



ABINGDON

From University Applications Co-ordinator: Andrew Swarbrick

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Dear Parents

UCAS 2: Thursday 29 June 2017 starting at 5.30pm: Mercers' Court

UCAS2 is an opportunity for boys and their parents to meet Heads of Departments and Tutors to discuss current plans relating to university applications.

In due course, Lower Sixth boys will be invited to make appointments for that evening with those Heads of Departments most relevant to the intended degree subject area. This is often the Head of Department who represents the school-based single subject (e.g. English, Geography, History, etc.); in cases where a two-subject degree (e.g. English and History, etc.) is being considered, then two Heads of Departments might need to be seen. In the case of those degree subjects not taken at school (e.g. Engineering, Law, etc.), there are usually members of Common Room on hand who have particular interests in those areas and from whom advice might be sought. A full list of available Heads of Departments and others will be given to boys who will then make individual appointments with whomever needs to be seen. In addition, boys and their parents are invited to meet the tutor so that all parties can exchange ideas and information; appointments should be made through the boys. We also hope to have a number of Old Abingdonians on hand who can chat to boys informally about their own recent experiences of courses and universities.

Finally, boys and parents may wish to make appointments to see Mr Swarbrick (APS) or Mrs King (NJK), the school's University Applications Co-ordinators, if they have specific concerns about the mechanics of the application process that they would like to discuss. Boys wanting to talk specifically about application to Oxford and Cambridge should direct themselves primarily to Mr Hallinan (Mr Swarbrick and Mrs King will also be available), whilst boys intending to apply specifically for Medicine should arrange to see Mr Whitworth. Boys wishing to explore options in non-UK universities should make appointments with Mr Triff.

A reminder of KEY DATES: all applications for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry have to be with UCAS by 15 OCTOBER 2017 AT THE LATEST. We must therefore set an internal deadline of FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017 by which such applications must have been sent by boys to the school's UCAS office for processing. We strongly advise that all other UCAS applications should be with the school's UCAS office by FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2017. The school's UCAS office will in due course forward the application to UCAS who in turn forward it to the universities. *Once a boy has sent his application to the school's UCAS office, he should not anticipate retrieving it: it should be regarded as a final submission.*

Recommended as the authoritative source of all UCAS information and procedures is the Advice for Parents section of the UCAS website:

<https://wwwucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/ucas-undergraduate-parents-and-guardians>

Yours sincerely

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