



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### UCAS Application Process

In the summer term, your child will begin the UCAS application process. I thought it would be useful to explain the process so that you are aware of the deadlines, and what your child will need to do should they wish to make a university application.

<b>Ongoing:</b>	<p>Start research early – there are a lot of higher education options to choose from! Unifrog, our schools careers platform, contains a wealth of information to help students' research subjects and universities.</p> <p>Start booking <b>university open days</b> these are a great opportunity for students to see where they could be learning and where they could be living.</p> <p>Taking part in <b>subject taster lectures</b>. These are offered by the majority of universities and can help students to understand what a course is like meaning they are more likely to choose a course and university to suit their interests and abilities.</p>
<b>June/July 2022</b>	Teaching staff will start writing the student UCAS references.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Enrichment week</b>	<p>Students will have the opportunity to listen to presentations from a variety of universities on topics such as the UCAS journey and writing personal statements.</p> <p>Students will also have the chance to talk to previous students who have gone through the UCAS process and are currently studying at university.</p> <p>All UCAS applications are made through the <b>UCAS Hub</b>. During enrichment week students will create their UCAS hub accounts and will begin the process of filling in the required information with support from the Careers Leader.</p>
<b>Summer holiday</b>	Start working on the personal statement

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	First draft of the personal statement to be completed by Oxbridge and medical students
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>	Personal statement to be completed by all other students
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 (UK time)</b>	This is the deadline for any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry.
<b>November 29<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	All UCAS hub applications should be complete.
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	Internal deadline for all UCAS applications to be sent off
<b>January 25<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 (UK time) 2023</b>	This is the UCAS deadline for the majority of courses.
<b>March 2023</b>	Student finance opens

UCAS provide a [parents newsletter](#) where you can get updates and all the information you need, along with timely explanations of the application process.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions by emailing [info@stmarys.net](mailto:info@stmarys.net).

Kind regards,

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