

University applications – key information for parents

Is your son/daughter thinking of applying to university this autumn? This is how we are supporting them in College:

L6 Year – Summer Term

We have already covered in tutorial how to **research courses and book open days**, taster courses and summer schools. Many open days happen at the end of June/beginning of July and then more in Sept/Oct. We would strongly encourage students to book some to help with their research.

During June and July in tutorial we are looking at what makes a successful **Personal Statement** and are encouraging students to start thinking about what they will put in a personal statement. Many are still deciding on their course choice, but they can still be thinking about their skills and experiences. This half term students will also **register for UCAS** in tutorial. We ask everyone to register, whether or not they plan to complete an application, since many change their mind later.

Students receive their **ARG grades** on 26th June, which form the basis for their Predicted Grades in the autumn. This should help students with their course research, matching entry requirements with likely achievements.

Summer Holidays

Over the summer students should be continuing with their course research and be working on **drafting their Personal Statement**. They can also complete much of the rest of the UCAS application (eg entering personal details, GCSE results, employment history). Some students may have extra selection tests to prepare for and book (eg LNAT for some Law courses).

U6 Year - Autumn Term

At the start of term students will be given a **University Choices form** on which to get confirmation of their predicted grades. They will continue to work on their applications during tutorial and their Personal Tutor will read their personal statement and check their applications.

Leavers

Students completing their U6 studies at Godalming College this summer and wishing to make a university application should apply through us using the Buzzword they have been given. More information is available at <http://www.godalming.ac.uk/college-life/careers>

Former as well as current students are welcome to attend the lunchtime **UCAS workshops** which we run in the early part of the autumn term.

Internal College deadlines

We set internal college application deadlines which are in advance of the UCAS deadlines. This is to ensure that there is plenty of time to check applications and attach references.

Monday 17 September 2018 - all those applying for **Oxford/Cambridge/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Medicine**. That means the online UCAS application (including the personal statement) and the University Choices Form have to be complete by then.

Monday 15 October 2018 – advisory deadline for those applying for **other particularly competitive courses** (eg teacher training, physiotherapy, courses at Russell Group universities).

Week beginning 29 October 2018 - everyone else. Earlier applications are encouraged - the sooner applications are made, the sooner they get offers. Universities are obliged to consider all applications received before the 15 January UCAS deadline.

Art Foundation applications are made individually to each college:

Friday 12 October 2018 - students complete a Reference Request Form by this date. This allows us to prepare their reference in advance of the applications being made.

Monday 3 December 2018 – students complete a checklist by this date informing us where they are applying, so that we can advise them on the application process.

CUKAS - students applying directly to Music Conservatoires need to be aware that the CUKAS deadline for applications is **1 October 2018**. Most other Conservatoire courses in Performance have a deadline of **15 January 2019**.

How you can support your daughter/son

- Talk with them about their ideas and research
- Offer to look with them at the resources available at www.ucas.com and on Godalming Online
- Go with them to open days if you are able to
- Offer to check their personal statement for spelling etc
- Remind them to check their college emails and the Student Bulletin for updates on UCAS workshops and other support
- Encourage them to attend all tutorials and to meet our internal college deadlines

The Careers Department is open to students every day between 9am and 5pm. Morning break is a good time for students to drop in.

Further Information: All the informative handouts and resources from our Next Steps Evening in March can be found on the College website at <http://www.godalming.ac.uk/for-parents/careers-guidance-notes-for-parents>.