

Progression through Year 13



'inspired to learn...'

M N Fennell

'...supported to succeed'

What's new this year, and the Sixth Form Team

Mr Winter – New Head of Year 7

Replaced by:

Mrs Auld – EPQ/Volunteering

Mr Palmer – Study Skills

Miss Taylor – Core and Oxbridge/Med/Vet

Mr Fennell – Learning Manager

Mrs Todd – Pastoral Manager

Vicky Brenton- Careers and Transition

We have a new Cafe!



Show My Homework

- This allows parents to see what homework has been set.
- Please contact subject teachers (or Mr Cobbold) if any issues.

Key Dates:

- Wednesday 3rd October– Oxbridge / Med/ Vet UCAS.
- Friday 9th November – All UCAS forms completed
- Wednesday 9th January 2019– Y13 PIAG – Student Finance
- Thursday 15th March - Parents and Students Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 26th June – Prom
- Thursday 15th August – A Level results day

Also Important

- **Mock week: February 25th- March 1st** – best indicator of actual results in the summer – students should generally wait until after this for making university choices.

This Summer

- Difficult for predictions as very few students sat AS levels.
- It does make predicted grades more difficult than previous years in some subjects.
- Double-edged sword – temptation to ‘over-predict’ but we also need to be realistic.
- The 15% rule.....

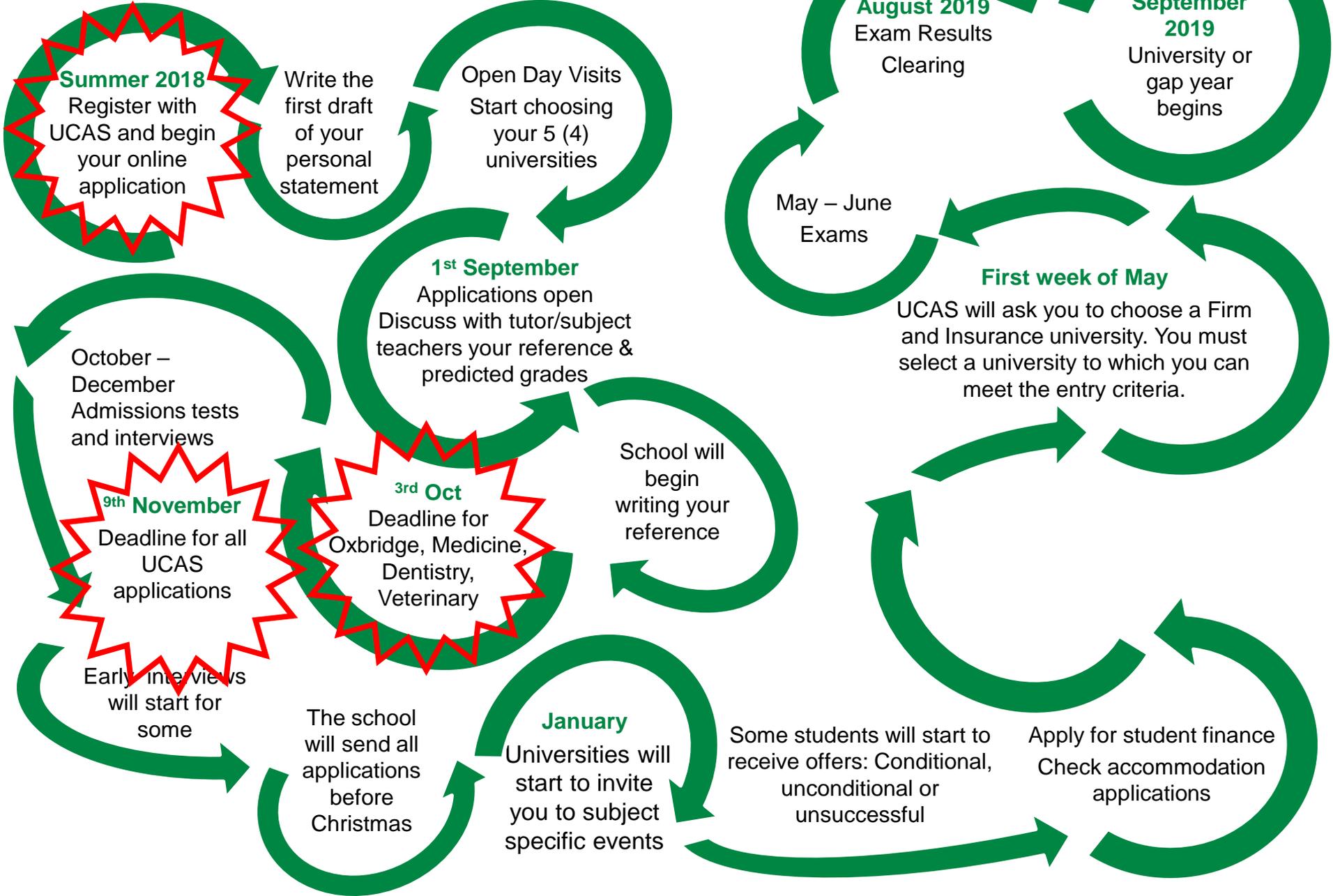
Personal Statements

- Oxbridge students should be complete.
- Really important that all students applying to university do these asap.
- Was introduced to students in June with booklet.

Possible Pathways

- Apprenticeships (at advanced and other levels)
- Further Education (College, Art Foundations)
- University
- Specialist courses (Drama, Music etc)
- Employment
- Gap Years
- Training Schemes (e.g. Deloitte, John Lewis etc)

UCAS TIMELINE



Remember

- We check each form three times. When the student presses the send button, it doesn't go then – it goes to us. Only when we press send does it eventually go.
- Often students get their forms sent back more than once. If you are concerned about delays it is often because we have sent the form back to the student and they haven't noticed / altered the form!

References and Predicted Grades

- References are then attached with predicted grades and we can add notes for those with special circumstances.
- The reference is there to comment on academic achievement and potential, suitability and motivation. We always write positive references, but if grades are poor we cannot over inflate them but we will try to explain why things are the way they are.
- Students must speak to their subject teachers about realistic applications.
- Any concerns contact us.

Responding to offers

- Have to have 1 firm and 1 insurance choice.
- Make sure the insurance choice is one they are prepared to go to plus is also realistic.
- Many students will have all 5 offers back by February.
- The deadline to respond to offers is in May 2019.

Employment/Apprenticeships

- Students are supported and encouraged to have CV's and applications checked by tutors, Sixth Form team.
- Can arrange practice interviews and help with job hunting.
- Reality of not being many suitable jobs and that they are competing with so many to gain employment.
- Internships at places like Barclays etc advertise in January – March again through an online system. Each has different requirements.

Further Education and College

- Some students find they have to complete a vocational course to follow their career path.
- Others need to complete level 3 in their subject to move up to university (Art Foundation).
- Local colleges offer foundation degree courses (cheaper than university – must be applied for via UCAS)
- Students will be supported if they want to find college level courses, usually on a more individual basis.

Other

- Gap Year
- Distance Learning – Open University etc.
- Part-time study options

- Supporting all students when their career aspirations are so different can be a challenge. Therefore there is **significant individual** support for those students who choose to access this.

Final Thoughts...

- UCAS deadlines drawing closer.
- Contact us if at all unsure.
- Try not to book holidays for the last week of June (Prom) and third Thursday of August (Results Day)
- G&T and a hard hat!