



UCAS Update

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What has already happened?

- ▶ Talks and presentations on applying for university since Christmas – google classroom/ Uni visits/ online conferences and webinars/
- ▶ UCAS days in July
- ▶ St Mary's visit in July/Sept
- ▶ Student visiting open days online/ in person
- ▶ Summer term and Summer holidays – drafting personal statements

What is happening now?

- ▶ One to ones with tutors and myself with personal statements.
- ▶ Feedback given.
- ▶ Students will need several drafts
- ▶ Reviewing course choices and university choices
- ▶ Important to have a range of 5 courses
- ▶ Last open days Sept/October
- ▶ Checking qualifications and applications
- ▶ Flexible journey

Personal statements – a few rules

What to do...

- ▶ Show enthusiasm and passion for your subject
- ▶ Show wider knowledge and experiences
- ▶ Say what you have gained from these experiences
- ▶ Clear written communication

What not to do...

- ▶ Don't list your skills
- ▶ Don't list your experiences
- ▶ Don't list basic information about yourself already in your application
- ▶ Avoid lots of details about activities you have been involved in.

What happens next ?

- ▶ Students complete application (all sections)
- ▶ Add in final personal statement
- ▶ Students then Pay/Send (bursary students in school)

- ▶ Reference comments are already collected with predicted grades
- ▶ Tutors put together an overall reference and predicted grades and add to UCAS website
- ▶ Final reference checked

Once whole application is complete then sent to UCAS

Students need to allow time for checks and references.

Oxbridge/Medical applicants - school deadline - Monday 11th October

School deadline- Friday 26th November for students to complete and Pay and Send (allows time for them to be processed by school before end of term)

Then what....?

- ▶ Wait for offers
- ▶ Some interviews (ask for mock interview)
- ▶ Some applicants days (both before and after offers)
- ▶ Work hard!
- ▶ Spring term – apply for student finance
- ▶ May/June– respond to offers – One Firm/One insurance – **in consultation with school**
- ▶ Work hard!
- ▶ Results day – August – Be available (tbc)
- ▶ Clearing?