



CHARTERHOUSE

Higher Education Presentation

Parents of First Year Specialists

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The HE process this year ...

- **Jan/Feb** – Introduction to UCAS and Higher Education. Greyhound form with initial thoughts and ideas (completed during tutorials). Research courses and universities. US Applicants – meetings with Dr Reynolds
- **April** – trial exams
- **May/June** – Open Days
- **May** – Personal Statement workshop and drafting PS
- **June** – HE training day
 - Personal Statement writing workshops
 - Opening a UCAS account and starting the process
 - Interview Coaching
 - [Unifrog](#)
 - Challenge of Management
- **Summer holiday** – Personal Statement Writing. US College Essay writing
- **OQ** – Applications completed and submitted





What do Carthusians study?

Over the last few years

1. History
2. Business related courses
3. Economics related courses
4. Maths and Computer Science
5. Philosophy and Theology
6. Engineering
7. Modern Languages
8. Biological Sciences
9. Politics and International Relations
10. Social studies – Psychology, Sociology

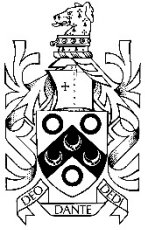




Where do Carthusians go?

1. Bristol
2. Edinburgh
3. Durham
4. Newcastle
5. Exeter
6. UCL
7. King's
8. Oxford
9. Cambridge
10. Nottingham





Where do Carthusians go?

But also...

Sheffield

Leeds

St Andrews

Oxford Brookes

Birmingham

York

Imperial

Cardiff

Swansea

And then...

Leiden

HKU

ESADE, Barcelona

UNED, Madrid

NYU

Chicago

San Diego

Northeastern

Boston

Rice

Bocconi, Milan

Trinity, Dublin

**Charles University,
Prague**





League Tables (Guardian)

1	3	Oxford	11	23	Bristol
2	2	St Andrews	12	14	Glasgow
3	1	Cambridge	13	25	Edinburgh
4	5	Durham	14	22	UCL
5	19	London School of Economics	15	51	Strathclyde
6	6	Bath	16	20	York
7	4	Loughborough	16	10	Exeter
8	9	Warwick	18	11	Leeds
9	7	Imperial College	19	29	Dundee
10	7	Lancaster	20	34	Aberdeen



League Tables (Times Higher Education)

1	University of Oxford	11	University of Glasgow
2	University of Cambridge	12	University of Birmingham
3	Imperial College London	13	Queen Mary University of London
4	UCL	14	University of Sheffield
5	London School of Economics and Political Science	15	University of Southampton
6	University of Edinburgh	16	University of York
7	King's College London	17	Lancaster University
8	University of Manchester	18	Durham University
9	University of Warwick	19	University of Nottingham
10	University of Bristol	=20	University of Leeds
		=20	University of Sussex



Teaching Excellence Framework

Universities with a gold award

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Cambridge

Coventry University

Durham University

University of East Anglia

University of Exeter

Imperial College London

Keele University

University of Kent

Lancaster University

University of Leeds

Loughborough University

Newcastle University

University of Nottingham

Nottingham Trent
University

University of Oxford

University of Portsmouth

University of St Andrews

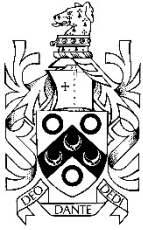
University of Surrey

Swansea University

University of the West of
England

University of York





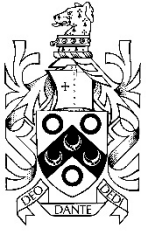
Teaching Excellence Framework

Popular Universities with Silver and Bronze Awards

University of Bristol, Silver
City, University of London, Silver
University of Manchester Silver
Queen Mary University of
London, Silver
University of Sheffield, Silver
University of Sussex, Silver
University of Warwick, Silver

Cardiff University, Silver
King's College London, Silver
Oxford Brookes University, Silver
Royal Holloway, University of
London, Silver
University of Southampton, Silver
UCL, Silver
London School of Economics and
Political Science, Bronze





Oxbridge





Overview

- Students cannot apply to both Oxford and Cambridge.
- Courses vary between the two universities.
- Courses are intensely academic.
- Applications are extremely competitive:
 - Oxford: 23,000 applicants for 3,300 places (2019)
 - Cambridge: 19,359 applicants for 3,500 places (2019)
- Offers range from AAA - A*A*A* (A Level); 38-40 points (IB)



College system



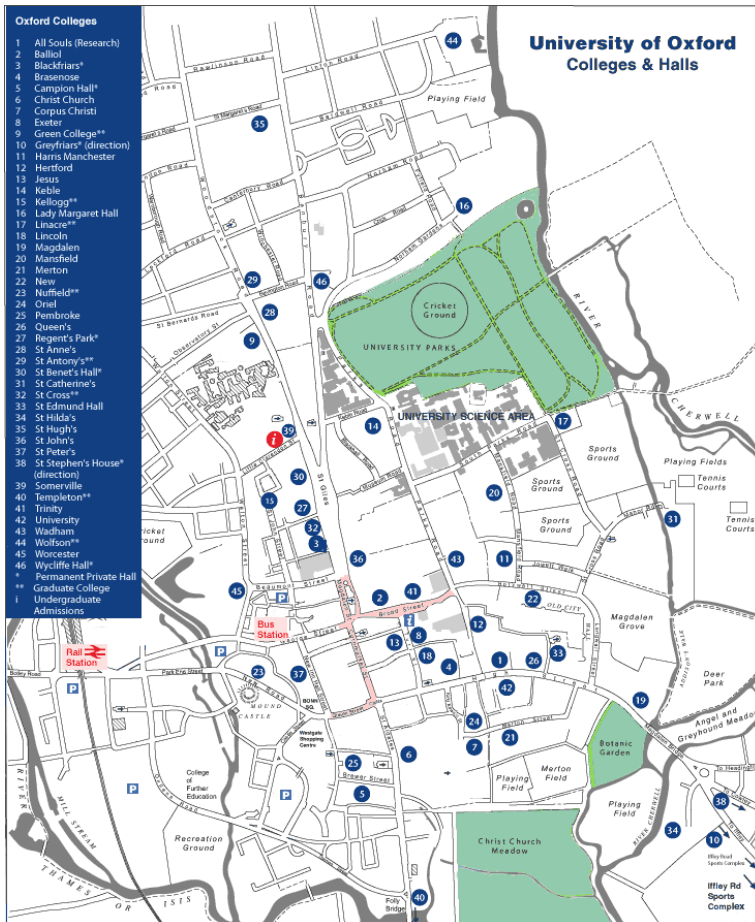
St Catherine's College, Oxford



New College, Oxford

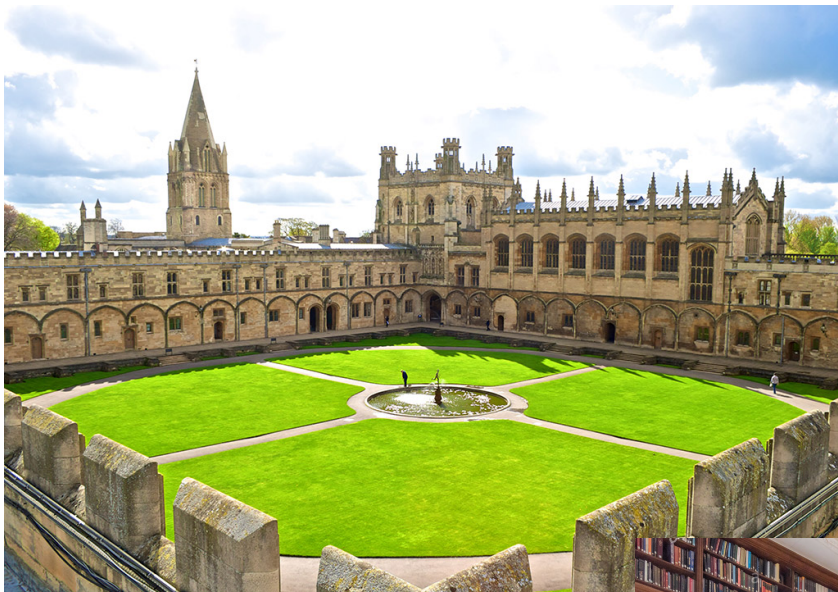


Lady Margaret's Hall, Oxford





Daily Life at Christ Church





The Application Process

- Extensive preparation
- Personal Statement & UCAS form
 - Deadline: 15th October
- Submission of written work
- Admissions tests (November)
- Supplementary Application Questionnaire (Cambridge only)
- Interview (December)



The Ideal Oxbridge Candidate

- Excellent academic track record
- Independent thinker
- Regularly reads around the curriculum
- Attends societies, talks and lectures which extend their learning
- Proactive and engaged
- Genuinely passionate
- Organised and industrious





The Charterhouse Oxbridge Programme



Q&A drop in sessions



Super-curricular resources



Subject specific mentors



Progress checks



Personal statement coaching

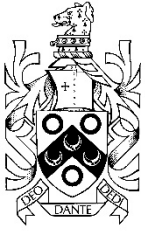


Ad hoc meetings with Miss Galton



Mock interviews





UCAS

- Personal and educational information
- Up to five course choices
- Personal Statement
- Predicted grades
- Reference

UNDERGRADUATE
Studying a course at university, college, or a conservatoire

Unsure about a course, provider, or student life?
Talk to students who are already studying... they know the provider, the courses, the accommodation, and what the city or town has to offer.

Apprenticeships
Everything you need to know about UK apprenticeships.

Choosing what and where to study
How to find out about courses that might be right for you, and where you could study them.

Applying to university or college
When and how to apply for an undergraduate course at university or college.

Key dates
Find all the UCAS dates and deadlines you need to know.

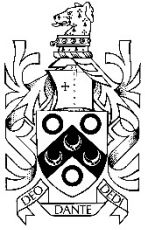
Start my application to a uni that sees the real me and cares about potential, not just grades

Today's Big Questions, Tomorrow's Professionals
For Student Satisfaction

The University of Law
FIND OUT MORE

University of Bedfordshire

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH



Choosing a course

Things to consider..

- Standard entry requirements
- Future career plans
- Single, joint or combined subjects
- Study abroad or year in industry
- Location and size of university
- Reputation of university
- Contact time with tutors
- [Open Days](#)

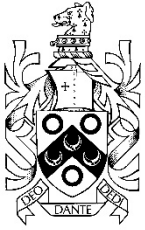




Personal Statement

- 4000 characters
- Academic focus
- Evidence of enthusiasm, motivation, independence, extra reading, engagement with the subject
- Vocational courses such as medicine require work experience
- Extra-curricular – important but...the focus needs to be academic





Personal Statement – where to get help

You are encouraged to seek advice on applications and personal statement writing from the following

1. Subject teachers – subject specific advice
2. For Medicine, Vet Sci and Dentistry – Mr Bagley (*Will be presenting to Parents next Tuesday 26th Jan at 7pm. Details to be sent out*)
3. For Oxbridge – Miss Galton
4. Tutor – the tutor should look at the Personal Statement after the subject specialist
5. Housemaster – to help frame the reference
6. HE dept – JSH or Mrs Sartori





Predicted Grades (current process)

- These are evidence based with the trial exams in April forming a significant part of that evidence
- Quality of work completed this year is also a factor
- Initially, in May, you will be given an internal forecast grade (IFG) which is a conservative estimate of what you might finally achieve
- UCAS draft grades are then produced in June. These are aspirational and are an estimate of best possible grade we believe you can achieve. UCAS grades are finalised in early September. Whilst there is the chance to move up from the initial IFG, we will often go back to the mock result as the key evidence
- Should help to guide you to appropriate courses and universities



Making choices...

The 1-3-1 rule

You are encouraged to consider:

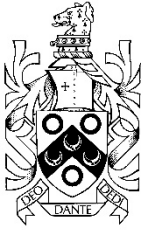
1 Aspirational (slightly above)

3 Solid (as predicted)

1 Safe (below predictions)

With *some* universities showing *some* flexibility at the moment it is fine to put two aspirational choices



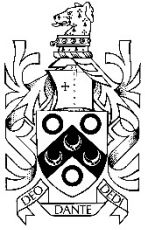


Making choices...

The 1-3-1 rule Example:

Pupil is predicted D3 D3 B (AAB) in Economics Maths and Politics. Standard offers:

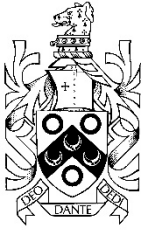
University 1	AAA
University 2	AAB
University 3	AAB
University 4	AAB
University 5	BBB



How do universities make a decision?

- Exam results (GCSEs)
- Predicted grades
- Personal statement
- Reference
- Extra-curricular
- Written work or portfolio
- Admissions Tests
- Interviews





Other UCAS options

- UCAS Extra – February
- Clearing – August
- Adjustment - August
- Post-qualification application
- Gap Year





Applying to study overseas?



UNIVERSITAT DE
BARCELONA



Bocconi



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

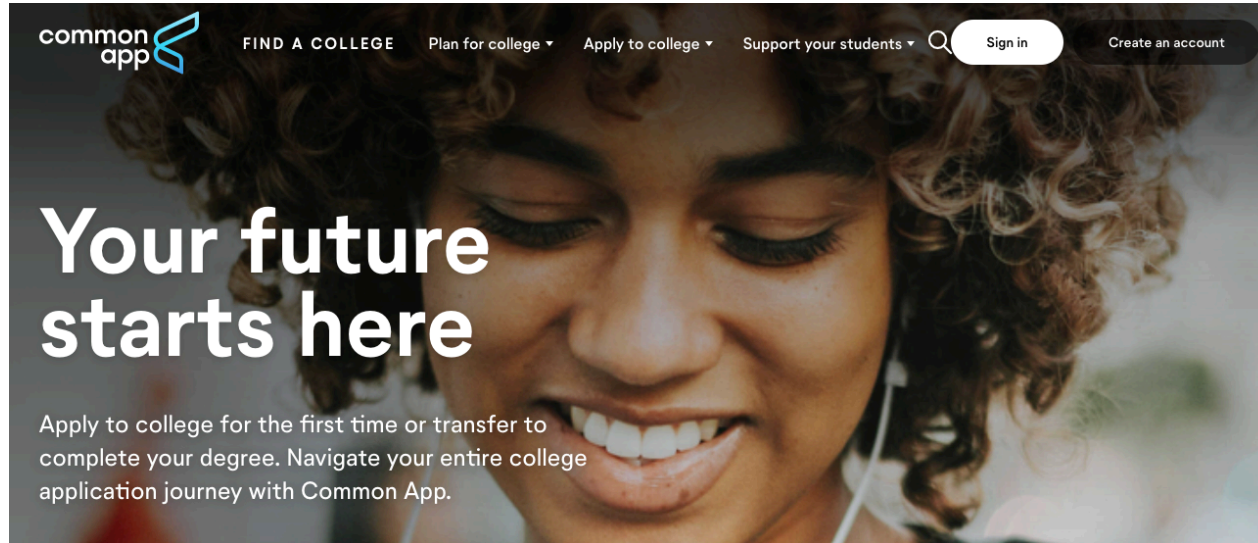


THE UNIVERSITY
OF HONG KONG





USA application



- Used by most US Colleges
- Can apply for as many as you want
- Universities in California are not on Common App
- MIT, Georgetown also not on Common App
- Three references needed for most college –
Housemaster plus two subject teachers



USA Applications

- Common App
- Early Decision – Legally Binding. Not advised for those applying to Oxbridge
- Early Action
- Regular Decision
- Essays
- Recommendations (References)
- Dr Loni Reynolds





Further Advice

- UCAS – www.UCAS.com
- Housemaster and Tutors
- Heads of Department and Subject Beaks
- Master of the Specialists
- Dr Loni Reynolds (USA)
- Exams Office
- Higher Education and Careers

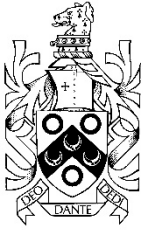




Timetable for OQ

- UCAS
 - Oxbridge, Medicine, Vet Sci – Charterhouse deadline 1st October (UCAS deadline 15th October)
 - All other applications – Charterhouse Deadline 1st November (UCAS deadline 15th January)
- Admissions Tests 3rd November 2021





Deadlines

■ USA

- Early Decision/Early Action –
Charterhouse deadline 1st October
(College deadline around 31st Oct/1st Nov)
- Regular Decision –
Charterhouse Deadline 1st November
(Common App deadline 1st January)





Contacts and further help

<https://www.charterhouse.org.uk/academic/higher-education-careers>



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Higher Education and Careers

At Charterhouse we take great pride in preparing our pupils for the challenges of the next stage of their lives. The world they are moving into is undergoing rapid transformation and the graduate job market is increasingly competitive.

Higher Education and Careers News and Updates



Applying to Universities in the USA - 2020 to 2021

[Watch Dr Reynold's presentation on applying to US Universities](#)

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Applying to Oxford and Cambridge 2020-2021

Read and watch Mr Hazeldine's presentation about applying to Oxford and Cambridge



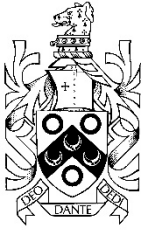
Newsletter for Start of OQ20

[Read the latest news from the Higher Education & Careers Dept](#)



Preparing for University and Life Skills

[Read the HE and Careers Presentation](#)



Contacts and further help

- General HE enquiries -
Careers@charterhouse.org.uk
- Oxbridge enquiries –
Oxbridge@charterhouse.org.uk
- USA applications –
usacollege@charterhouse.org.uk





Charterhouse@home LQ21

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During Charterhouse@Home the HE department will continue to be available for meetings to discuss anything about your applications. You do not need to make an appointment for the drop in sessions - just click the link. You may have to wait in the waiting room if we are speaking to another pupils

UK and European Applications

Drop in Sessions - to discuss anything Higher Education or Careers related

MONDAY

2.30pm Zoom Link [HERE](#)

TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

3.30pm Zoom Link [HERE](#)

WEDNESDAY

3pm Zoom Link [HERE](#)

USA Applications

Dr Reynolds will be available fortnightly for PRE BOOKABLE Meetings. Please email careers@charterhouse.org.uk to make an appointment.

You can make appointments from **12.30pm - 6.30pm** on the following days:

Thursday 28th January

Thursday 11th February



Thank you for listening

