A Guide to Reach Tayside

Welcome, and thank you for signing up to Reach Tayside!

WHAT IS REACH?

Reach is a nationally funded initiative based across a number of different universities in Scotland. Our job is to encourage, educate and empower senior-phase pupils to consider careers and higher education in medicine, dentistry and law.

Our broad programme of events and 1-1 support will help you to explore your options, develop new skills and create a competitive application to university.

Reach runs at the University of Dundee, University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh, Aberdeen University and the University of St. Andrews.

WHO ARE REACH?

Amy Stewart – Reach Tayside Project Officer

Amy manages all of the Reach events and co-ordinates the team of Reach tutors and ambassadors. She is here to help, and is your go-to person for any questions you might have about the project or Medicine, Dentistry or Law at university level!

Jan Murphy – Reach Administrator

Jan is responsible for all pupil registrations, event communications and email queries in regards to events, directions to venues etc. You will receive emails from Jan to keep you up-to-date with Reach opportunities, so look out for these and read them carefully!

The Reach Ambassadors

The Reach Ambassadors are current medical, dental and law students who support Amy in the delivery of Reach activities whilst giving you a first-hand account of what it’s like to study these degrees at university!

WHO CAN TAKE PART IN REACH?

Reach is funded by the Scottish Government to work with senior pupils who meet our eligibility criteria at state schools across Tayside i.e. Dundee, Angus and Perthshire.

The full list of partner schools and eligibility criteria can be found on our website.
HOW CAN REACH HELP ME?

Our programme of on-campus and in-school activities includes:

- On-campus range from our ‘Explore’ events, which give you a taster of medicine, dentistry and law courses at university – to our smaller focused events - including surgical skills & anatomy, emergency care, mooting, legal advice and more! - which aim to help you develop key skills and experiences for your university application.

- Application, personal statement, UKCAT and interview preparation workshops to help you create a competitive application, and to increase your confidence and understanding of the application process.

- Student shadowing gives the unique opportunity for you to experience a day at university as a current medical, dental or law student, as you buddy up with one of our ambassadors and spend the day with them in lectures, tutorials, ward rounds, library visits and more!

- Work Experience is available through the many partnerships Reach Tayside have with local GP practices, dental surgeries and law firms, and is really important for applications to these degrees specifically. You can be considered for this after completing student shadowing, or by attending 3 or more on-campus events!

- 1-1 support – at any time that suits you - for your UCAS application, personal statement, or for anything at all we can help with!

Our events are always free and we include any materials that you might need.

All of our events are listed on our website, and we will send regular updates with upcoming events. You can also see our leaflet and posters with our programme of activity.

We are always trying to think of new activities and events – so if there’s something you’d like to see on our programme please get in touch!

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO EVENTS?

We use Eventbrite to manage our events. You can access the booking links either via our website or any links that we email to you, and if you have any questions about this, you can get in touch with Jan!

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I CAN NO LONGER ATTEND AN EVENT?

It is really important that you let us know if you can no longer attend an event. You can contact us via email, phone, text message or Facebook.
WHAT IS EXPECTED OF REACH PUPILS?

We work with many professionals and academics throughout the university and the Tayside region to offer you incredible opportunities and to help you gain the best experiences when applying to university.

We therefore expect high levels of professionalism from all of our pupils – if you can’t make an event, let us know, or if you are running late for work experience, communicate directly with the professionals you are working with. When working or shadowing in these professional environments, you are expected to show high levels of maturity, attention and enthusiasm so that you get the most out of the experience.

HOW CAN I CONTACT THE REACH TEAM & KEEP UP TO DATE WITH REACH?

The easiest way to get in touch with us is via email – reach@dundee.ac.uk
You can also contact us via our social media channels, or give us a call on 01382 388900 (Amy) or on 01382 381899 (Jan).

ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Reach uses social media regularly to share updates on events and activities and relevant information. It’s also a nice way to share what we are doing with others, and for general Reach news. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming and diverse community of staff, students and pupils!

Add Amy on Facebook: Amy Stewart Reach Tayside
Facebook Page: facebook.com/reachtayside
Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/reachtayside/
Twitter: @reachtayside

HOW CAN I MEET OTHER REACH PUPILS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS?

Reach works with many schools across Tayside which makes attending our events a great way to meet like-minded pupils with similar career ambitions to you. Some of our pupils have met friends for life through Reach and are now studying and living together at university!

GET INVOLVED

We welcome you to get involved, whether you’re set on applying for a degree in medicine, dentistry or law or simply want to find out more. If you have any questions, please do get in touch – we are here to help!

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