

As a secondary school student who aspires to study medicine in university and become a doctor in the future, the HKU Medical Summer Broadening Programme was an all-round excellent opportunity for me to explore the field of medicine in great depth.

I attended lectures typically given to medical students which touched on various relevant and intriguing areas of modern medicine, from the currently ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to highly specialised liver transplantation to the crucial role of medical ethics. Listening to the professors who spoke about different topics in such great detail showed me that studying medicine would not be easy, however, their enthusiasm reminded me that the key to understanding anything in medical school is to first enjoy studying the subject itself. With a lot of the content being far beyond the scope of the average secondary school student's knowledge, participating in these lectures was academically challenging yet a valuable learning experience which has inspired me to do further research into current medical affairs.

The group project was a chance for everyone to do an extensive research into a specific medical topic of interest. With the minimal help from the group's mentors, working on this project allowed me to make use of prior medical knowledge as well as to learn from other students who may be more knowledgeable in a certain topic. Apart from the academic aspect, being in a group of like-minded aspiring medical students made the experience more enjoyable.

For lower form students who want to see if they have an interest in studying in medicine and whether being a doctor would be a good career option, the Medical Summer Broadening Program is definitely the next step which allows students to be fully immersed in the world of medicine and experience it for real.

Kind regards,
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