

Higher Education Advice and Guidance Process

November 2023

- *Twilight session* for potential applicants to the universities of Cambridge or Oxford or for highly competitive courses

February 2024

- *Progression Conference Day* for all students, including:
 - Introduction to **Unifrog** and the chance to undertake research into various post-18 pathways, along with practice in using the UCAS search facility
 - Talk from Director of Education at Cambridge University on selecting and applying to universities using the UCAS process
 - Oxbridge/Early Entry guidance talk
 - Degree apprenticeship talk from the Schools and Colleges Development Officer at Anglia Ruskin University
 - Initial work on Personal Statements

March 2024

- *Careers Fair*, featuring representatives from a range of organisations, employers and apprenticeship providers.

June 2024

- *Futures Days*: individual guidance meetings between tutors, students and parents to discuss post-18 plans
- Students applying for Medicine or Dentistry register for UCAT admissions testing
- *UCAS Information Evening* for Y12 parents and students
- *UCAS Discovery Day @ Norfolk Showground*
- *Open Day visit* to the University of Birmingham

June/July 2024

- Official start of the UCAS process with online registration of all potential applicants
- Personal Statement planning session during PD slot
- Further opportunities to work with tutors on Personal Statements during Tutor Periods
- *Futures Week*: Work Experience placements + opportunities to seek help and advice on any aspect of the UCAS application process from the Sixth Form Senior Leadership Team

August 2024

- First drafts of personal statements for all early entry students to be submitted to Mrs Peacey by Thursday 15th August

September 2024

- Within first week of term: Opportunities for students applying for Early Entry courses or institutions to receive additional support with completion of Personal Statements
- Individual guidance sessions continue for all students until applications are submitted

October 2024

- 15th: UCAS deadline for receipt of applications to universities of Cambridge or Oxford and applications for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science

October/November 2024

- *Admissions assessments*: Support sessions offered for UCAT and general thinking skills tests and then within subject areas according to applications
- *Mock interviews* offered to all early entry applicants. *Interview guidance session* also run by speaker from link college at Oxford University
- Interviews begin and all applications are completed (internal deadline for completion of UCAS forms is Friday 15 November 2024)
- Offers begin

January 2025

- 29th: Final application deadline for the receipt at UCAS of applications to all non-early entry courses
- (Ongoing) Offers continue
- (Ongoing) Selection advice and confirmation of first and second choice offers

August 2025

- August: Post-results advice and clearing assistance given by the Sixth Form Leadership Team