

UCAS Apply 2017 – Conference



June 2016

Mrs Forrester & Mrs Pollock



Format of this morning:

- General overview of the UCAS Application Process – the key deadlines – Mrs Forrester – 8.50-9.05
- Supporting Pupils with the Application Process – Mrs Pollock – 9.05-9.25
- UKCAT and other Entrance tests – Mrs Forrester – 9.25-9.35
- The Student Perspective – some students from Class of 2016 9.45-10.05
- University of Dundee Presentation – the Personal Statement - 10.05
- Volunteering Opportunity – Citizens Advice Bureau 11.45am



Information issued today:

- Hyndland Secondary School UCAS Apply 2017 advice booklet
- Deadline dates for UCAS Apply 2017 – contained in booklet
- Medicine Booklets – for those interested in applying to study medicine / vet medicine only
- **PLEASE KEEP THESE SAFE FOR REFERENCE IN AUGUST!**



College or University?

The differences:

- Studying at University
 - Degree qualification – usually 4 years full time
 - Years 1-2 – breadth of study
 - Years 3-4 – specialisation in chosen subject
- Studying at College:
 - A variety of qualifications – HNC, HND, BTEC ...
 - Vocational Qualifications not available at Universities
 - Can be used as a stepping stone to Universities





College or University Entry Requirements:

- University:

- Usually at least 4 or 5 Highers
- Advanced Highers – **depends on institution**

- College:

- End of S5/6 – Usually between 1-3 Highers

- <http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/content/college-or-university>



Making the right course choices

- Vital to get this right in June / August!!!!
- Research is the key!
- www.planitplus.net
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- Seek Advice – Pastoral Care Teacher
- School Careers Advisor – Kate McMahon
- www.ucas.com (search for courses)
- Subject teachers
- Speak to family members / family friends





General Information on UCAS

- Number of choices – 5
- Cost- £23
- Simultaneous consideration
- Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Medicine – 4 choices + 1 extra choice for another course (back-up)
- 1 application per cycle
- Deadlines – school deadline is 7th October for early applicants and 25th November 2016 for all other applicants.

Deadlines – Sheet Issued



Date	Deadline Set:
Monday 5 th September	First draft of Personal Statements for pupils applying to Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Studies, Oxford or Cambridge
	Higher Education Convention – Glasgow Science Centre
Wednesday 14 th September	First draft of Personal Statement for all other applicants
Friday 7 th October	All applications to Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Studies, Oxford or Cambridge submitted to UCAS
Friday 25 th November	All other applicants submitted to UCAS
January 2017	College Applications will begin during January.



Choosing Courses

- This requires RESEARCH...LOTS OF IT!!!
- Find out about courses you are interested in. This can be done through:
 - * Online
 - * UCAS course search
 - * Prospectuses
 - * Open Days / Conventions
 - * Word of Mouth

REMEMBER:

Course entry requirements show the minimum grades an HEI would expect an applicant to have to even be considered for an offer.

If an offer is made, they could ask for higher grades.



The Process...

There are 6 steps to applying and the Pastoral Care Team will work with pupils to assist them in the process of applying. The steps are:

Step 1: Choosing Courses



Importance of research

Step 2: Applying



Personal Statement

Step 3: Offers

Step 4: Results

Step 5: Next Steps

Step 6: Start Uni / College



Support and Advice

- Higher Education Convention – SSE Hydro, Glasgow
- Which Way Now Information Evening – September 2016
- S6 Assemblies / PSE Input
- Visits from Colleges & Universities – June-November 2016
- One to one help and support from your Pastoral Care Teacher
- Support / advice from the school's Career Advisor and/or our Employability Officer
- School Twitter page and School website

It is the students responsibility to meet the deadlines and ensure that their application is submitted on time

Mrs Pollock
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Entrance Exams 2016/17

Medicine / Vet Medicine / Dentistry applicants:

- UKCAT Test
- Register online between 3rd May 2016 to 21st September.
- Testing runs from 1st July to 5th October.
- Practice is vital for this!
- You **MUST** register online by yourself – schools do not enter you for this test.
- Late entries are strictly forbidden!



Entrance Exams 2016/17

Law – selected universities:

- LNAT Test
- 1st September – 10th January – Register and book test
- Sit test by 15th January
- Students must register themselves for this
- Practice lots!



Entrance Exams 2016/17

Oxbridge Applicants:

- Some courses in some colleges require you to sit admission testing.
- Some testing is carried out during your visit to the University, others are done in a test centre.
- PLEASE do your own research – check each college you wish to apply and each course – they are all different.
- Tests can include; BMAT, ELNAT, TSA, PAT, CAT (Oxford), MAT.

The Student Perspective

**How to survive and be
successful with your UCAS
Application!**



What Next???

- Report to Room L109 today or tomorrow at lunchtime to get registered!
- Start researching your courses and entrance requirements!
- Read over UCAS Apply 2017 booklet issued today.
- Start completing your UCAS form! Personal Information, Results, Subjects being studied in S6 and bullet points for Personal Statement!

Dates for your diary – Open Days



- Dundee University – Monday 29 August & Saturday 24 September
- University of Edinburgh – 24 September & 8 October
- University of Glasgow – Thursday 1 September & 22 October
- Glasgow Caledonian University – Wednesday 7 September & Saturday 8 October
- University of St Andrews – 5th October, 19th October, 26th October & 16 November
- University of Strathclyde – Tuesday 6 September & Saturday 8 October
- University of West of Scotland – Paisley – Saturday 17th September