

# Early Entry

Opportunity

Endeavour

Excellence

Achievement

# What is Early Entry?

Early Entry is the process of applying for certain highly academic courses or Universities.

Courses at any University across the UK;

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Sciences

Courses at any University;

- Oxford
- Cambridge

# Why is it called Early Entry?

UCAS deadline for equal consideration is late January

UCAS deadline for Early Entry is mid October

# What is the difference?

Early Entry courses and Universities have a different structure of applications and may require additional entrance tests / scores such as;

- BMAT
- UCAT
- Specific tests for different courses / Universities

These tests require students to register between the 1 – 30 September and take time to prepare for.

Early Entry courses also require a different interview structure

# How students prepare

Places for Early Entry Universities and courses are highly competitive and therefore students need to be preparing their application throughout Year 12. This will involve many different supra and extra curricular activities

# How students prepare

Throughout Year 12 students will need to think about;

- Work Experience opportunities
- Additional courses (EPQ?)
- Supra-curriculum activities
- Extra-curricular activities
- Personal statement preparation

# How students prepare: Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences

Students may think about;

- Volunteering / Work Experience in an appropriate medical setting
- Additional talks and lectures put on by local universities they can attend
- Online courses to support their knowledge
- Engaging with additional college opportunities
- Preparation for BMAT and UCAT (half term / summer schools)

# How students prepare: Oxford and Cambridge

Students may think about;

- Volunteering / Work Experience in an appropriate industry
- Additional talks and lectures put on by local universities they can attend
- Online courses to support their knowledge
- Engaging with additional college opportunities



# Support through Sixth Form

- One-to-one Personal guidance
- Personal statement support and feedback
- Mock interviews (industry, medical and Oxbridge)
- Interview preparation and support
- Supra-curriculum activities offered
- Summer plans and guidance
- Regular Early Entry meetings
- Working with Russell Group Universities
- NHS Dr mentor / support
- Talks and guidance from successful Early Entry ex-students
- Work Experience guidance

# Time Line of Support – Year 12

**September – October:** First meeting student identified and self-selected

**October – November:** First Early Entry meeting, process explained

**November – February:** Support for supra and extra curricular guidance, working with NHS contacts and mentors

**February – April:** Volunteering and Work Experience placements support

**April – June:** Personal statement guidance

**July:** First set of mock interviews, Work Experience, Futures Week, Summer guidance

# Time Line of Support – Year 13

**September:** Personal statement one-to-one support, mock interviews and feedback, admissions testing

**October:** Applications deadline and references

**October – December:** Mock interviews and guidance

# Things to think about now

- Young people should be thinking about;
- Curriculum choices, 3.5 model (EPQ, Core Maths, Further Maths, language)
  - Core curriculum choices (Chemistry for Medicine, Maths / Further Maths for Economics / Computer Science / Architecture, Biology for Psychology)