

7th Sept 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below a reminder of the UCAS process for students wishing to apply to university in Sept 18:

Essentially, UCAS enables pupils to submit their applications to university, online, from September 2017. UCAS deadlines for the final submission of applications are then **15th October (a Sunday) 2017** for Oxbridge, medical, veterinary science and dentistry students and **15th January 2018** for all other applications. However, it is important to note that an increasing number of universities will offer places on a 'first come, first served' basis. Therefore, the earlier your child applies to university, the more likely they are to secure a place at their preferred institution.

With this in mind, we would appreciate your support in encouraging them to adhere to **the school's deadlines** for the submission of UCAS applications. They are as follows:

Oxbridge, Medical, Veterinary and Dentistry applicants: 15th September 2017

All other applicants: 29th September 2017

All applications should be completed online at www.ucas.com (this includes completing all sections, paying for and sending off the application, which then comes to the school to check and add predicted grades and a reference online) by the school's required dates in order to give us time to process them, collate subject reports and write their accompanying references before the final UCAS deadlines.

Please also remember that some courses require admissions tests such as ELAT, BMAT and UKCAT; pupils should spend time practising for them in advance. **The Exams Officer should be notified ASAP of any admissions tests required at debrawatkins@chepstowschool.net. Please note that a number of admissions tests this year fall in half term, so please ensure that holidays are avoided where necessary.** Debra Watkins has more information on this.

Pupils are able to register to use the UCAS website using the school's buzzword, **chepstow18** and will be able to track the progress of their applications online. A reminder that Form Tutors are responsible for checking all personal statements and UCAS applications online before they are submitted, so it is imperative that your son/daughter attends all registration sessions. Mrs Gosling, heathergosling@chepstowschool.net, can also offer further UCAS support if required, and is working to ensure that Seren and other Oxbridge, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine students realise their early deadline of 15th September. Form tutor lists can be found here:

<http://www.chepstowschool.net/Sixth-form-centre/whos-who/Monnow-House-Staff>

Kind regards,

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