

Year 12 University Applications and Apprenticeships

Information Evening FAQs

If I want to take a gap year, how do I apply during my gap year?
<i>An ex-student can contact us in September and let us know that they wish to apply during their gap year. We will support them in the same way as a present student, and expect them to meet the same deadlines. We will provide them with a 'buzzword' which they enter on their application to connect their application to King Alfred's, and we can then add our reference and confirm their grades.</i>
Do students get support with their Personal Statements before submitting them?
<i>Yes, we will provide general guidance on writing statements in PSHE sessions. Draft statements can be shared with Mrs Stokell for general feedback on structure. We advise students to also share their statement with the most relevant subject teacher who will give advice on the subject content of the statement. We do not encourage students to share their statement with multiple people as this generates a large amount of feedback, which can become overwhelming and unhelpful.</i>
When are university open days?
<i>They run during the summer term and the autumn term. Many universities offer open days in both terms. We would encourage students to focus on attending during the summer term as the autumn term is a lot busier in school.</i>
Is there a central point of information regarding open days?
<i>The best central sources of information on Open days is www.opendays.com</i>
Can students have a day off to go to an Open day?
<i>Yes, we would like an email from parents confirming their absence request to sixthform@kas.cambrianlt.org In the build up to their mocks we would prefer if absences were kept to a minimum, and that students do not miss any of their mocks exams in the week commencing 30 June.</i>
Do I have to pay to submit my application?
<i>Yes, UCAS charge a fee of £29.50. Students must pay directly onto the website. This is not paid via King Alfred's. Student who are on FSM do not have to pay.</i>
Is there a deadline for applying for an apprenticeship?
<i>Each company offering an apprenticeship will advertise them at different times, however, the main time is approximately from December through to May. Most apprenticeships start in September.</i>
If my child is definitely not going to university do they still have to register with UCAS?
<i>We encourage all students to register with UCAS as many will change their minds during Year 13, or during their gap year. They can register without paying the fee.</i>