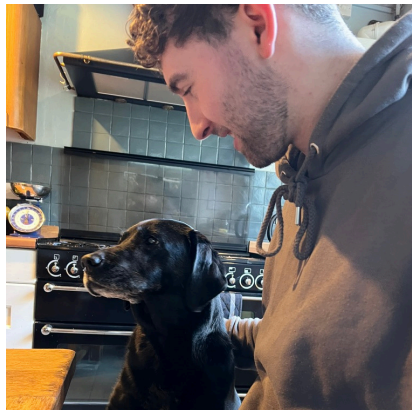


# COMMUNITY EXE STUDENT LEADERS

*About me*

**Hi, I'm Conor!**



Hi everyone I'm Conor, one of the student leaders on the community EXE programme for 2025/26! I'd like to take a little bit of time to introduce myself so you can all get a bit of background info about me! I am currently a 4<sup>th</sup> year Medical student living and studying here at the University of Exeter. I spent my first year in Exeter itself, living in student accommodation at Rowancroft on the east side of the city. I then moved to Cornwall for two years throughout my second and third years of studying, and have come back to Exeter for my fourth and fifth years.

I am originally from Worcestershire in the West Midlands, and university was my first experience of living away from home, as it is for many people. For my GCSEs that I completed in 2019, I studied triple science, music and geography as my three options. This led me on to study biology, chemistry and English literature for A-levels, and that led me down the path to where I am now!

**What do I do?**



As I've mentioned, I am in my fourth year of studying medicine at university. This means that I will (hopefully!) graduate in 2027 to start work as a resident doctor in the August of that year. Throughout my 4 years so far, I have learnt so much more than I ever thought I would about the human body, anatomy, diseases and the treatment of those diseases. I have had hands-on experience in hospitals for the last two years, spending 4 days a week on placement in different medical and surgical specialities, and one day in lectures and practical clinical skills sessions. It has been such a rewarding, engaging and interesting experience so far and I would encourage anyone with a combined interest in science and people to really consider it as a career!

## Why did I choose Exeter?



I chose to come to Exeter for a few reasons, mainly the city, the location and the course! I had visited Exeter in my gap year to see a friend who had just started university, and I was really impressed by the two campuses in the city and the facilities they had available. It also felt like a very safe, student-centered place which made me feel very welcome. Being in Devon, I also loved that it had access to such cool countryside with the moors and the beaches of north Devon and Cornwall all easily accessible. The course also really interested me, as I liked the idea of early exposure to clinical environments that Exeter offered, and the focus on communication and people skills alongside the fundamental sciences was very important to me.

## What else do I do?



Because of the nature of my course, I really like to make the most of my downtime by filling it with as many things as possible! When I was in Cornwall for years 2 and 3, I got into snorkelling, fishing, spearfishing and generally spending time with friends at some of the fantastic Cornish beaches. Now that I am back in Exeter, I play a lot of tennis and badminton with my course mates whenever I get the chance. I find it is really important to have a good balance of work and life, as I've found you can't work and learn effectively without enjoying everything else you do!