

U6 Tutorial Pathways

What are U6 tutorial pathways?

Next academic year you will follow an Upper Sixth tutorial pathway. This means you will be in a tutor group that will support you in preparing for what you want to do after you have left Reigate College. Regardless of what pathway you are on all of you will complete common sessions on aspects of the pastoral curriculum that do not relate to Careers. Your tutor will still be the person to go to in the first instance if you have any concerns or worries.

Each pathway is outlined in this booklet. Please read this information carefully before replying to the survey you have been sent a link to by **Friday 3 July**.

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UCAS

Who is this pathway for?

- Students who know they definitely want to apply for university – either to start straight after college or for deferred entry

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- You should have used Unifrog to create a short list of universities you are interested in applying for
- You should have used the advice given on Progression Day and tools on Unifrog to draft a personal statement
- You will ideally have attended some virtual open days
- You should have completed any necessary work experience

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Help with finalising your course choices and your personal statement
- Advice on replying to offers
- Sessions to prepare you for aspects of university life such as living independently and student finance

What should I do if I think I might want to apply for apprenticeships as well as making a UCAS application?

- If you are **likely** to make a UCAS application please choose this pathway. If you decide to also apply for apprenticeships there will be lunchtime sessions in Careers that you can attend on preparing apprenticeship applications.

Apprenticeship and employment

Who is this pathway for?

- Students who know they do not want to apply to university and are looking at apprenticeships, college leavers' schemes or other direct employment.

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- You should have used Unifrog to research your options and registered with <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- You should have used the advice given on Progression Day and tools on Unifrog to draft a CV
- You should have completed a period of work experience or had another experience of the workplace

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Advice on researching opportunities
- Help with CV writing
- Advice on writing covering letters and linking an application to a person/job specification
- Help developing interview skills
- Sessions on preparing for living independently

What should I do if I think I might want to make a UCAS application as well as applying for apprenticeships or other employment?

- If you are **mostly** interested in applying for apprenticeships and other employment then please choose this pathway. If you later decide to also apply to universities there will be lunchtime sessions in Careers that you can attend on making a UCAS application.

Oxbridge

Who is this pathway for?

- Students who wish to apply for Oxford or Cambridge universities.

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- Making sure that you have fully researched the content of the course you wish to apply for
- Attending virtual open days
- Completing a range of activities to demonstrate your academic interest in the subject you are applying for.
- You should be refining/finalising your personal statement (the final deadline for this will be Friday 18 September)
- Downloading and practicing relevant admissions assessments

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Help finalising your personal statement
- Guidance on registering for admissions tests and submitting written work if required
- A subject mentor
- Help preparing for interview

- Mock interviews
- Advice on replying to offers
- Sessions to prepare you for aspects of university life such as living independently and student finance

Please note the following:

Students who want to join this pathway will need to be predicted a **minimum** of 3 A grades or equivalent (eg A*, A, B) at A level.

Most subjects require students to sit a pre interview admissions assessment, most of which are sat in college. This year these take place on 30 October, which is during half term.

MVD

Who is this pathway for?

- Students wishing to apply for Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry at university

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- Ensuring you have completed sufficient work experience – see university websites and seek advice from Liz Sanders if you are unsure about what is required – but we are aware that this will be different to previous years, following cancellation of many opportunities
- Making sure that you have fully researched the content of the course you wish to apply for
- Attending virtual open days
- Completing a range of activities to demonstrate your academic interest in the subject you are applying for.
- You should be refining/finalising your personal statement (the final deadline for this will be Friday 18 September)
- Downloading and practicing relevant admissions assessments

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Help finalising your personal statement
- Guidance on registering for and completing admissions tests
- Help preparing for interviews, including MMIs
- Mock interviews
- Advice on replying to offers
- Sessions to prepare you for aspects of university life such as living independently and student finance

NB: Students wishing to join this pathway will need Chemistry A level. They should have minimum predicted grades of AAB and should have been attending MVD society.

Law

Who is this pathway for?

Students who know they definitely want to apply for a Law course at university, or a Law apprenticeship

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- You should have used Unifrog to create short list of universities you are interested in applying for and/or registered with <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- You should have used the advice given on Progression Day and tools on Unifrog to draft a personal statement and/or CV

- Ideally you should have completed a period of work experience or had an experience of the workplace. This could be visiting a court. We recognise however that this may not have been possible this year.

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Sessions from the University of Law on making a competitive application
- LNAT preparation
- Help with finalising your course choices and your personal statement
- Advice on replying to offers
- Sessions to prepare you for aspects of university life such as living independently and student finance

Performing Arts

Who is this pathway for?

- Students wishing to apply for a course in Performing Arts – these could include Music, Drama, Dance or Theatre studies courses at university, Drama schools or Conservatoires.
- Depending on student numbers students will be put into more specialised groupings within this pathway.

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- You should have spoken to relevant subject staff about your options and researched them yourself
- You should have used Unifrog, UCAS and other relevant websites to create a short list of universities and/or colleges or conservatoires you are interested in applying for
- Researched / prepared audition material (solo work)
- Considered additional technique classes
- You should have used the advice given on Progression Day and tools on Unifrog to draft a personal statement
- You will ideally have attended some virtual open days

You should have completed any necessary work experience

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Help preparing for auditions
- Help with finalising your course choices and your personal statement
- Advice on replying to offers
- Sessions to prepare you for aspects of university life such as living independently and student finance

Visual Arts

Who is this pathway for?

- Students wishing to apply for courses in the visual arts. These could include Art History, Fine Art, Fashion, Photography and Film or Media studies courses at university. Also Art Foundation courses.
- Depending on student numbers students will be put into more specialised groupings within this pathway.

What should I be doing over the summer to prepare for this pathway?

- You should have spoken to relevant subject staff about your options and researched them yourself
- You should have used Unifrog, UCAS and other relevant websites to create a short list of universities and/or colleges or art schools you are interested in applying for

- You should have used the advice given on Progression Day and tools on Unifrog to draft a personal statement and started to put together a portfolio if required.
- You will ideally have attended some virtual open days

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Help with finalising your course choices and your personal statement
- Help preparing a portfolio if applicable
- Sessions from the University of the Creative Arts on making a competitive application for visual arts courses
- Advice on replying to offers
- Sessions to prepare you for aspects of university life such as living independently and student finance

U6 tutorial pathway FAQs

Will I have the same tutor?

- You may have a different tutor next year, but we will try and limit the number of students this applies to.

When will I find out what tutorial pathway I am on?

- The vast majority of students will be accommodated on the Pathway they choose. We will inform you by 16 July at the latest if you do not have a place on your chosen pathway.

How will I get to know my new tutor and tutor group?

- You will be put into your upper sixth tutorial pathway tutor groups for upper sixth introduction day, which will give you a chance to bond with your new tutor group and tutor.

I think I might want to apply for University but am also considering employment options, which pathway should I choose?

- If you think it is likely you will want to make a UCAS application to apply for university please choose the UCAS pathway. There will be lunchtime sessions run by Careers on CV writing, preparing for interviews and assessment centres that you can attend to help you with any apprenticeship or other employment opportunities you decide to apply for.

If I choose the Apprenticeship and Employment pathway does this mean I cannot apply to university?

- The help you get in tutorial on the Apprenticeship and Employment pathway will be about applying for apprenticeships or other employment. However if you decide to also apply to university there will be lunchtime sessions run in Careers to help you with your UCAS application.

What if I change my mind about which pathway I want to be on?

- If you change your mind over the summer holidays you need to attend the tutor group that will be on your timetable for upper sixth induction day, and there will be an opportunity at the end of the day to indicate that you wish to change tutor groups.