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UK Admissions Process



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UCAS

Admission Procedure

- UCAS is a central clearing house
- The only method of entry to UK degree programmes
- 5 choices
- Decisions are made by universities
- All Applications done electronically



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Timeline

- **1st September 2009**

Applications for 2010 entry begin

- **15 October 2009**

Deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Vet Science

- **15 January 2010**

Closing date for 2010 applications.

- **End March 2010**

Majority of decisions made

- **Early May 2010**

Deadline for applicants to make replies to offers



The UCAS form

Presentation: Electronic Application

- Make a copy of your personal statement
- Clear, plain English
- Make no mistakes!

Meet the deadlines

Internal: set by school

External: Mid-Jan (UCAS)

Earlier deadline October: Oxbridge,
Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet
Science



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N.B. Good applicants often apply early!

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Applications

- 'Invisibility' of choices
- Consistent subject choice
- Realistic subject choice

Reference

- Provide an overall impression of the student
- Note any relevant circumstances
- Provide realistic estimated grades



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Personal Statement

The chance to tell the universities why they are applying, and why they should want them.

It could help to persuade an admissions tutor to offer them a place.

What are Universities looking for?

- i) Qualification
- ii) Motivation



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What do Universities look for?

Qualification

- The right subjects (if required)
- The appropriate grades
- Experience (for some courses)
- A basic appreciation of what studying the subject involves

Motivation

- i) Enthusiasm
- ii) Interest in the field



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What do Universities look for?

Enthusiasm

- An inquiring mind
- A desire to study at graduate level
- Burning desire to study the subject
- 'Spark'

Interest in the field

- Research
- Knowledge
- Thoughts and awareness



- Some evidence of activity outside school/college

What do Universities look for?

Experience

Motivation

Commitment

Knowledge

Technical Skill Interpersonal Skills

Academic potential

Aspirations

Enthusiasm

Dedication

Intellect



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The Personal Statement

Getting started.....

- **Make a list of all you experience, interests and qualities. You can group them later on.**
- **Be selective. Which of your activities is most impressive? Admissions Tutors don't need to know everything about you.**
- **Do not expect to get it done quickly - you will need to draft it out, think about it and discuss it with others.**

2000-2010
10
years



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Personal Statement

- What you say is as important as how you say it
- Make sure your layout is organised, clear and concise
- Don't waffle
- Don't repeat details already on the form
- Don't relate to any one university



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What could be included?

- Why you are interested in the subject
- Details of your key skills
- Any work experience
- Other achievements
- Your future plans
- Tasters and Masterclasses
- Any sponsorship/placements you have applied for
- If you taking a year out, your reasons why
- Your social, sports or leisure interests



Key things to consider...

- Admissions tutors want to see a person, not an application
- Try and give a picture of you as a 'rounded', thinking and aware person
- Avoid giving a list of activities / interests...
- Avoid giving a list of personal qualities...

Be interesting...



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Any Questions?

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