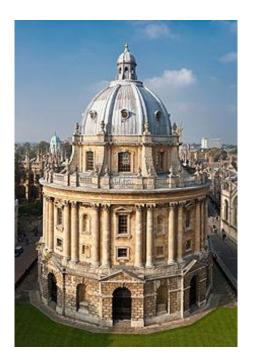


Early Applicants



All you need to know...





Early Applicants Are Applying For...

- Oxford
- Cambridge
- Medicine
- Vet Med
- Dentistry

- Oxford or Cambridge (you can only apply to one) will take up one of the 5 university choices
- Medics, etc. will apply to 4 medical schools and one related course

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The name reflects the fact that their application deadline is much earlier that everyone else's

They must apply by October 15th

In practise, they need to be ready to apply by late September and so need to prepare much of their application over the summer

The Early Applicants Elective

- Ran every other Wednesday afternoon from January to March with c50 attendees (<u>anyone</u> in Y12 had the opportunity to attend, SWCHS does not choose applicants), covers the entire application process
- If your son or daughter is planning to apply, by now they should know what they will be applying for, why they want to and how to make their application a strong one.

Early Applicants – The Most Competitive Courses

- So these are typically the courses and unis with the highest grade entry requirements...
- ...which means you son/daughter probably already has plenty of 8s and 9s at GCSE
- Medicine etc. will make offers of AAA...whilst Oxbridge often expect at least 1 A*

Early Applicants – Entrance Tests

- Unlike many other universities/courses and in addition to A Levels these are compulsory
- Medics etc. sit the UKCAT, typically this coming August/September
- Oxbridge sit their entrance tests in late October 2021
- We support the preparation for this in school as much as we can

Early Applicants - Interviews

- Many Early Applicants will be called for interview (some are rejected after the entrance tests)
- Oxbridge Probably in Early December, in college and based on unseen stimulus material (extracurricular is not important at all, super-curricular is)
- Not yet confirmed if these will be online or in person for 2022
- Medics, etc. Can be called at any time from November to April, probably a series of short, 'MMI' interviews (on science, ethics, work experience, etc.)
- Mock interviews organised by SWCHS in November for all applicants

Early Applicants - Offers

- Oxbridge January 2022
- Medics need to be patient they can receive offers at any time from December to May

How You Can Help

- Unless you think you could offer a mock interview...
- ...just be supportive of your son/daughter they have thought hard about this
- Remind them that this cannot and should be a 'must have', it can only be a 'nice to have' – the odds are against them
- Remind them that ALL Early applicants go on to great unis and get great degrees – by working so hard now on their Early application, they just become a better candidate and a better student.