

## **Could a career in healthcare be right for you?**

### **Information for speaker/teacher**

Resources required: Computer with a projector, big screen and audio or interactive whiteboard set up with internet access and audio.

Note: To view the website the following software and updates are required:

- Adobe Flash Player Version 8 or above
- Adobe Acrobat Reader to open documents in PDF format

### **Talk Objectives:**

- Introduce the “tasteofmedicine.com” website.
- Encourage students to move into higher education.
- Have an appreciation of the huge variety of careers in the National Health Service (NHS) specifically the healthcare professions.
- Challenge the stereotypical views of healthcare university courses and careers.

### **Introduction: (6 mins)**

- This website I’m about to show you is all about healthcare and covers subjects like:-
  - Why you might like to study for a career in health.
  - The huge variety of jobs in healthcare.
  - What being at university and the jobs themselves are like.
- It was made by St George’s, University of London.
- It is important to understand about careers before choosing your options for Y10 and Y11.
- It’s a fun interactive website that you can access online at any time. It also offers advice on where to go next if you think a career in healthcare might be something you would want to do and also where to find more information.

Before you get to the website you could ask the group a few questions to introduce them to and get them thinking about the topics to be covered.

1) **How many of you have thought about a career in the health care professions?**

2) **When I asked have you thought of a career in healthcare, how many different jobs do you think there are?**

- A) 10    B) 20    C) 30    D) 50    E) More than 50

**Correct answer is 70!**

**Demonstration: (18 mins)**

Important Note: Medical emergency interactive questions can appear at any time like a real emergency...if it happens during your talk perhaps ask a student from the year to answer them. They can ask for help from the people sitting next to them. Click on their answers and see the response. Then return to where you were in the plan below.

**START**

CLICK ON.....why study for a career in health. Let videos play

The screenshot shows an interactive video player. At the top left is the St George's University of London logo. At the top right are navigation icons and a 'close' button. The main content area features a video player with a woman (Georgina Chase) and a skeleton. To the left of the video is a pink box with the name 'Georgina Chase Radiographer' and a 'Skip' button. Above the video is a starburst graphic that says 'Shot in medivision'. To the right of the video is a blue box with the text 'Why study for a career in health?' and a quote: 'Stop thinking you can't and start believing you can!'. Below the quote is a 'Clip No 1' indicator. At the bottom, there is a green progress bar with a 'Main Menu' button on the left and a progress indicator showing '1' of 10 clips. The progress bar also has 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons.

When "Question quiz" appears perhaps ask the students what their answer is by a show of hands...click on the majority verdict.

LET IT CONTINUE.....It plays "What's stopping you?" and ends with a list of varied jobs in healthcare other than doctor.

Next CLICK ON....section 7...

The screenshot shows an interactive quiz interface. At the top left is the St George's University of London logo. At the top right is a 'close' button. The main content area features a blue background with a green border. A speech bubble at the top right asks 'Why study for a career in health?'. Below this is a game show-style quiz titled 'SALARY QUIZ'. A digital display shows '£18,500' with 'HIGHER' and 'LOWER' buttons below it. A central screen displays 'IS THIS SALARY RIGHT' with a starburst effect. To the right is a host character in a purple suit with a 'HOST' name tag, holding a microphone. At the bottom, a green navigation bar contains a 'Main Menu' button with a left-pointing arrow, a 'Progress' indicator, and a sequence of numbers 1 through 10. The number 7 is highlighted with a bracket and a vertical line, indicating the current question. 'PREVIOUS' and 'NEXT' buttons are also present.

When "Salary quiz" appears why not ask the students what their answer is by a show of hands...click on the majority verdict.

Next CLICK ON.....MAIN MENU.....Then CLICK ON.....what it's like.... let it play.

The screenshot shows a web interface for St George's University of London. At the top left is the university's logo, featuring a horse and the text "St George's University of London". At the top right is a "close" button with a small 'X' icon. The main content area has a blue background with a central graphic of a person in blue scrubs and a white surgical mask. The text "Getting Started" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with "an introduction to careers in the health professions" written below it in a decorative bracket. To the left of the central figure, there is a list of navigation options: "Why study for a career in health?", "What's it like?", and "Where do I start?". Below these is a green box labeled "Other Stuff" containing "Games", "Video Profiles", and "Contact Us". A large white arrow points from the "Other Stuff" box towards the central figure. At the bottom right of the central graphic, it says "Produced by St George's University of London".

Once section 1 is over go straight to section 4 (next step below)

CLICK ON..... section 4



Let the videos play (“Healthcare is not just about working in hospitals!!”)

Next CLICK ON.....MAIN MENU.

**Closing: (6 mins)**

**Very Important:** This resource is open to anyone, students can look at it online anytime at **“www.tasteofmedicine.com”**

Explain this is a whistle stop tour of the website and there’s much more to see and do e.g. student’s videos, interactive games etc.

Ask if they have any questions and try and answer them.

Highlight the **where do I start** section, if they want more advice/ information.

If students have any questions there is a contact us section on the website, **they shouldn’t be afraid to try it!**