

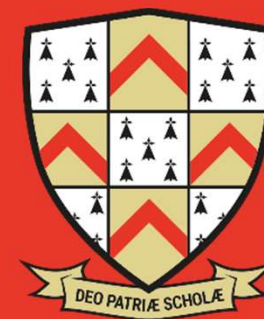


Year 13 Parents' Information Evening

Post-18 Options

Tuesday 17th September 2024

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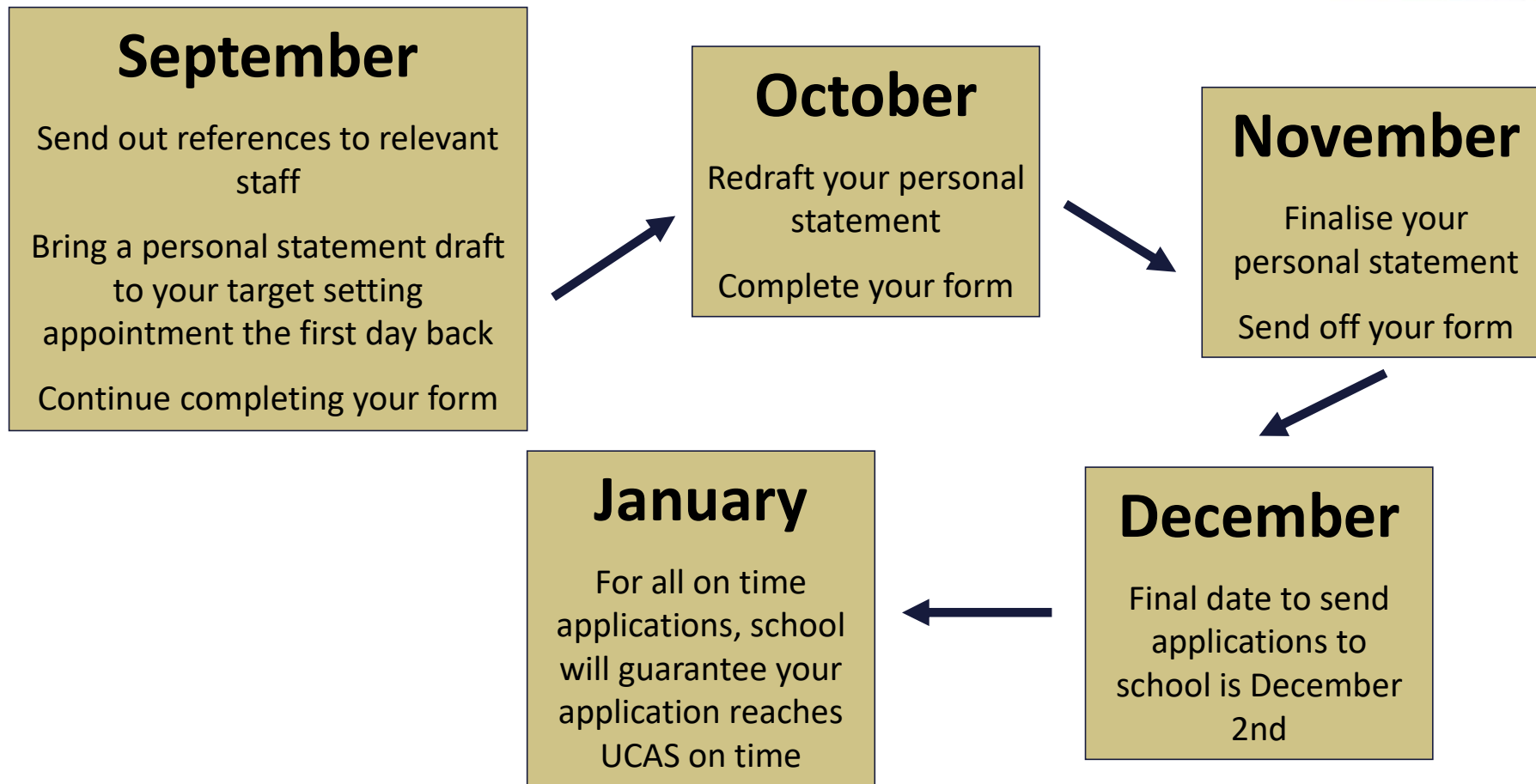
Post-18 Applications: Getting Started

Deadlines

- All student reference requests must go out before the end of the Autumn Term
- University Deadlines – your form must be submitted to school by 2nd December 2024, for medicine and Oxbridge the deadline is 8th October 2024
- College
- Apprenticeships
- Employment
- Gap year



Post-18 Applications: Getting Started



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- When applying to University, you can choose up to **5** courses
- These are arranged in alphabetical order, NOT your order of preference
- You can only write **ONE** personal statement, so it needs to be appropriate for all your course options
- You can apply for more than one course at the same University: e.g. the foundation course AND the main course



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- When you 'pay and send,' your application will arrive at school for us to check it and to add your reference. You pay and send as soon as you can
- The fee for your application DOES NOT come to school, it is an administration fee from UCAS (£28.50)
- We cannot guarantee when you will receive offers, but many students do receive them in the Autumn term each year



The Personal Statement

- Students had a session in July 2024 on writing their personal statement
- Students should have brought a draft to their tutor meeting at the start of the term to receive feedback on their statement

It should include:

- 4000 characters (including spaces)
- Why you have chosen the subject (75%)
- Personal information (25%)

Your tutor will read drafts for you and help you with your personal statement, you can also ask teachers for their advice.



The Personal Statement

What can you do to help students?

- TED Talks
- Periodicals from the LRC
- Unifrog
- University websites
- Reputable news websites



The School Reference

Who do I ask for a reference?

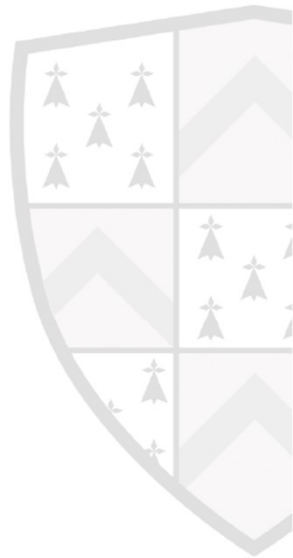
This list is not extensive but should provide guidance:

| Subject applied for | References requested from (if studying the subject) |
|--|---|
| Art | Art, Photography |
| Accounting/Finance | Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths |
| Business/ Management | Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths |
| Economics | Accounting, Business, Economics, Maths |
| Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Radiography | Biology, Chemistry |
| Physiotherapy | Biology, Chemistry, PE, BTEC Sport |
| Nursing, Paramedic Science, Midwifery | Biology, Psychology, Health and Social Care |
| Social work | Psychology, Sociology, Health and Social Care |
| Education | Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sociology |
| Sports Science | BTEC Sport, PE, Biology |
| Marine Biology, Zoology | Biology, Geography |
| Biology | Biology, Chemistry |



The School Reference

| Extenuating circumstances | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|
| | Tick | Details |
| Receiving the bursary | | |
| First generation to go to university | | |
| SEN | | |
| Exam arrangements | | |
| Medical condition | | |



The School Reference

| Extracurricular activities | | |
|---|------|---------|
| | Tick | Details |
| Duke of Edinburgh Award | | |
| Sport | | |
| Debating | | |
| Young Enterprise | | |
| Volunteering | | |
| Part time job | | |
| Relevant work experience (not Year 10) | | |



The School Reference

- Written by the tutor
- Includes comments from relevant subject staff and predicted grades
- Will highlight positive traits and achievements and aim to validate and support the personal statement (communication with the tutor is key)

Predicted grades

- Please discuss with teaching staff at parents' evening
- Realistic but aspirational



Receiving Offers

- Offers are either **CONDITIONAL** or **UNCONDITIONAL**
- If in initial applications you do not gain places, you can enter **UCAS EXTRA**
- If you do not get the grades in August or you do better than expected, then you can enter **CLEARING**
- There are a small number of unconditional offers each year, it is more likely a university may lower grades e.g. if a student puts it as their firm choice. This may also help them receive funding / first choice accommodation



Completing the Form

- Students attended a session on registering and starting to complete their forms in July
- The best resource for completing the UCAS form is using our padlet on the website: www.keslichfield.org.uk/sixth-form/information/ucas



Completing the Form

UCAS AND POST 18 OPTIONS

Information and advice regarding the **University Council for Admissions (UCAS)** is given to students through the Pastoral System beginning in the Spring Term of Year 12. This process continues for more than a year until each student, who wishes to be, is placed in Higher Education by the time examination results are published. Students also have the opportunity to visit the **Higher Education Fair at the NEC in Birmingham**, in the summer term of Year 12.

King Edward VI, Sixth Form students currently at university or in employment return to school to give advice and information to our current students. One to one support is given by Form Tutors during tutor time and during a dedicated UCAS progress check during the Autumn Term of Year 13.

Tutors and teachers will give advice on personal statement drafts, as well as providing subject specific references. All applications are rigorously checked before being sent to UCAS. We are proud of our very high levels of success with university applications, including those to Oxford and Cambridge and Russell Group Universities.

POST 18 OPTIONS

The below padlet shares many links for university, higher and degree level apprenticeships and further education. It also contains information for students considering a gap year.

Post 18 Options Padlet

ADMISSIONS TEST, INTERVIEWS, ASSESSMENT CENTRES AND STUDENT FINANCE

This padlet includes information on university admission tests, interviews and assessment centres for employment and apprenticeships. It includes specific areas such as applications for Oxford and Cambridge, careers in health care and law.

Tests, Interviews and Student Finance Padlet

WRITING A PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Here you will find information on summer schools, taster days and other enrichment activities. There are many links to super curricular activities including lectures, reading, listening and viewing. This padlet also includes guides to writing a personal statement and CVs.

Applications and personal statements Padlet

UCAS APPLICATION GUIDE 2025

This guide takes you step by step through the UCAS application process for 2025 for King Edward VI students.

UCAS APPLICATION GUIDE 2025



GUIDE TO UCAS STATUS FOR RESULTS DAY 2024



2025 UCAS Applications School Deadlines

- Early applications - Tuesday 8th October 2024
- All applications - Monday 2nd December 2024

Advice for Parents/Carers

www.ucas.com/discover/advice-parents-guardians-and-carers



Any Questions?

