



3.07 Early Entrants for University

Welcome to our guide for students looking to apply for courses requiring early entry. These are courses studied at Oxford and Cambridge university and for most courses in medicine, veterinary and dentistry. Some conservatoire courses in music and the performing arts also require early entry so you will find information about these in this guide too.

Mr Brinsden will be supporting all early entrants so please contact him at cbrinsden@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk if you need any support.

University application dates for 2022 have been confirmed, however considering the current situation, you will need to keep a close eye on the UCAS website to get up to date information:

- **15 October 2021** (18:00 UK time) - any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.
- **15 January 2022** (18:00 UK time) - for the majority of courses

What needs to be done by these dates?

You'll need to leave enough time to complete your application, resolve any queries and make sure it reaches UCAS by the deadline.

1. Fill in your details, qualifications and course choices following Mrs Rose's application guidance.
2. Write a personal statement to demonstrate you'll be a good student.
3. Pay your fee and send for approval. We will then add the teacher reference and will ask the student to go through their application, including the teacher reference with us.

The application fee is **£22.00** if you're applying to just one course, or **£26.50** for multiple courses.

Mr Brinsden will support you through this process, but you need to ensure you are organised and aware of the requirements to meet the deadline for your university choice.

Students applying for Oxbridge, medicine, veterinary and dentistry courses need to be able to achieve A/A* in appropriate subjects. You can only make a maximum of 4 applications for a course in medicine, veterinary or dentistry. You can add a 5th choice after the October deadline but before the January deadline.

What can you do now to help with your application?

1. Start drafting your personal statement. Use the guidance given by Mrs Rose to begin the process in conjunction with the information from this web link:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7G9E7LPI-CQ>

2. Be widely read about your subject. Reading will not only expand your knowledge, but it will also give you more material for your personal statement and interview. Some universities offer a suggested reading list for each course. If the university you are applying for does, read some of the texts. **See more on the Super-curricular page**

3. Attend summer schools. Although these may not be operating this year there may be some virtual webinars that you could attend.
4. Complete MOOCs (massive online open courses). Many universities offer courses online that are free to study. A good place to start is www.futurelearn.com.
5. Get relevant work experience. This may still be unlikely for anyone applying for 2022 but if an opportunity does arise, and it's safe to take it, then it can really enhance an application.
6. Get a job. Again, this may be difficult in the current climate, but it does show that you can be proactive alongside your studies.
7. Listen to relevant podcasts and TED talks.
8. Thoroughly research the university and course you are looking to apply for.
9. Do something different. This is broad and could be anything but being able to stand out in your personal statement is what could achieve an interview at your chosen university.
10. Prepare for your admission tests. There is plenty of material you can buy to help you get ready, such as practice questions and explanations for the BMAT. We also have copies of BMAT and UCAT guides in the Higher Education office in USIC.

Useful weblinks

Key dates and deadlines

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/undergraduate/type/key-date>

Admission testing

<https://www.admissionstesting.org/administering-our-tests/>

University of Cambridge Admission Tests

<https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/cambridge-pre-interview-assessments/>

University of Oxford Admission Tests

<https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/oxford-tests/>

What is the BMAT?

<https://youtu.be/1Yx0bH6RTio>