

# UCAS Timeline

## Lower Sixth Autumn Term

- Possible medics (and dentists and vets) get on SJH's e-mail list
- Possible Oxbridge applicants establish contact with SJH
- Possible "widening access" (first generation to go to university, low household income etc) get on SJH's e-mail list for details of subsidised residentials etc.

## Lower Sixth Lent Term

- Use UCAS search engine see what courses there are
- Watch getting started videos on UCAS website
- Start eliminating possibilities and building your application by attending talks, events, societies that may turn out to be relevant
- Do lots of wider reading and/or plan work experience and/or relevant visits / excursions / summer schools / taster days
- Attend (with parents) introductory talk by Lancaster University at LRGS on the application process, February/March time
- Attend lunchtime talks by visiting universities

## Lower Sixth Summer Term

- Attend Writing a Personal Statement workshop with SJH
- Use the Powerpoint sent around by SJH to have a go at drafting a personal statement. Show this to a subject specialist and then your tutor for feedback.
- If interested in Oxford or Cambridge, sign up for a place on the school trip to the Oxbridge Open Days
- June – once internal exams have finished, use the Getting Started document that is emailed to you to set up your log-on details and begin your online application.
- Attend Open Days or make alternative arrangements to see a university department or two. Ensure that you seek permission through using the Request for Leave form. Try to do this at the weekend. A maximum of two days' leave will be granted for open days during term time.
- Do some relevant research.
- If applying for medicine, biomedical science or dentistry, sign up for the BMAT via the exams officer.

## Summer Holidays

- Do wider reading;
- Do practice questions for admissions tests
- Do appropriate work experience and / or summer schools
- Narrow down your top choices of courses and institutions

## Upper Sixth Autumn Term

- Finalise your personal statement and ask your teacher / tutor to check it for you
- If you have completed work experience or voluntary work or have a relevant part time job, ask your employer to write a short reference and forward it to your tutor.
- Check that your tutor has all s/he needs to write a reference.
- Check that your predictions match your course requirements.
- Fill in the course choices on your application and note if you will need to attend an interview
- Enter for any aptitude tests your universities require

- Pay and submit the application
  - By September 23rd for Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Vets
  - Immediately after October Half-Term for everyone else
- Keep an eye on 'track' to check your application has been submitted
- Prepare for interviews if necessary
- If applying for Oxford or Cambridge, attend interviews

### **Upper Sixth Lent Term**

- Attend interviews, collect offers
- 'UCAS Extra' begins end of Feb – this is for if you have not received any offers
- Prepare to make decisions about which to keep as 'firm' and 'insurance' offers
- Possibly attend 'post-application open days' but beware of wasting time and money: it may just be universities selling themselves

### **Upper Sixth Summer Term**

- Beginning of May: normal deadline to accept and decline offers
- Do really well at A levels / Pre U
- Check that you will still remember your log in details for Track mid August and your UCAS ID number just in case...

### **Results Day**

- Get grades required for your firm offer and get accepted
- If not, consider priority re-marks
- Consider using Clearing if you did not get your grades or Adjustment if you did better than expected.