

EARLY CAREERS

Specsavers®

YOUR CAREER IN OPTOMETRY

A CAREER
WITH A VIEW



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#SEETHINGSDIFFERENTLY

SCIENCE

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

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IT'S A CAREER THAT'S GREAT IF YOU WANT
TO HELP PEOPLE, HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
TO DEVELOP, EARN GOOD MONEY, WORK
FULL OR PART TIME AND HAVE CAREER
BREAKS OR STUDY. ”

RACHEL CHAPMAN – OPTOMETRIST
DIRECTOR AT SPECSAVERS IN COLWYN BAY

68%

OF PEOPLE SAY THEY VALUE
THEIR EYESIGHT ABOVE
ALL OTHER SENSES



OPTOMETRY
FACTS

YOU CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

> An Optometrist working
FULL TIME and seeing

17 PATIENTS
A DAY will have a DIRECT IMPACT on the lives of
4,000 PEOPLE
EVERY YEAR

THOSE

> As an Optometrist,
YOU WILL TOUCH
THOUSANDS
of people's lives,
EVERY SINGLE DAY.

PEOPLE WILL HAVE
AN IMPROVED
QUALITY OF LIFE,

THANKS TO
YOU...

...and in turn, that
benefit will affect
the lives of the
THOUSANDS
MORE people
they interact with
DAY-TO-DAY.

DAY-TO-DAY LIFE IN A SPECSAVERS STORE

On a typical day, you will:



Meet people, examine
their eyes and perform
eye tests



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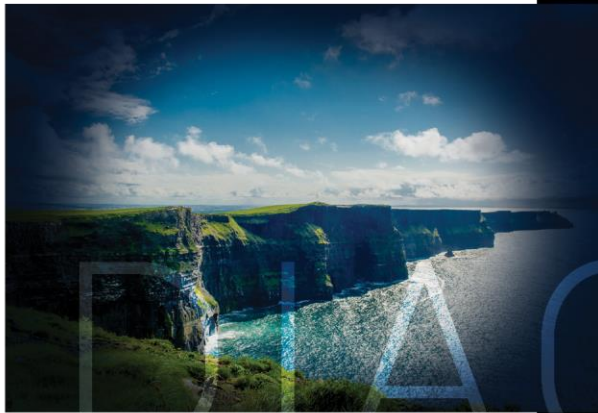
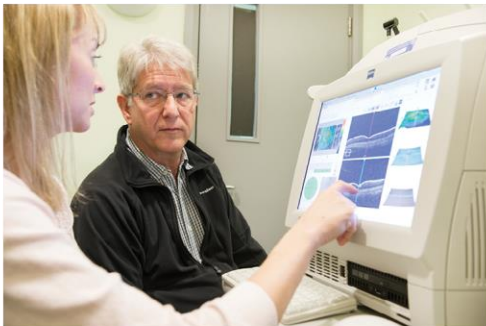
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Diagnose a wide range
of conditions and help to
develop treatment plans



DAY-TO-DAY LIFE IN A SPECSAVERS STORE

On a typical day, you will:



Prescribe glasses
and contact lenses



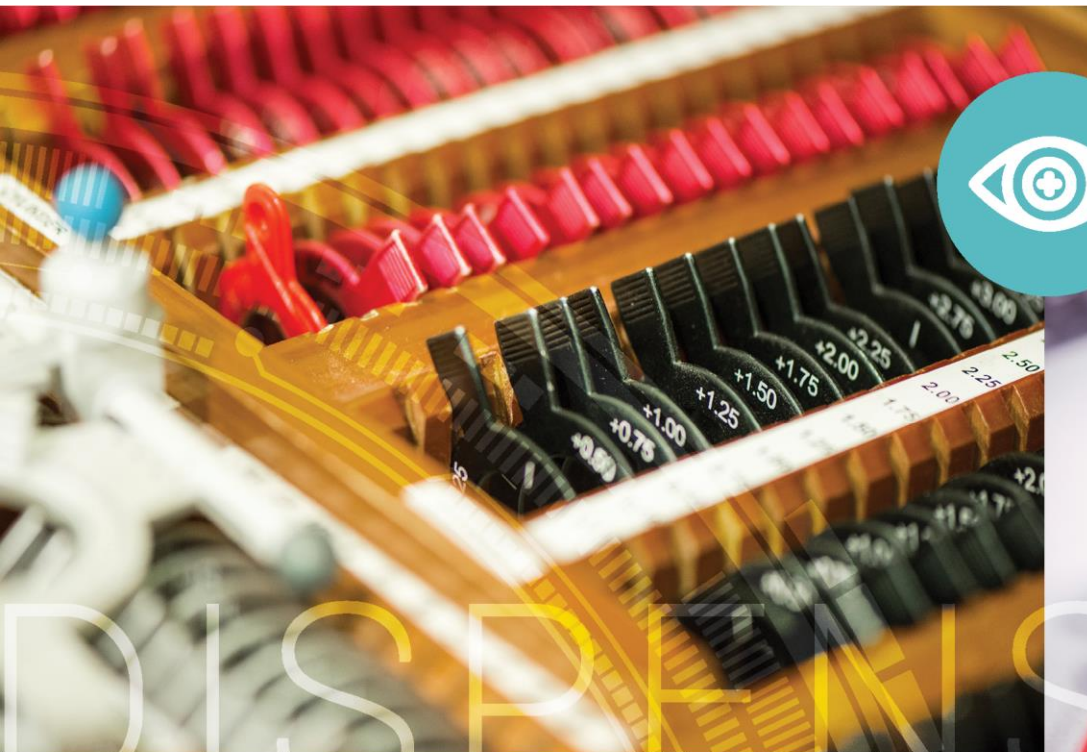
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DAY-TO-DAY LIFE IN A SPECSAVERS STORE

On a typical day, you will:



Work closely with
the dispensing team



DAY-TO-DAY LIFE IN A SPECSAVERS STORE

On a typical day, you will:

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Refer patients to other
health professionals
if needed



EYE HEALTH AND SIGHT LOSS

Optometry is about much more than prescribing glasses and contact lenses. As eye health experts we make a real difference to the quality of life of people in the communities we work in.

Regular eye tests are critical to help detect, diagnose and treat common sight threatening conditions like glaucoma.

LET'S
FIND OUT
MORE

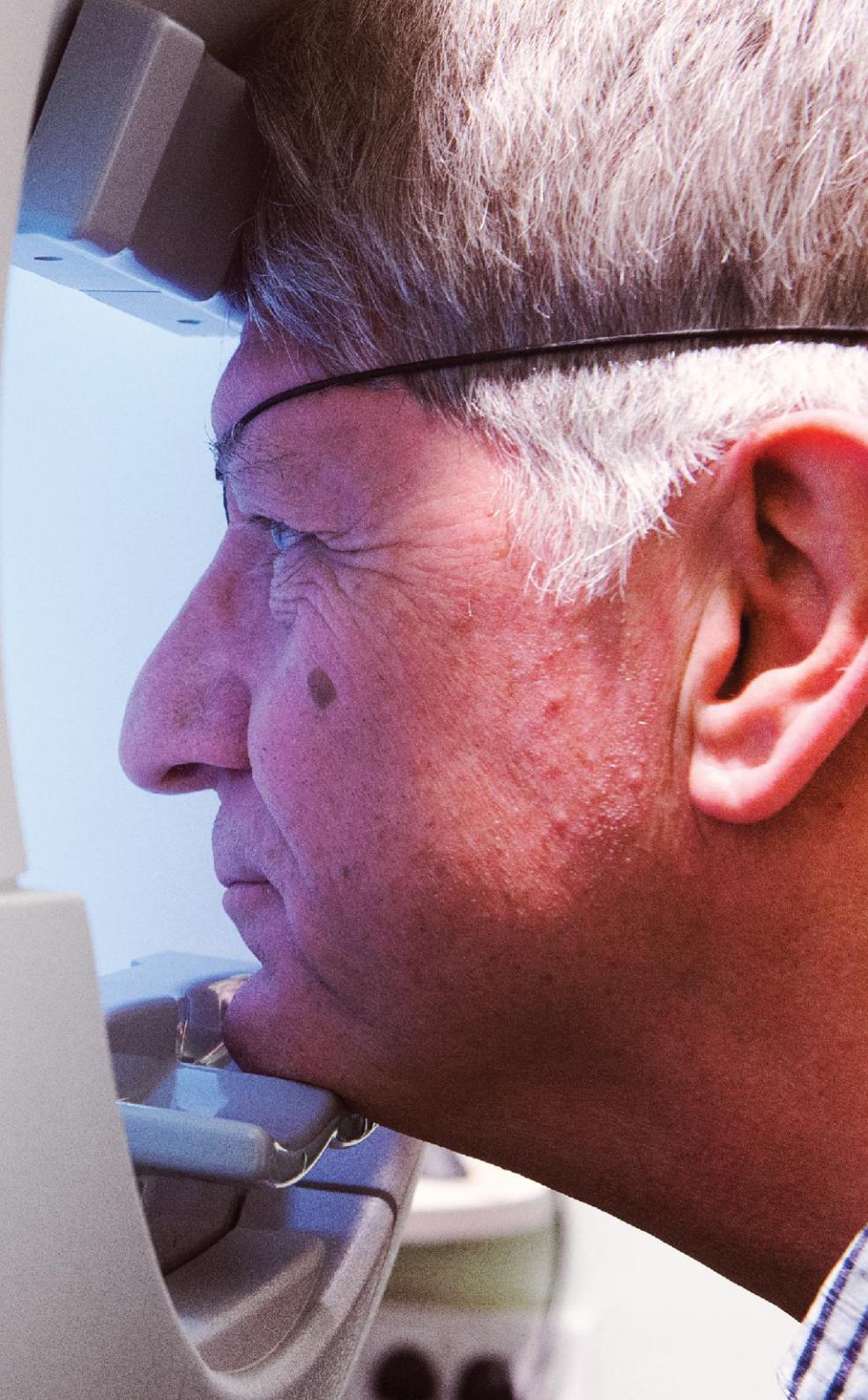


DID YOU KNOW?

6 MILLION+
people in the UK live with uncorrected refractive error and sight threatening conditions.

2 More than
MILLION
people live with sight loss.

HALF OF ALL
cases of sight loss in the UK could have been prevented.



SEEING IT FROM THEIR EYES

What is it like to live with an eye condition like glaucoma?
What skills – and technology – will you use as an Optometrist to help your patients?

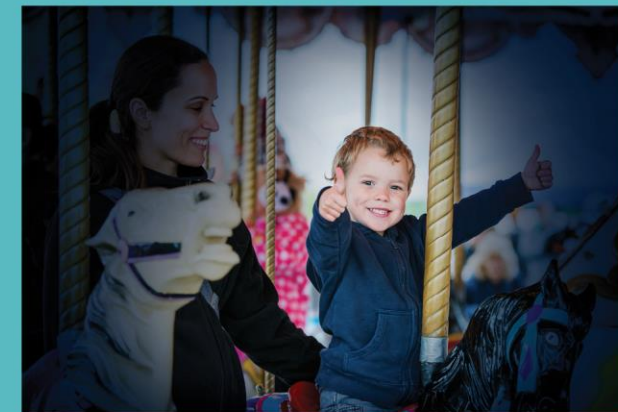
This challenge will **help you to understand** the dramatic difference you can make to your patients' lives.



NORMAL

EARLY GLAUCOMA

ADVANCED GLAUCOMA



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

As the largest employer of Optometrists in the UK Specsavers offer benefits that only a large organisation can bring - while offering a flexible, motivating and people-centred environment to work in.

SALARY

Qualified Optoms
can earn up to

£30-50k

a year

BIG BENEFITS

Flexible working



Training tailored to your own needs



Clear career paths



Competitive salaries



A friendly working environment and company culture



The chance to get involved in innovative projects
which move the business and sector on



Local, national and global job opportunities



Advanced training and technology



Ownership and partnership opportunities



UNIVERSITY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

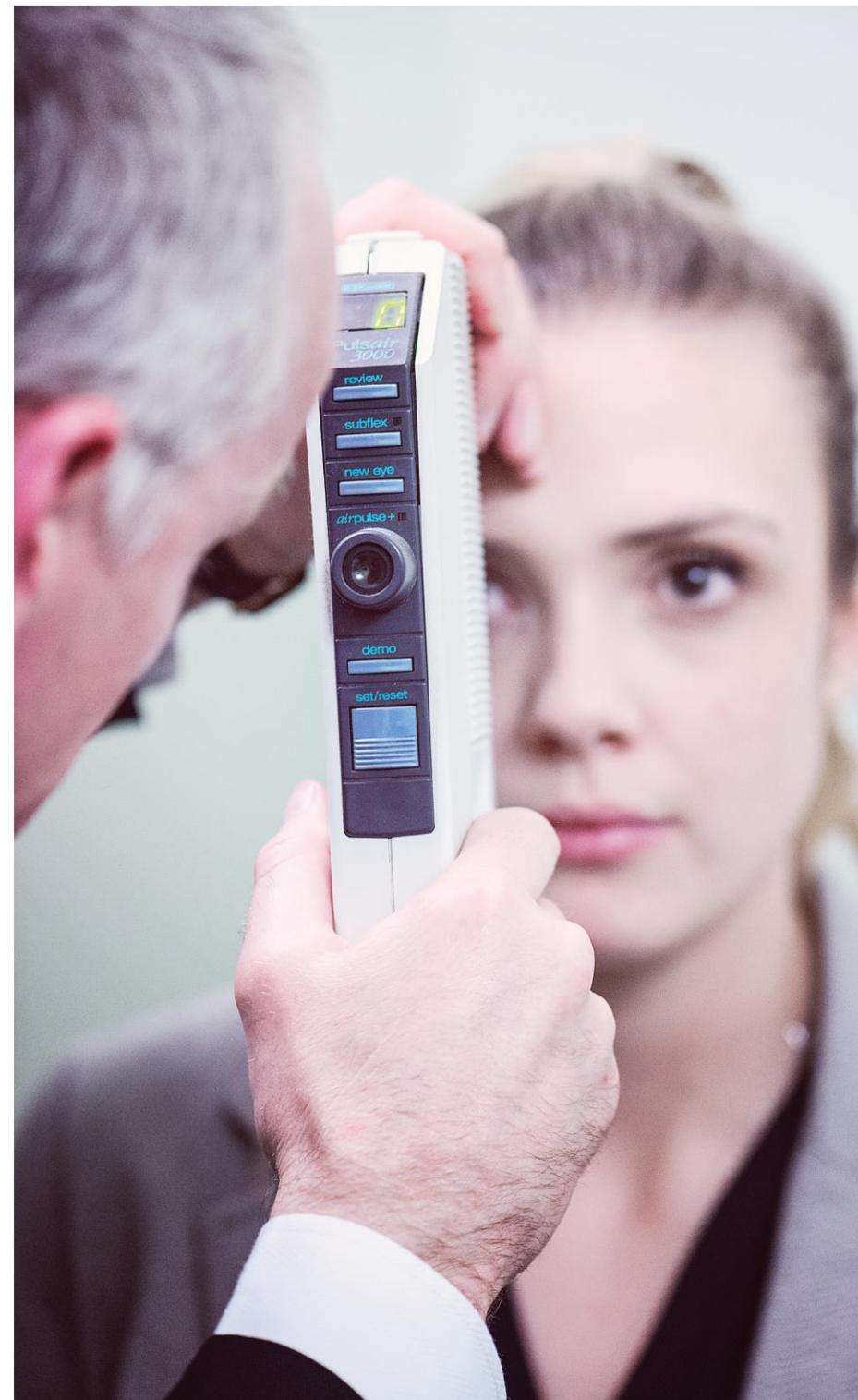
Scottish entry grades vary across the universities, with some now operating a new UCAS tariff point system (from Sept 17) where the number of points required is 136.

- » Some of the universities do not accept Scottish Highers on their own instead favouring Scottish Advanced Highers where grade requirements are typically AAB-ABB including 2 science subjects at grades AA-AB
- » For those that do accept Scottish Highers, the grade requirements are typically AABBB to include English, Maths and two sciences
- » Please refer to your chosen university website to check the specific requirements or visit www.ucas.com.

UNIVERSITY CURRICULA

Courses vary, but in your first year you'll cover the basic scientific principles of Optometry, that will help you to develop the skills you'll need to one day meet your patients' needs. This could cover:

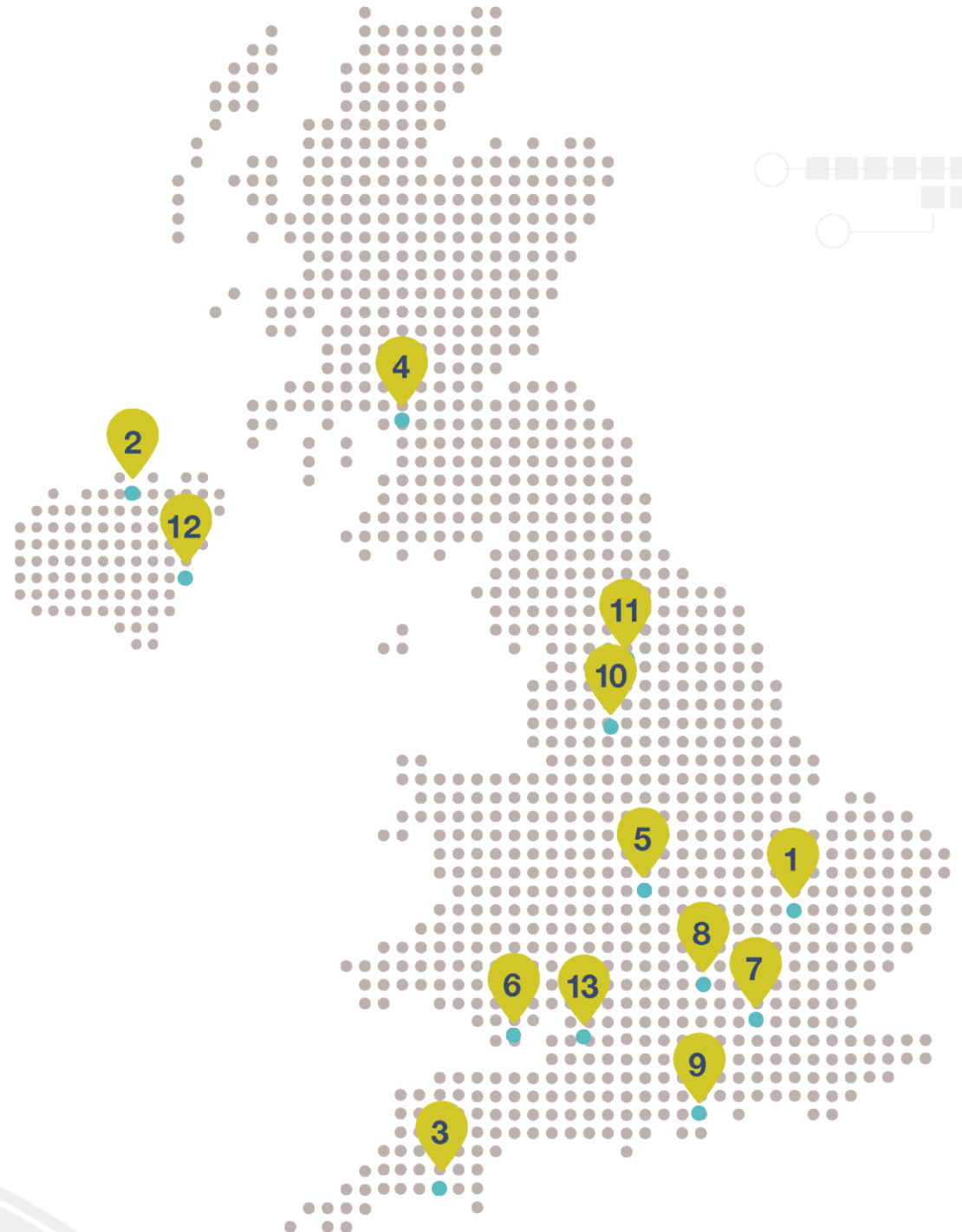
- » Understanding the principles of eye care and the detection, recognition, diagnosis, prevention and management of conditions
- » Developing your transferable skills, including communication, IT, numeracy, problem-solving and critical evaluation
- » Learning more about the scientific principles that underpin Optometry, including the properties of light, anatomy and vision processing in the brain
- » Ophthalmic equipment, disease and dispensing
- » Gain practical experience in clinics, hospital departments and with patients
- » You'll spend around 20 hours of lectures and practicals each week.



UNIVERSITIES

FOR OPTOMETRY DEGREES ACROSS THE UK

1. Anglia Ruskin University
- Cambridge Campus
2. Ulster University
3. University of Plymouth
4. Glasgow Caledonian
5. Aston University
6. Cardiff University
7. City, University of London
8. Hertfordshire University
9. University of Portsmouth
10. Manchester University
11. Bradford University
12. Dublin Institute of Technology
13. University of the West of England



MY SPECSAVERS' LIFE FILM

Hear first hand what life's really like when you train with Specsavers.



MATT LESTER



CHETNA JAIN



DANISH ROGE



SIDRA GHAUS



NEXT STEPS

SPONSORSHIP

Specsavers have launched a prestigious new sponsorship programme for highly motivated students from the local area who want to study Optometry at university.

We'll support you throughout university and provide you with a position as a pre-reg Optometrist once you've completed your degree. The package includes:

- Financial help each year towards fees, books and learning materials
- We'll support you with funding for essential equipment for the course and offer positions as paid work placements during holidays
- All costs of training year post degree
- Attractive salary post degree and post qualification.





NEXT STEPS

STORE VISITS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

We can offer you store visits and work experience.

- » A structured, well-supported experience
- » A chance to see all areas of a Specsavers store in action, throughout the customer journey
- » Quality time with every member of our store team.

Just ask your Ambassador for more details on local opportunities at the end of this session.

Q&A

Hopefully you have lots of questions for your Ambassador - if so, then now is a great time to ask!

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you'd like to find out more about a career in Optometry, then head to

www.acareerwithaview.co.uk

For more on roles at Specsavers visit

jobs.specsavers.co.uk/explore-careers

And check us out on Instagram



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