

Louis Tsang

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At 17, Louis is studying A Level Maths, Computer Science, Chemistry and Biology at George Spencer Sixth Form.

Louis wanted to significantly deepen his knowledge of what being a doctor entails and how a doctor interacts with other hospital staff and their roles in palliative care.

Louis said "I went on ward rounds, asked lots of questions to different staff including junior and senior, consultants, registrars, specialist nurses and ward sisters. I also attended theatre to observe operations being performed.



"I enjoyed being able to observe surgeries in theatre; being able to witness a team of specialists work together seamlessly, each of them knowing exactly what they're supposed to be doing and helping one another.

"The placement taught me how to effectively communicate with a person who may be in distress/discomfort/pain due to their current circumstance. I was able to speak to patients on ward rounds. It has taught me to be confident in initiating conversations, whether that be with patients or with doctors or nurses.

"I went in expecting a lot and came out more than happy! I learned how truly important it is for doctors and other hospital staff to be incredibly organised and knowledgeable.

"The NHS staff I came into contact with were more than happy to answer my questions and seemed happily engrossed in their jobs, which motivated me a lot! Completing my work experience was a great insight as to, not just what being a doctor entails, but also the prospects and job satisfaction as described by the consultants and registrars who I met.

"With this new found knowledge obtained from the work experience placement, I'm certainly leaning towards studying Medicine at university!

"If you are unsure as to whether being a doctor is right for you, I would highly recommend applying for a placement as it gives a great insight to, not only what being a doctor is like, but also as to how other hospital staff operate on their own and with doctors.

"Thank you very much for allowing me to have a work experience placement!"