

# Early Entry Information

## 1. Who does it affect?

All applicants to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge

All students of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry

Any student who wants to apply 'Early Decision' to a US university

## 2. The deadline for UK Early Application is October 15<sup>th</sup> in Year 13 (November 1<sup>st</sup> for the USA)

Which is *earlier* than the normal deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup>.



## How does this affect a current Year 11 student?

- All courses which are applied for as 'early entry' are very competitive. So anything you can do over the next two years to enhance your application is very important.
- GCSEs -extremely high GCSE results, with very many 7-9 grades.
- Very strong performance will be required in Y12, with predicted final A2 grades at the highest level.
- For medics, vets etc., *related* work experience is essential.
- For Oxbridge courses, evidence of serious and sustained interest.



# Preparing a Competitive Application

- All Year 11 students will be interviewed by the Sixth Form Team in Early 2021, to ensure they have selected appropriate A level and BTEC subjects. All those interested in Early Entry will be seen by the Senior Academic Tutor, to assess their academic profile and suggest actions to enhance their application.
- By the start of Year 12 we identify all those students who are believed to be potential Early Entry students. This number is usually in excess of 50 students.
- Students are invited to join our Early Entry group, who meet regularly, and Medicine and Dentistry applicants begin their UCAT preparation one lesson per week.
- At the end of Year 12, Personal Statements are written in preparation for the start of UCAS. At the beginning of Year 13 we have about 30 students who apply early.



# Preparing a Competitive Application

90% of our students gain a place at their first or second choice universities, with 34% at a Russell Group university. Each year, some are successful in their Early Entry applications.

Results over the last six years are

- 2014/15 - 7 Oxbridge, 2 Vets, 2 Dentists and 4 Medics
- 2015/16 - 6 Oxbridge, 2 Dentists and 6 Medics
- 2016/17 – 9 Oxbridge, 3 Medics, 1 Vet, 1 Scholarship to US College
- 2017/18 - 4 Oxbridge, 7 Medics, 1 Vet, 3 Scholarships to US Colleges
- 2018/19 – 7 Oxbridge, 9 Medics, 5 Vets
- 2019/20 – 3 Oxbridge, 8 Medics

