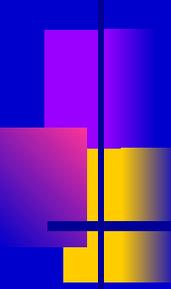


The Application Time Scale 2020 - 2021



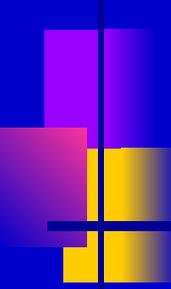
- **19 May:** UCAS opens for business for students
- **Early September:** UCAS ready to process completed applications
- **15 October:** deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

Internal deadline: End of September

- **15 January:** deadline for all other applications

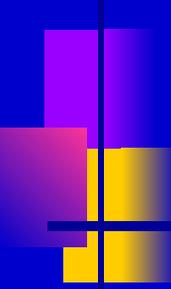
Internal deadline: Before Xmas holidays

- Please note: Our internal deadlines are earlier to allow for processing applications.



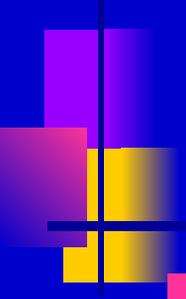
The School Time Scale

- To start your application you will need the UCAS buzzword **camdengirls2021**
- Students should now begin the process of:
 - Researching courses on Unifrog and the UCAS Hub www.ucas.com
 - Exploring university websites
 - Visiting is not currently possible but many universities are providing great virtual open days and tours



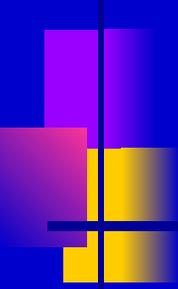
Oxbridge

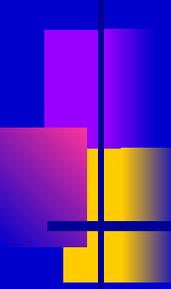
- Oxford and Cambridge are looking for students who:
 - Have top grades at GCSE
 - Are working at or close to the top of their classes at A level
 - Are predicted A/A* grades in their A level subjects
 - Show a genuine, deep-seated interest in the subject
 - Read around the subject and beyond the curriculum



▪ **Additional Tests**

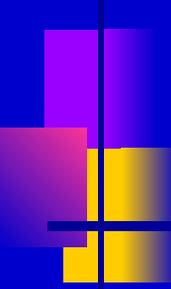
- **Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science:** BMAT and/or UCAT
- **Law:** LNAT
- UCAT and LNAT - register on their websites and sit tests at special centres
- **Oxford and Cambridge:** admissions tests for almost all subjects - you need to check!
- **BMAT and Oxbridge tests** take place in school on 4th and 5th November
- **Cambridge applicants** will also be sent an additional online form (The SAQ) to complete by October 22

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- **In early November, Oxford and Cambridge will request samples of work for all Arts and most Humanities subjects**
 - **Other universities, such as Imperial, UCL, Manchester and Birmingham, may also set tests or request samples of work for some subjects –you must check**



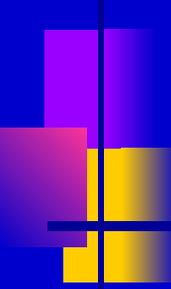
How to apply if you want a gap year

- There are two alternative ways of applying if you want a gap year. You can:
- apply in Year 13 for entry in September 2022 – this is called deferred entry
- wait until after you have finished your A Levels and apply in 2021-22 for entry in September 2022 – this is called post-qualification application



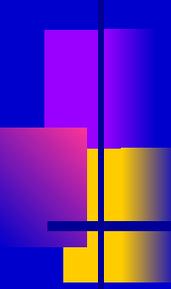
Subject Choice

- There are thousands of university courses (“37,000 at 370 providers”)– you don’t have to choose one of your A Level subjects!
- Use Unifrog and the UCAS Hub and their **Course Search Tool**



The UCAS Online Application

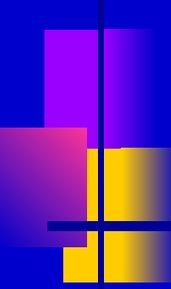
- You can apply for up to 5 universities – You cannot list them in order of preference
- Would-be medics, vets and dentists can only apply for 4 such courses and must apply for at least one alternative
- When you have decisions from all your universities, you can accept two offers, one Firm choice and one Insurance choice



References

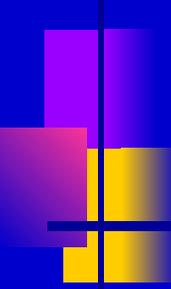
Your reference is an important part of the application.

It is written by your subject teachers and your form tutor and attached to your UCAS application before submission.



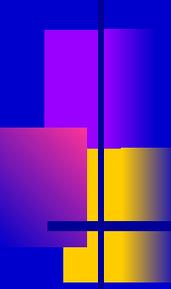
More on tutor refs...

- Mitigating circumstances that have affected achievement or that students have overcome in order to achieve, such as:
 - family problems, including being a carer
 - health issues
 - language issues
- Gap year plans
- Relevant work experience



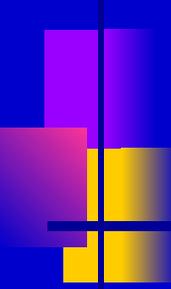
Predicted Grades

- These form a key part of your reference and are based on your performance in year 12
- Admissions tutors take very seriously your GCSE results, and your predicted grades



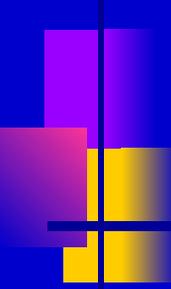
Personal Statement

An important part of the online UCAS form, this gives you the chance to show university admissions tutors that you are suitable for your chosen course



Top tips

- Keep it personal - it is about you - don't be afraid to start lots of sentences with the word 'I'
- Don't feel you need to go right back to the start of your life!
- Focus on who you are and what you are interested in **now**
- Write clearly, honestly and simply - put that thesaurus away!
- Stay away from the vague and general
- Get specific - use brief detail - this helps you to stand out
- Be prepared to redraft and to respond to feedback



Common Questions

- How long should it be?
- Do I write a different statement for each course I apply to?
- Do I need to write something about all my A level subjects?
- Are my extracurricular activities important?