

EARLY APPLICATION PROCESS – Oxbridge and Medicine/Vets/Dentists

Every year, Denbigh Sixth Form supports students through successful applications to Oxford and Cambridge Universities as well as to Medicine and associated courses – all of which require an early UCAS application, with a non-negotiable deadline of 1800hrs on October 15th.

Oxford and Cambridge applications are academic-focused and extremely competitive. Students must be able to demonstrate an academic awareness and curiosity that goes beyond the classroom, as well as academic excellence in school.

Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry applications are also extremely competitive, and students need to show that they are fully aware of the demands of their chosen profession, both through having successfully completed some work experience and through competitive scores in UCAT or BMAT tests (although some Universities do not require either test to be sat)

Successful early applicants will have interviews as part of the application process.

Oxford and Cambridge applications	Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry applications.
<p>Students can only apply to EITHER Oxford OR Cambridge, not both.</p> <p>Applications are generally to a specific college at the University, selected after careful consideration. However, if students are unable to decide upon a college, they can make an 'open' application at no disadvantage to their chances.</p> <p>There are up to 7 pieces of information that are used in this process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GCSE scores – a suite of GCSEs Grade 7 and higher is usual (most will be 8s and 9s). 2. Personal statement – student must demonstrate academic interest and wider reading 3. School statement – school will mention ranking in subjects/year groups, any external competitions entered for, etc. 4. Interview – Oxford interview 50% of applicants, Cambridge 70%. Interviews have been online for past few years. Usually two interviewers. Academic-focused, designed to show students ability to think critically and independently. 5. Contextual data – school location, school success in previous applications 6. Any written work submitted prior to interview or as part of the application process. 7. Performance in any written assessment. <p>No part of an application is considered in isolation.</p> <p>However, this is a VERY competitive process – you need to have all aspects covered.</p>	<p>GCSE grades are VERY important – 6s are required in English and Maths.</p> <p>All applications go through UCAS. Students apply for up to 4 courses, leaving one space spare for an alternative course choice (if required)</p> <p>General requirements are three A grades at A Level, attained in one sitting.</p> <p>1 subject (at least) is expected to be a lab-based science (usually Chemistry) but most require a second science (some will include Psychology). Some providers want A Level Maths as well (please check specific courses)</p> <p>There are a number of different routes into Medicine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standard Entry Medicine = 5 years (can be 6) 2. Graduate Entry Medicine = min 2:1 degree in a health-related subject. Usually 4-year accelerated. 3. Medicine with a Preliminary (Foundation) Year = 6 years; for students who didn't take the required subjects. Needs three A grades in one sitting (min) <p>EPQs can be very useful – they won't count in the grade requirements but can be an opportunity for a student to really demonstrate awareness and interest in the medical field.</p>

For Medicine courses, please be aware that some providers will expect high scores in either the UCAT or BMAT tests. Further information can be found at this link: [Entry requirements for 2024 start | Medical Schools Council \(medschools.ac.uk\)](https://www.medschools.ac.uk/entry-requirements-for-2024-start/)

Tests take place at different times in the year and students are expected to enter themselves for these tests, privately. UCAT will be sat at the local Pearson Assessment Centre, BMAT will be sat in school.