Thanks to the support offered by the High Achievers’ Programme through Personal Statement guidance and regular interview practice evenings, I have not only been able to develop the key skills needed to make a good and lasting impression at university interviews, but also for future employment.

I was really pleased when I received an offer from all four universities that I applied for!

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In the first year you will be encouraged to enrol for MedSoc, an enrichment activity which takes place regularly throughout the year. During these sessions, skills will be developed such as the ability to engage in independent research on contemporary medical/scientific issues and the ability to ‘think outside of the box’ in preparation for rigorous interviews. You will also be involved in discussions involving ethical issues and given the opportunity to present your views and respond to challenges regarding those views.

Students will also attend presentations by practising medics and other external speakers. In addition, you will have the opportunity to be part of a Merseyside Medical Challenge Day which includes talks and Q&A sessions with doctors and medical students. Students can also enrol on taster courses held by MDV departments at different universities and Career Access Courses at local hospitals. Later in the term, talks will be held by former Carmel students currently studying MDV. This will enable you to gain invaluable advice about which institution and course to choose and how to maximise your chances of success in the application process.

The goal in the second year is to ensure a successful UCAS application for your chosen course. You will be offered substantial specialist help with completing your Personal Statement, specialist guidance with your application and interview practice conducted by our science staff, doctors and other external professionals. You will also be assisted in your preparation for the BMAT, which is required as part of the application to several medical courses.