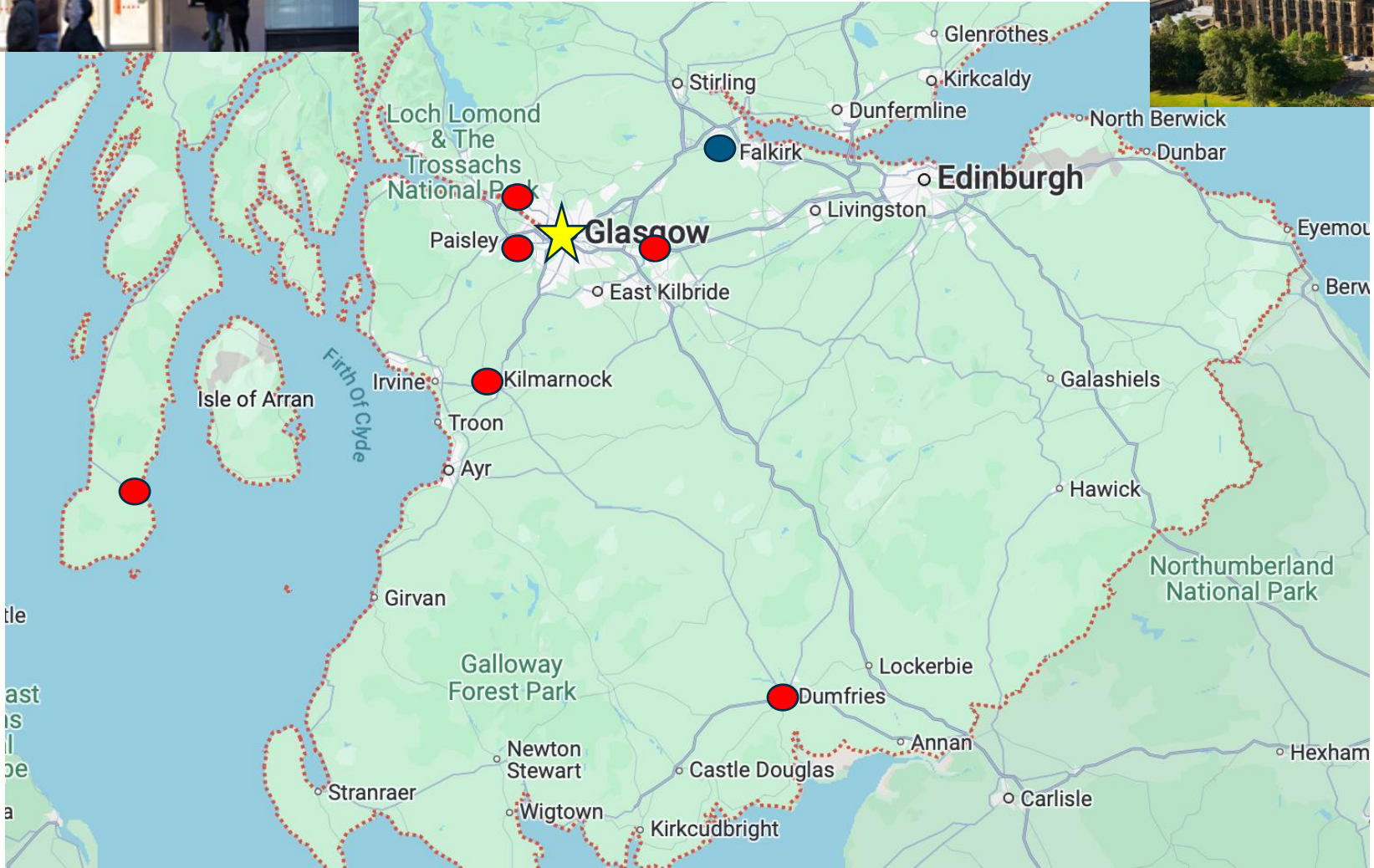
The Curriculum

- Variety of Teaching Methodologies
- Student centered learning
- MOODLE



- Self reflection
- Professionalism
- Formal Assessments







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Outreach Centres

Dumfries

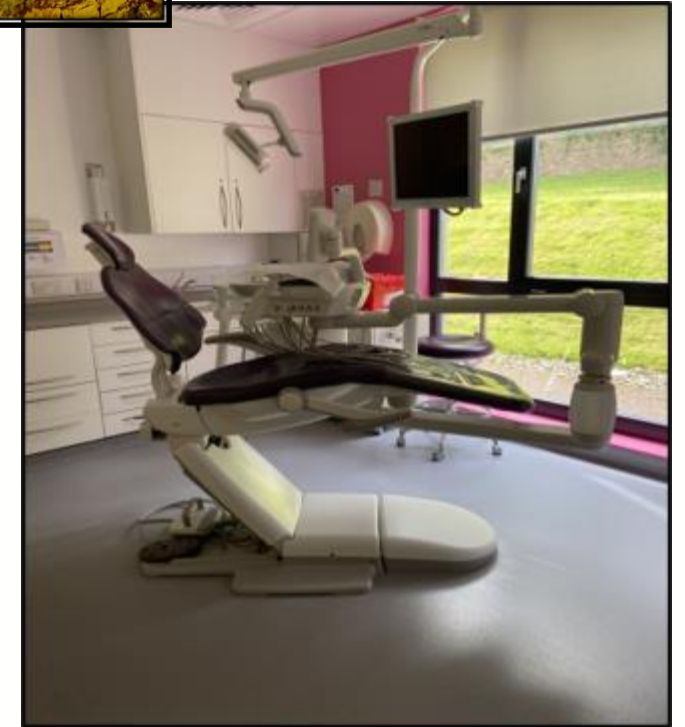




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- Campbeltown





Kilmarnock



Coatbridge



Paisley



Vale of Leven



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Application

- Entry is ALWAYS through UCAS, closing date **15th October** the year prior to entry
- G28 for University of Glasgow
- A200 for Dentistry



General
Dental
Council

protecting patients,
regulating the dental team



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Entry requirements / Academic Qualifications

Academic Qualifications

UCAT taken in year of application

Highers/Advanced Highers

AAAAB Higher + BB Advanced Higher (AAAAB S5 minimum for consideration)

Additional requirements:

- Higher Biology **AND** Chemistry at grade A.
- Higher Maths or Physics
- National 5 English at grade B.

S6

3 subjects should be studied and **MUST** include:
Advanced Higher Biology and Chemistry.



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Academic Qualifications – RUK

AAA to include Biology, Chemistry and 1 other subject

AND

6 GCSEs at grade A/7-9 MUST include Maths and/or Physics
plus English Language or Literature





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Academic Requirements - Alternative Routes

- Degree – 2.1 Honours in a relevant subject.
- Approved Access to Medicine courses for mature applicants

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/medicine/dental/undergraduate/academicentryrequirements/#matureapplicants>





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Work Shadowing

We recognise that obtaining work shadowing in a dental setting is becoming increasingly difficult, however, applicants may still be able to secure alternative forms of shadowing or voluntary work which involves caring for and interacting with different people or develops the skills you will need as a dental professional.

For more information on alternatives see

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/dental/undergraduate/workshadowing/>





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UCAS Personal Statement changes 2026

This year there has been a changes to the Personal Statement 'box' as part of the application process.

For 2026 applicants there are now three specific questions being posed:

- Why do you want to study this subject / course?
- How have your qualifications and studies helped you prepare for this subject or course?
- What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

These will be assessed as part of the admissions process





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UNIVERSITY CLINICAL
APTITUDE TEST

UCAT

- University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is an admissions test used by a number of Universities for their medical and dental degree programmes.
- The range of scores we consider changes each year as the performance of each admissions cohort varies.
- Fee associated with UCAT test – eligible applicants can apply for a bursary to cover the cost of the test.





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- The UCAT forms an extremely important part of the BDS entry requirements and if your score is deemed to be too low then you will not be selected for interview, regardless of your qualifications.
- Changes from 2025 - one section (Abstract Reasoning) has been removed from assessment so comparing to previous cut off scores will not be equitable
- Includes Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, Qualitative Reasoning and Situational Judgement





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Selection Procedure

1. Applications are screened in line with our published entry requirements:

- <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/medicine/dental/undergraduate/academicentryrequirements/>
- If you do not, or cannot, meet the criteria in our person specification, your application will not be given further consideration



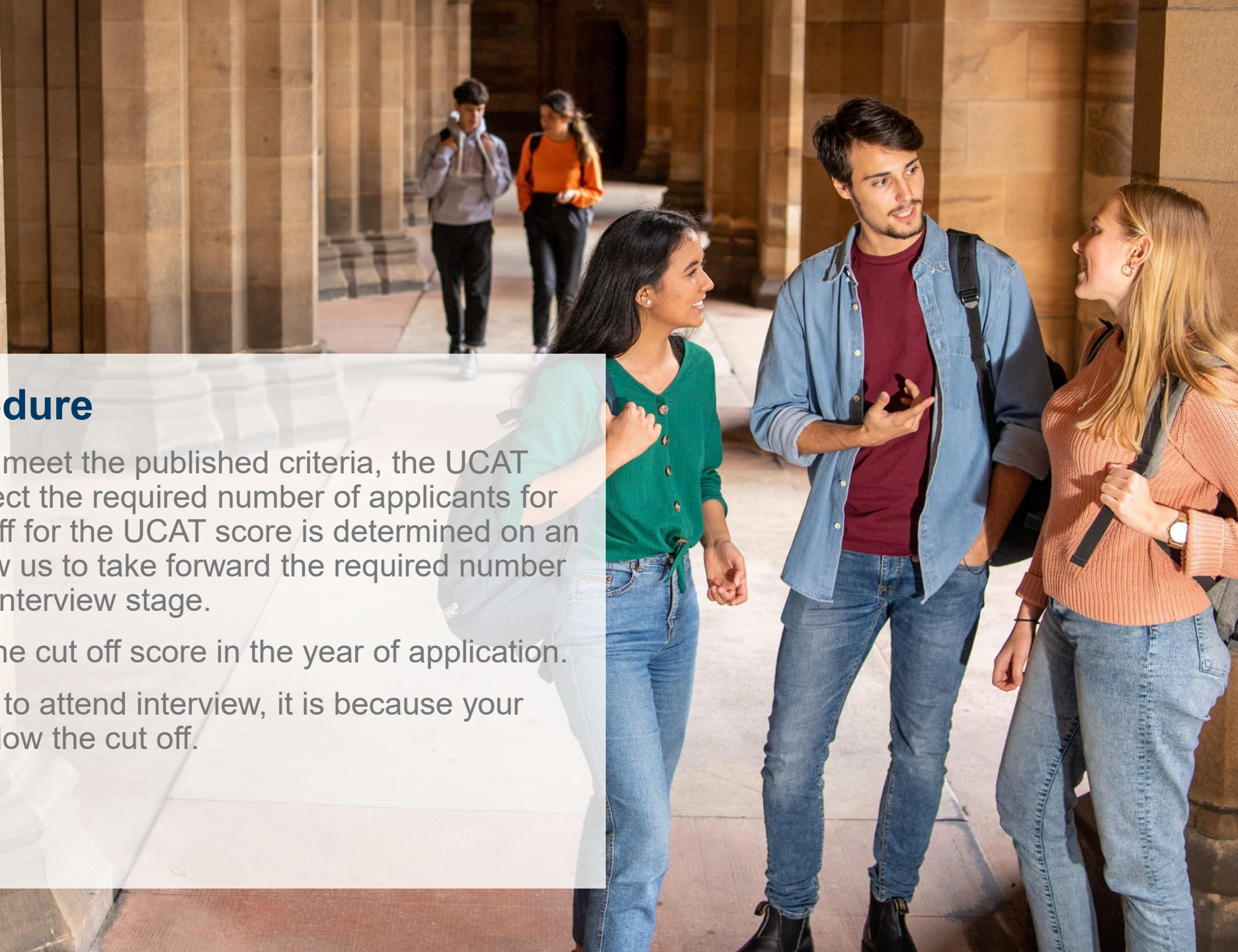


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Selection Procedure

2. For candidates who meet the published criteria, the UCAT score is used to select the required number of applicants for interview. The cut off for the UCAT score is determined on an annual basis to allow us to take forward the required number of applicants to the interview stage.
- We do not release the cut off score in the year of application.
 - If you are not asked to attend interview, it is because your UCAT score was below the cut off.





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Selection Procedure/Interviews

3. Interviews – interviews usually held in January/February.

- On an annual basis, we agree on the number of offers to be issued in order to meet the intake targets set by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Funding Council.
- If you do not receive an offer following interview, it is because your overall interview score was below the cut-off for receipt of an offer.
- Interviews for 2026 entry will be traditional panel style and likely to be held virtually.
- For 2027 there may be a return to MMI style interviews





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Key Dates

- Application Deadline – 15th October 2025
- Interview Invitations – December 2025
- Interviews – Late January/ Early February 2026
- Decisions Communicated – March 2026



- <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/medicine/dental/undergraduate/>
- <http://www.ucas.com>
- <http://www.ucat.ac.uk>
- <http://www.gdc-uk.org>
- <http://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk>
- Our dental school MOOC
- <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/be-a-dentist>



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Further Information

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