



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 than everyone else's

They must apply by **October 15th**

In practice, 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 (anyone 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 your 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 (extra-curricular 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.