

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 selecting your preferred Pathway in the Careers section of your portal by **Friday 24 June**.

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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 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 23 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 (e.g. A*, A, B) at A level.

If you wish to join this pathway you will need to attend a meeting to find out what you need to do over the summer to prepare. You will be given details of this meeting in tutorial.

Many subjects require students to sit a pre interview admissions assessment, most of which are sat in college. This year these take place on **Wednesday 2 November**.

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
- Making sure that you have fully researched the content of the course you wish to apply for
- Attending 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 multiple mini interviews (MMIs)
- 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 wishing to join this pathway will need Chemistry A level. They should have minimum predicted grades of AAA (for Medicine and Dentistry) or AAB (for Veterinary Science students, or those who meet widening participation criteria, such as having been eligible for Free School Meals or first generation in their family to go to university). They will probably have been attending MVD society. If you are considering applying for the MVD Pathway but do not meet these criteria please e mail careers@reigate.ac.uk.

If you wish to join this pathway you will need to attend the MVD session on Progression Day to find out what you need to do over the summer to prepare.

Careers in Health Pathway

Who is this pathway for?

- Students wishing to apply for Allied Health courses such as Physiotherapy, Nursing, Midwifery or Paramedic Science 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 Careers if you are unsure about what is required
- Making sure that you have fully researched the content of the course you wish to apply for
- Attending 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

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Help finalising your personal statement
- Help reflecting on work experience and preparing for 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 wishing to join this pathway will need to be studying one or more of the following

- Chemistry, Biology or Psychology A level
- Health and Social Care or Applied Human Biology BTEC

You do not have to have been on the Careers in Health Pathway in the lower sixth year to join this pathway.

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.

What support will I get on this pathway?

- Sessions from the University of Law on making a competitive UCAS application to study Law
- Information about apprenticeship opportunities in Law
- The opportunity to attend the law national aptitude test (LNAT) preparation session
- 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 and timetabling constraints students may 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 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 and timetabling constraints students may 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 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?

- Tutor specialisms and timetabling constraints do mean you may have a different tutor next year.

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 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 join your upper sixth tutorial pathway tutor groups for Upper Sixth re-enrolment morning 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.

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

- If you change your mind over the summer holidays there will be an opportunity to request to change your pathway in September