

Oxbridge Application Process

Sixth Form Open Evening

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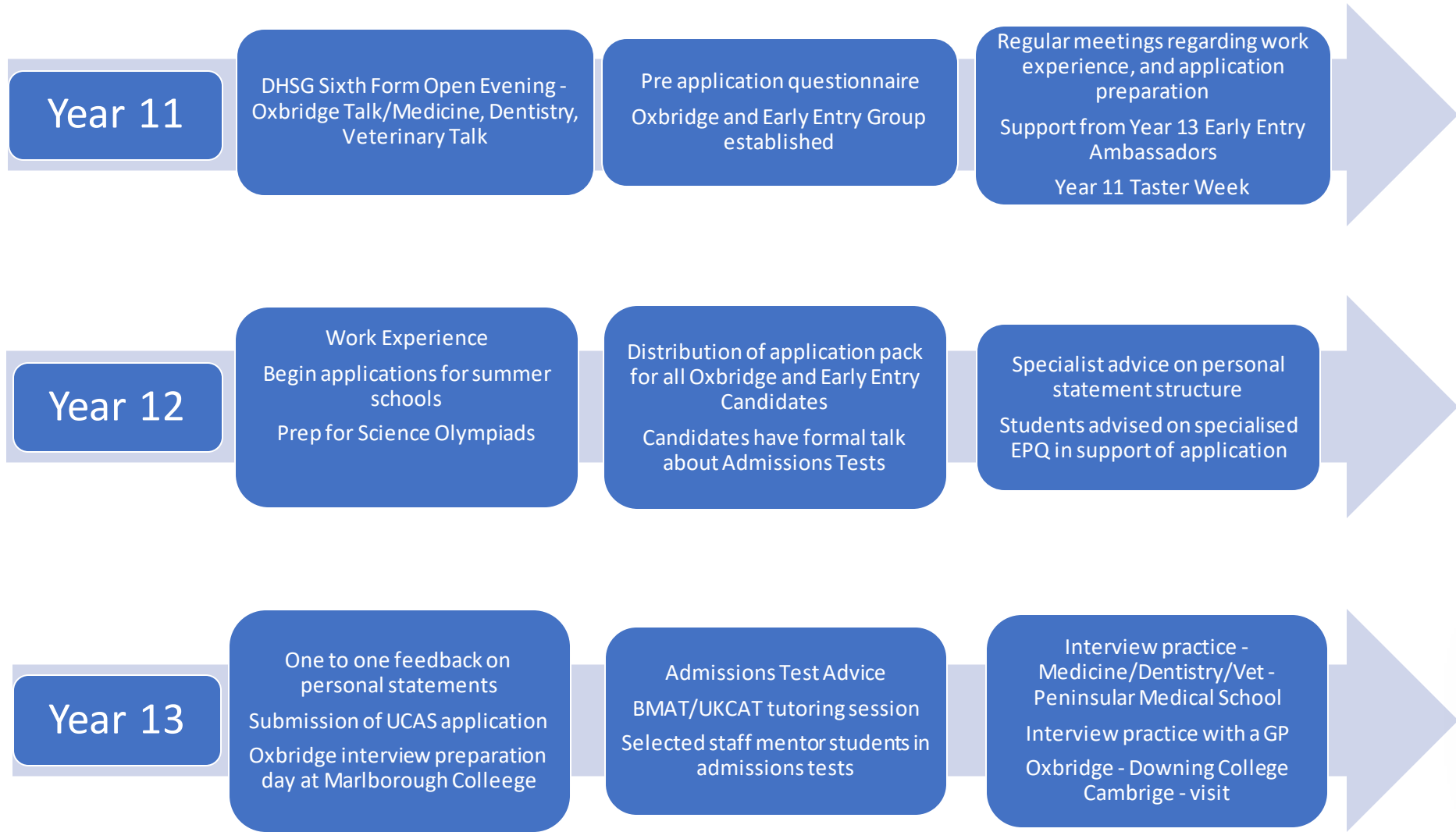
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Oxbridge and Early Entry Programme: What happens and when.



So what happens now if you are interested in Oxbridge or Early Entry?

- Meet with Year 11 – pre application meeting. (Already done!)
- You will have an individual interview with a member of staff regarding your choices.
- This will be followed in the new year for all Year 11s with a follow-up session by Mr Lamb and Dr Parry regarding Year 11 choices. Oxbridge – wider reading, work experience, structuring of personal statements, drawing a plan for Year 12 will be discussed here.
- Suggested EPQ topics will be discussed at these meetings and beyond.
- You will have the opportunity to discuss with Sixth Formers who are doing chosen subjects for Sixth Form.
- ENJOY YOUR LEARNING.



Typical profile of an Oxbridge application

- GCSEs Grade 7-9 is generally the initial grade profile.
- Personal Statement – showing lots of work experience or wider reading
- Reference
- Predictions at A Level – competitive with AAA to A*A*A
- Supplementary Questionnaire (especially Cambridge)
- Admissions Tests (depending on what you are applying for)
- Submitted written work (marked by a teacher)
- Interview
- ALL OF WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO SHOW POTENTIAL AND LOVE OF SUBJECT



Structure of your personal statement...

- Must be over 90% academic.
- 4000 characters with spaces
- Must show what you've done beyond the syllabus. (work experience or wider reading is essential)
- We help at every step of the personal statement, one to one support is an essential element.
- Show engagement with academic studies. Why do you love them?
- Keeping it simple, doesn't mean simplistic, examples of what you have done will speak for itself rather than long words you do not usually use when writing.



Marlborough College Interview Preparation Day



- We attend an annual Oxbridge preparation day at Marlborough College in Wiltshire. Here students will be involved in subject specific tutorials, group exercises with other students from other schools also looking at applying and also practise interviews with detailed feedback.



The admissions tests.
We help with preparation
for these.

Oxford

- TSA (Cambridge and Oxford)
- CAT (Oxford)
- HAT (Oxford)
- MAT (Oxford)
- MLAT (Oxford)
- OLAT (Oxford)
- PAT (Oxford)
- LNAT (Oxford)

Cambridge

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Economics
- Engineering (including Chemical Engineering via Engineering)
- English
- Geography
- History
- History and Modern Languages
- History and Politics
- Human, Social, and Political Sciences
- STEP (Cambridge) Maths.
- Medicine
- Natural Sciences
- Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine



The Interview – we get you thinking about the questions you might get asked. Certain types of thinking skills will need to be demonstrated.

- **History:** Historiography - Is History true?
- **Maths:** If I am in a room with five people and guess all their birthdays, what is the probability of getting only one correct?
- **Theology:** Is someone who risks their own life (and those of others) in extreme sports or endurance activities a hero or a fool?
- **Medicine:** If you could take a space ship to Mars, who would you put on it? What medical conditions would you be more and less likely to be confronted with?
- **Classics:** Is it fair that Ted Hughes won a literary prize for a translation of an Ovid poem?
- **Physics:** A container with liquid nitrogen is left in a laboratory, and its temperature is being recorded over a long period. The recorded temperature shows variations. Why?
- **General;** Tell me about a banana? Or; How much air is in this room?



Please see our pack attached to our website for more information.

- Please contact elamb@dhsg.co.uk or fmorris@dhsg.co.uk if you are interested or would like to talk more about the Oxbridge process.
- Our pack also lists the Russell Group universities as a significant proportion of our Year 13 obtain a Russell Group place. If you would like more information about this, again please do get in touch.