

Higher Education

Timeline for applying to Higher Education

Year 12 November - Forward Thinking Day - Presentations from Admissions Tutors and employers. Advice on writing a Personal Statement.

Year 12 Spring/Summer Term - Presentations from Admissions Tutors

Year 12 June/July – UCAS preparation

Registration UCAS and advice on filling out the application form. Research into courses and developing the Personal Statement.

Preparation for the admissions tests LNAT (Law), BMAT (Medicine and Veterinary Science) and UCAT (Medicine and Dentistry) will take place within PSHCE.

Year 13 September – UCAS application, interviews and finance

Review of the Personal Statement with a subject specialist and support for interviews. An application for financial support from the government can be made from www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance once an UCAS application has been submitted.

Year 13 October/November – Preparation, interviews and offers

During PSHCE you will have mock interviews, advice on writing covering letters and advice on living on a budget.

Year 13 February/March – Information on accepting offers

Advice on accepting offers and making first and second choices. UCAS Extra opens for students that do not hold any offers – this is a process of being able to make further applications to universities. Extra closes at the end of June.

Year 13 May/August – Results. We will give advice and outline the procedure for results day.

Admissions tests

You will need to check if you will need to take admission test(s) and are responsible for organising your registration (including ensuring you have confirmation of your registration) and sitting the test. The costs associated with the tests will need to be

met by the candidates. There are bursaries available (see the relevant websites for details).

The following list contains some of the admissions tests:

- University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) – Medicine and Dentistry
- Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT) – Medicine and Veterinary Medicine
- National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)

- Cambridge or Oxford University Tests:
 - History Aptitude Test (HAT)
 - Classics Admissions Test (CAT)
 - Modern & Medieval Languages Test (MML)
 - Physics and Mathematics Aptitude Test (PAT)
 - English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT)
- Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) also used by UCL
- Mathematics Sixth Term Examination Papers (STEP) – also used by Warwick
- Cambridge Tests

Websites for the further information:

- UKCAT – www.ukcat.ac.uk
- Law National Admissions Test – www.lnat.ac.uk

Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA), BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), Classics Admissions Test (CAT), English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT), Mathematics Sixth Term Examination Papers (STEP), Physics Aptitude Test (PAT), Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT), Modern Languages Admissions Test (MLAT), Classics Admissions Test (CAT) - <http://www.admissionstesting.org/>

Cambridge admissions tests and written work requirements by each college for each course –<http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/admissions-assessments>

Oxford admissions tests - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/tests?wssl=1>

Bursaries, scholarships and awards

Details of bursaries and scholarships can be obtained from <http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/>

Useful websites

www.ucas.com

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/find-career-ideas/buzz-quiz>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/teaching-excellence-framework-tef-results-2017>

<http://www.scholarship-search.org.uk/>