This sheet provides you with further information about your Interview at Hull York Medical School. The information about arrival and departure times and venue, which is specific to your own interview set, is given in your invitation email. The information below is general to all interviewees; please take time to read it through thoroughly.

**Interview Set**
When you arrive you will be assigned to an interview set and your movements for the rest of your visit will be made as a group of about 8 people.

**Student Guides**
Current medical students of the University where the interviews are being held will be on hand to help you to find your way around and direct you to the different events that make up your Interview visit; do take the opportunity to ask them questions – they will be very happy to chat to you about student life at HYMS.

**Observers**
Your interview may be observed; if this is the case, the observer will be observing the interviewers, not you! If you are uncomfortable with this please let a member of staff know on arrival.

**The Programme**
The programme for the day includes the following events

- **Registration** – you must bring photo ID (passport, driving licence) in order to register for your interview, and copies of all your certificates in respect of the following or their equivalents; GCSE Maths and English, IBMYP (English and Maths), IELTS, AS Level, IB, A Level, Degree. These must be in an envelope marked with your name and UCAS number. Original certificates will be checked at a later date.  
  If you have taken UKCATSEN you must bring a current report from an educational psychologist or specialist teacher.

- Two mini interviews of ten minutes each covering three questions per interview. Each interview will be conducted by two interviewers from an interviewer body of lay people, health professionals and current medical students (see below).

- A 20 minute group exercise, facilitated by a HYMS PBL tutor and a current medical student (see below).

- A short information session about HYMS, conducted by the Associate Dean for Admissions, or the Deputy Chair of the HYMS Admissions Committee, with an opportunity to ask questions.

- An opportunity to take a campus tour with current HYMS students at the following times (meet at the front desk – no need to book) :-
  > 12.30 – 13.10
  > 13.30 – 14.10

**Parking**
If you are coming to the University of Hull for interview there is no parking on campus; you will need to park in the surrounding streets. If you are coming to the University of York you can use the Pay and Display car park situated directly outside the HYMS building but it fills up quickly during the day so please allow plenty of time for parking around campus.

**Food**
Both universities have catering outlets situated around the campuses which you can use.
At the University of Hull the following outlets are in close proximity to HYMS:

- Bain Cafe, Bain Building - 8.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday (snacks)
- Derwent Cafe, Derwent Building 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
  8.30am – 8.00pm Wednesday
- Wyke Coffee Bar, Staff House 8.30am – 2.00pm Monday to Friday
- Myton Servery, Staff House Breakfast Service 8.30am – 2.00pm Monday to Friday and Lunch
  Service 11.45am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday

For information on catering outlets and times at the University of York please see
http://www.york.ac.uk/commercialservices/catering_and_bars/openings/index.html

Parents
There are no parents’ activities planned during the Interview Day but the shopping areas and tourist
attractions of York and Hull are easy to reach from the university campuses. We recommend that
accompanying family members enjoy a visit to the city and arrange to meet up with you again at your
indicated finishing time. We regret that we are not in a position to provide waiting rooms for parents.

Dress
We understand that interviews are an important occasion and that you will want to make a positive
impression. However we also want you to enjoy the day and to feel as relaxed as possible under the
circumstances. Please wear something in which you will feel comfortable, smart and presentable but do
not feel you are required to wear a suit if would not ordinarily do so, or to buy specific clothing for the
occasion.

Non-attendance
If you are unable to attend your interview on the day for a genuine reason we will endeavour to re-arrange another
appointment for you, but please note that this may not always be possible.

Guidelines on interview format for applicants

Group Exercise
The ability to work in teams is a vital skill for doctors to acquire, and is an important outcome for medical
education (GMC Tomorrow’s Doctors 2009). At HYMS much of the teaching and learning takes place in
small group settings and in teams, and working closely with your peers plays a very important role in
getting the most out of your medical education. In particular, PBL enables you to develop your own team
working skills and abilities and to communicate effectively with colleagues and tutors.

The main aim of this group activity at interview is to allow a “live” assessment of your ability to
work effectively with your peers. In particular we are interested in your ability to work collaboratively
with a group of peers, to contribute relevant information to a group discussion and to articulate your own
thoughts effectively and clearly in this setting. You will be scored on your level of participation and
contribution in these areas using a prescribed set of grade descriptors.

Please note, this exercise is not designed to test how much you know about medicine; it is designed to allow
you to demonstrate your team working and communication skills to us and to give you a brief experience of
working in groups, as you will if you are successful in gaining a place at HYMS.
The group exercise will be chaired and facilitated by our very experienced PBL tutors; these tutors will support and guide you through the process and will also complete ratings for each applicant in the group. There will also be a senior HYMS student participating in the process and acting as “scribe”, participating in the discussion and capturing your ideas on the whiteboard. In addition, there will be another interviewer in the room who will not participate in the discussion but who will complete ratings for each student.

The process will run as follows:

> Each group will have 8 applicants in it.
> In the group exercise room, your name will be displayed clearly at the table indicating where you should sit down.
> No electronic devices, smart phones or iPads can be used during the session.
> You will all be given the same brief scenario to read quietly for five minutes in the group exercise room.
> Each session will run for 20 minutes.
> You will be asked to give your name (first name only).
> The PBL tutor will briefly remind you of the purpose of the exercise.
> The PBL tutor (+ scribe) will ask questions to stimulate the discussion in the group, extending the discussion and points raised by your group.
> Your role is to participate in the discussion, working with the other 7 members of the group.
> At the end of the 20 minutes, you will all leave the room together, leaving the written materials in the room.

**Mini-Interviews**

You will also have 2 semi-structured personal interviews, each with 2 interviewers and lasting 10 minutes. Please note, your group exercise and mini-interviews can occur in any order.

There will be no more than 3 key questions/items during each of these mini-interviews but interviewers will ask you to expand upon and extend your responses to the key items. Each interviewer will score your responses independently using a prescribed set of grade descriptors.

One mini-interview will focus on:
- Your motivation for and commitment to a career in medicine
- Experience and understanding of a career in medicine
- Awareness and understanding of current medical issues

The other mini-interview will focus on:
- Communication skills
- Personal qualities such as empathy, tolerance of ambiguity and resilience
- Critical thinking

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