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

WHAT IS REACH?

Reach is a national project, funded by the Scottish Funding Council, to encourage, educate and empower senior-phase pupils to consider careers and higher education in Medicine, Dentistry & Law.

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

WHO ARE REACH?

Amy Stewart – Reach Tayside Project Officer
Amy manages all of the Reach events and the wider Reach team, and thinks she has the best job in the world! She is here to help whenever you need her, and is your go-to person for any questions you might have about the project or studying Medicine, Dentistry or Law at university level!

Ally Stark - Access to High Demand Professions Officer
Ally works between both the Reach & ACES projects. He works closely with Amy to support you throughout the application process, and with a background in community education and supporting students' needs in a number of contexts, he is passionate about doing all he can to help pupils in their pursuit of all things Reach!

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 eligibility criteria can be found on our website.
HOW CAN REACH HELP ME?

- From our ‘Explore’ events - designed to give you a taster of your chosen subject - to our smaller focused events - including surgical skills & anatomy, emergency care, mooting, mock murder trials and more! - our on-campus events will help you develop key skills and experiences to reflect on in your university application.

- Application, personal statement, UCAT and interview preparation workshops will allow you to make your application the best it can be, increase your confidence, and enhance your understanding of the application process for your chosen subject.

- Student shadowing gives the unique opportunity for you to experience a day at university as a current medical, dental or law student - attend lectures, tutorials, ward rounds, library visits and more! Application form can be requested after attending 2 or more on-campus events.

- Work Experience placements can be available through Reach Tayside and local GP practices, dental surgeries and law firms. Application form can be requested after attending 3 or more on-campus events.

- 1-1 support - at any time that suits you - for any guidance you need!

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

Our events are listed on our website, and we will send regular updates with upcoming or new events, as well as advertising on social media channels!

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, which you can access via our website or any links that we email to you - any questions about this, please 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.

If you do not attend an event, and have not informed us that you can no longer attend, we will mark this as a ‘No-Show’ on your record. Repeated ‘no-show’s will directly impact your ability to participate in the Reach project, so please be professional and let us know if you can’t make it.

You can do this by telephone or by email.
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! 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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