

## UCAS & our PSE Programme at St Thomas of Aquin's HS

Most S6 PSE lessons between June and the October Holiday will be dedicated to completing the UCAS application process where you will:

- *Research your preferred university course(s) and entrance requirements. There is an extensive selection of books based in the school library and on-line resources used for this purpose.*
- *Decide which Open Days you want to attend*
- *Attend workshops delivered by External Agency Speakers including presentations on 'LEAPS', Stewart Ivory Finance and Skills Development Scotland.*

## Key Dates for 2021 Entry and Deferred 2022 Entry

<b>June 2020</b>	In-School support to begin UCAS applications and prepare personal statements.
<b>June 2020</b>	UCAS Apply 2021 opens – need school 'buzz' word to register ( <b>StThomasAquins2021</b> ) – case sensitive and all one word
<b>July/August 2020</b>	Gain relevant work experience vital for pupils applying to any medical, dental or veterinary course, law or teaching related subjects.
<b>June – October 2020</b>	Structured lessons during PSE programme
<b>September 2020</b>	Pupils to approach teaching staff and request academic references. Following agreement to provide a reference nominated staff names to be given to your Pupil support Leader.
<b>Sept – Oct 2020</b>	Most Open Day visits take place at this time. Arrange Open Days to take place in the evening or on a Saturday where possible.
<b>Early July 2020</b>	<i>UK CAT Testing begins. Go to <a href="http://www.ukcat.ac.uk">www.ukcat.ac.uk</a> to register and book a test for the 26 University Medical &amp; Dental Schools which require this test as part of their admission process. The deadline for sitting the CAT Test is early October 2020. CAT Test fee is £75. Registration for UKCAT opened 1<sup>st</sup> July and closes 30<sup>th</sup> September.</i>
<b>Early September 2020</b>	<i>LNAT testing begins (Law Students at some Universities). If applying to Oxbridge, pupils are required to sit the LNAT by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at the latest. Registration for LNAT opened 1<sup>st</sup> August. See <a href="http://www.lnat.ac.uk/registration/">http://www.lnat.ac.uk/registration/</a> for specific dates and instructions. Test costs £50.</i>
<b>4th Sept 2020</b>	Applications can start to be submitted to UCAS.

<b>Wb 7 September 2020</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> draft of Personal Statement for Early Entries (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Oxbridge handed into the relevant Guidance Teacher. <b><i>Pupils are encouraged to hand drafts in as soon as possible.</i></b>
<b>30 September 2020</b>	<i>Deadline for registration for UKCAT exam (Medical &amp; Dental Schools). Pupils should register as early as possible to be assured of a slot.</i>
<b>Wb 28 September 2020</b>	Final draft of Personal Statement for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Oxbridge submitted to Guidance Teachers.
<b>Early- Mid October 2020</b>	<i>Deadline for registration for BMAT (Medical, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine), ELAT (English Literature Admission Test) &amp; TSA (Thinking Skills Assessment exams)</i>
<b>1 October 2020</b>	<i>Last testing date for UKCAT testing</i>
<b>Wb 12 Oct 2020</b>	School deadline to send applications to Pupil Support for Oxbridge, Vet Med, Medicine and/or Dentistry by this final deadline date (15 October is during the October break). <b>You are reminded to send completed applications as soon as possible.</b>
<b>15 October 2020</b>	Application deadline <b>(6:00pm)</b> for all courses at the University of Cambridge and University of Oxford for 2021 entry. Application deadline for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine & Veterinary Science for 2021 entry.
<b>Wb. 28 September 2020</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> draft of personal statement to be submitted to Guidance Teacher. <b><i>Pupils are encouraged to hand drafts in as soon as possible.</i></b>
<b>W.b. 26 October 2020</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and final draft of Personal Statement to be submitted to Guidance Teacher
<b>4 November 2020</b>	<i>BMAT, TSA &amp; ELAT exams and other Oxbridge Assessments. These assessments will usually be sat in school (but applicants should make sure they are aware of where tests will take place).</i>
<b>From 23 Nov 2020</b>	All UCAS applications should be submitted for final check by Pupil Support Leader. Applications will be sent as soon as checks are complete, subject teacher references and predicted grades are received and online payment made
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>	School deadline for UCAS applications

<b>15 January 2021</b>	UCAS Deadline for on time applications to be guaranteed equal academic consideration. <b>Deadline time is 6:00pm.</b> Applications (including some Art and Design courses) received after this date, but before 30 June, will be considered as late, and universities are not obliged to consider applications they receive (popular courses may not have vacancies after this date)
<b>25 February 2021</b>	Start of Extra service. Applicants who have used all five choices and do not hold any offers can refer themselves through UCAS Extra for the first time
<b>31 March 2021</b>	Applicants prior to 15 January should have received decisions from all institutions
<b>Early May 2021</b>	Students should have selected their firm and insurance choices. Any outstanding choices will be made unsuccessful on the student's behalf.
<b>30 June 2021</b>	Application deadline (extra service) for immediate consideration for 2021 entry: after this, applications will be held for Clearing.
<b>Early August 2021</b>	SQA results are published Clearing vacancy information service starts