



KING ECBERT SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM
EARLY APPLICATIONS

Those wishing to consider studying at the universities of Oxford or Cambridge or for courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science will need to have their competitive applications ready at the start of Y13 and have a programme of activities running throughout their time in sixth form.

As well as actively encouraging students to take up opportunities outside of school such as work experience, research posts and university conferences, students meet

for regular sessions outside curriculum time with their peers. These are designed to prepare students for the rigorous application processes. We look at critical thinking, developing academic talk, the importance of supercurricular exploration, preparing for admissions tests and what to expect in an academic interview. All sessions are rooted in information coming directly from university admissions tutors and from the experience of previous students.

ALUMNI EXPERIENCE



WHAT EXTRA SUPPORT IS ON OFFER?

Y12

AUTUMN
TERM

- Introduction to Oxford and Cambridge
- Courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- Developing Academic Talk
- Academic Speed Dating
- A career in Medicine

- Critical Thinking
- Supercurricular Challenge
- Alumni Experience
- Medical Ethics
- Admissions Tests

Y12

SPRING
TERM

Y12

SUMMER
TERM

- Oxbridge Conference
- Course Research
- Personal Statement Lesson and Workshop
- Personal Statement Drafting

- Application Support
- Interview Advice
- Mock Interviews

Y13

AUTUMN
TERM

ARIJ

Hi, my name is Arij. I have just finished my undergraduate degree in Mathematics at the University of Cambridge and I am now working on a summer research project on the motion of anisotropic carbon nanoparticles in shear flow, based at the Maths faculty.

I enjoyed my time at KES and had a lot of support from the school when I applied to Cambridge. The step classes during sixth form, and being able to attend the classes at the University of Sheffield, were both essential in ensuring I was able to pass the admissions test for Mathematics.

LUKE

Hi, I'm Luke and I'm studying Physics at Oxford. Oxbridge was never even under consideration for me until I received so much encouragement and support from the KES sixth form faculty. They got me to think about and apply for it, despite my own doubts, and here I am! That's not even mentioning the support of the teachers in all of my subjects who helped me actually achieve the grades to get here.

I'm currently spending the summer backpacking Colombia and Peru before returning for my final year. After that, we'll see. The current plan is to move to London and get into the tech industry and I hope to be able to live and work abroad for a while.

"Early application classes have allowed me to be inspired by others and to gather a range of interesting ideas for medical work experience. It made me feel so much more prepared for applying for Medicine. Early applications and A levels can be a struggle but with the help of expert staff and fellow students it was a lot more manageable and enjoyable for me!"

Katie Gage (studying Medicine at the University of Nottingham)



SUPERCURRICULAR

Supercurricular activities help you explore your subject in different ways. There are a variety of things you can do including these examples. Whatever you choose to do, make sure you reflect on your experiences.

READING
BOOKS,
SPECIALIST
MAGAZINES AND
JOURNALS

ATTENDING
OPEN DAYS/
TASTER DAYS

ATTENDING
ONLINE
SEMINARS AND
LECTURES

ENTERING
ACADEMIC
COMPETITIONS

WORK
EXPERIENCE

WATCHING
FILMS AND
DOCUMENTARIES

LISTENING
TO
PODCASTS

DISCUSSIONS
WITH
ACADEMICS

MASTERCLASSES,
MOOCS AND
SUMMER
SCHOOLS

VISITING
MUSEUMS AND
GALLERIES