



## WORK INSPIRATION – Dentistry

Being a dentist demands diagnostic, clinical and social skills. It is a career that offers a service to society and a respected place in the community. To be successful in this field it is essential that you have good people skills and an interest in patients' welfare.

### General Career Resources/Information:

- **The British Dental Association** has a [dedicated careers section](#) on becoming a dentist and the various careers you can follow. It also has a list of the [16 dental schools](#) you can study at in the United Kingdom. It also includes a section on other career options in dentistry including:
  - [Implant Dentistry](#)
  - [Prison Dentistry](#)
  - [Volunteering Abroad](#)
  - [Working Abroad](#)
- **National Careers Service** section on dentistry and associated careers:
  - Career as a [dentist](#)
  - Career as a [dental therapist](#)
  - Career as a [dental nurse](#)
  - Career as a [dental hygienist](#)
- **NHS Health Careers** has a section on working as a dentist and the different roles within a [dental team](#). Have a read of this case study from a [dental surgeon](#) in the NHS
- **Step into the NHS** has also a [careers section on becoming a dentist](#)
- **Dental Schools Council** website has a section on making a [dental school application](#) and the reasons why you might wish to study [dentistry](#)
- **BBC Bitesize** in their careers section has a video from Jemma, who is a [dental nurse assistant](#) and also a video from Tom, who is a

[dental laboratory assistant](#), this is someone who makes dentures and retainers

- **Success at School.org** section on a [career as a dentist](#) and the skills and qualities needed.
- **Dental Elite** has comprehensive information on [careers in dental healthcare](#)
- **Prospects** has a section on [dentistry careers](#) and if you don't fancy being a dentist other career paths where a degree in this field might be useful such as:
  - [Anatomical Pathology Technologist](#)
  - [Health Service Manager](#)
  - [Higher Education Lecturer](#)
  - [Medical Sales Representative](#)
- **Future Learn** have an online course designed by University of Sheffield – [Discovery Dentistry](#). This is a variety of access options and on occasion can be free for a limited time
- **Studying Healthcare** has information on [becoming a dentist in the UK](#), the grades needed, where to study and details on any admission tests that are required.
- **Medify** [ultimate guide](#) for students considering studying dentistry. It includes a section on completing a [personal statement](#), the [interview process](#) and some sample dental school [interview questions](#). There is [a blog from a 4<sup>th</sup> year student](#) about his route to dentistry.

### Linked Careers – Orthodontics:

- **British Orthodontic Society** has [career information](#) on orthodontics, which is a specialised branch of dentistry.
- **NHS** overview of the treatment offered by an [orthodontist](#).

### UNIVERSITY RELATED

- **Queen's University** - [explore](#) the School of Dentistry and their [undergraduate courses](#)
- **UCAS** section on [studying dentistry](#) which includes what the course requirements are and why you should study it. A section on completing your [Personal Statement](#) for dentistry and a full and comprehensive list of what [universities offer dental degrees](#). To provide further insight they have an [industry guide for Dentistry](#) which also encompasses medicine and nursing, if you are unsure of what career path to follow
- **The Complete University Guide** have researched all [dentistry](#) courses available and what grades are needed to apply
- **University of Dundee** have an [example](#) of how they are conducting interviews for potential dentistry students.
- **Newcastle University** student gives you an insight into studying [dentistry](#) there.
- **Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences** have a [3-minute read](#) on 5 Things Aspiring Students Read/Watch/Listen to. Read ['The Tooth behind my dental journey'](#) blog and then [read part 2](#). Explore ['Is Dentistry really for me – filling the gaps'](#) blog

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