

Early Applications

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What is an Early Application?

- ▶ All university courses are applied for through UCAS.
- ▶ The deadline for most courses is 15th January.
- ▶ Some courses have an earlier deadline of 15th October.
- ▶ Courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- ▶ All courses at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge

Why are these courses different?

- ▶ Particularly competitive – most applicants will be predicted at least three As at A level.
- ▶ Application process often involves additional admissions tests
- ▶ Require an academic interview



What is different about Oxford and Cambridge?

- World class facilities
- Collegiate structure
- Tutorials or supervisions – very small group teaching



What will I need to apply?

- ▶ Strong GCSE results
- ▶ Good A level predicted grades
- ▶ Work experience (for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science)
- ▶ Admissions test scores
- ▶ Academic personal statement



What support will you get at King Ecgbert School?

- ▶ Up to date information on what universities are expecting
- ▶ Regular lessons with similarly committed students
- ▶ Advice on application process
- ▶ Personal statement support
- ▶ Peer guidance from KES alumni
- ▶ Interview preparation including a mock interview

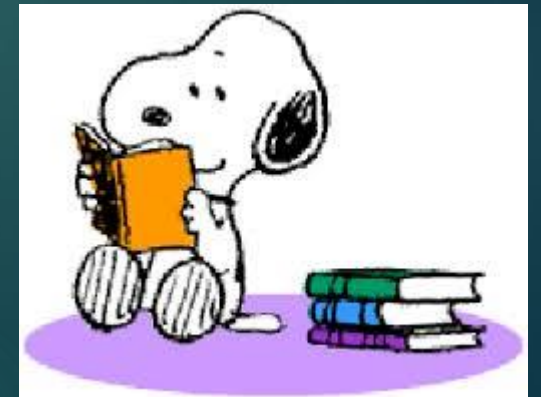
What can I do to prepare?

- ▶ Organise work experience (Medicine*, Dentistry and Veterinary Science)
- ▶ Keep up to date with your field
- ▶ Look out for Widening Participation opportunities (SOAMS, ADOPT, DISCOVER, UNIQ)
- ▶ Engage in super curricular exploration

*Whilst 'live' work experience is difficult at the moment, free virtual work experience can be completed here: [Observe GP](#)

Supercurricular Activities

- ▶ Read – books, journal articles, newspapers, magazines
- ▶ Watch documentaries
- ▶ Listen to Radio 4 podcasts
- ▶ Enter competitions (UKMT, Chemistry Challenge, Writing Competitions etc)
- ▶ Attend open lectures
- ▶ Blog and tweet about your subject and connect to others doing the same
- ▶ Travel (especially Geography or Languages **but not at the moment!**)
- ▶ Organise work experience
- ▶ Take the Extended Project Qualification
- ▶ Engage in MOOCs (eg [Future Learn](#))
- ▶ Watch iTunes U and TED talks
- ▶ Visit museums, galleries and the theatre



Any Questions?



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