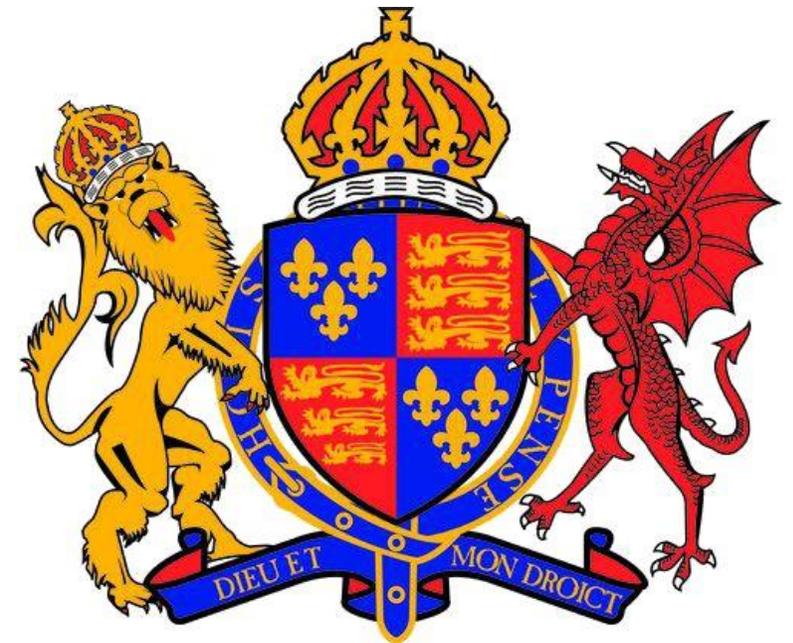
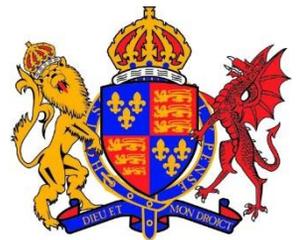


# Higher Education Evening for parents

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2021



- The application process
- Predicted grades
- Personal statement
- Admissions tests
- Key dates and timings
- The non-university route
- Q&A



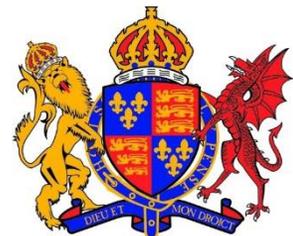
HE sessions in FS  
Research courses & universities  
Careers lunches  
Unifair – January 31st  
HE Parents Evening – March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Careers and HE talks

Registration onto UCAS Apply  
Complete sections of the UCAS form  
Workshops on writing your CV and  
Personal Statement  
(Visits to university Open Days)  
Careers and HE talks  
Work place Interviews  
(Careers Fair – May 14<sup>th</sup>)  
Careers Day – July 8<sup>th</sup>

Sit A Level exams  
Collect results in August from KES  
Clearing?  
Head off to university in Autumn!

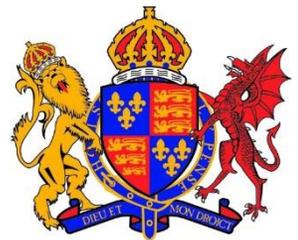
Finalise choice of courses & universities  
Submit UCAS form (5 choices)  
Sit additional admissions tests  
Go for interviews  
Receive offers from chosen universities

Receive offers  
Accept offers  
Narrow down to choice of 2  
Sort out student finance  
Sort out university accommodation



# Headline Stats

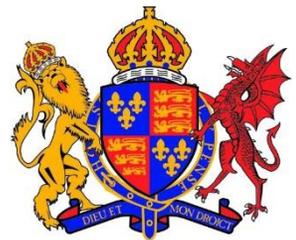
- Last year's leavers:
  - 99% offered places at uni
  - 92% achieved top 25 or UK medical school offers
  - 89% gained places at their first or second choice uni
  - 28% opted to take a Gap Year
- This year's UVI:
  - Other than some medics – most have now received offers
  - Much tougher at the top end – following an 18% increase in applications this year. Covid-related?



# Popular University Choices

Bath	Imperial	Oxford Brookes
Birmingham	Kings College London	Sheffield
Bristol	Leeds	Southampton
Cambridge	Loughborough	St Andrews
Cardiff	LSE	Surrey
Durham	Manchester	Sussex
Edinburgh	Nottingham	UCL
Exeter	Oxford	Warwick

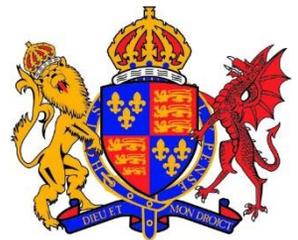
Plus: Specialist Medical Schools and Art Colleges



# GAP Year or not?



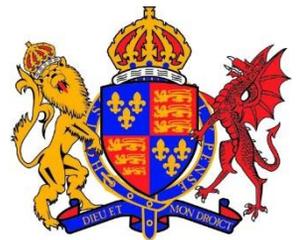
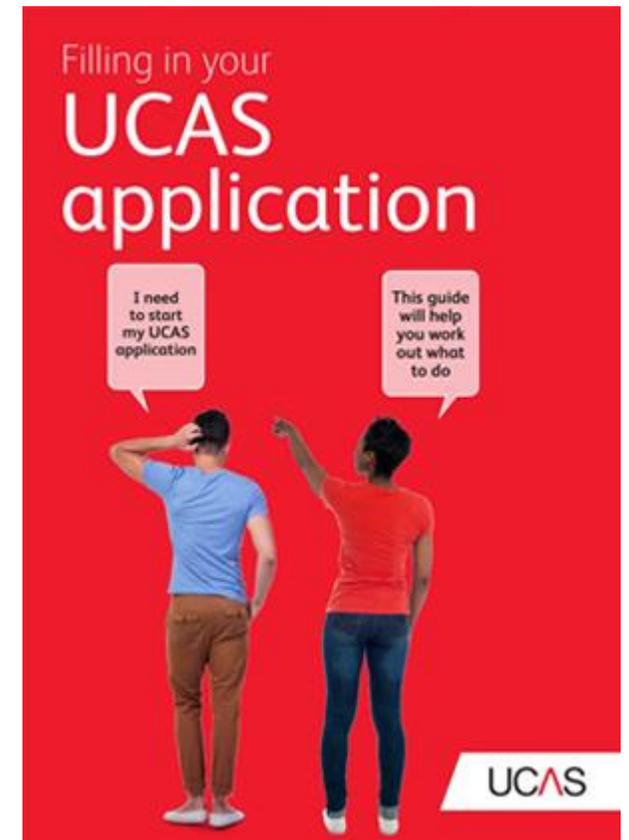
- Approx 70-80% will apply this year for a uni place in 2022
- Be realistic and ready or make a Post Qualification Application (PQA)
- Once they know their A Level results
- In the Autumn after they've left KES
- Means taking a GAP Year (entry into Uni 2023)
- Pros/Cons
- Deferred entry (apply in 2021 for place in 2023)



# Applying to UK universities

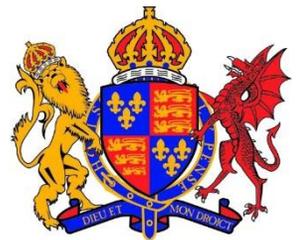
- Complete on-line application form – UCAS APPLY
- UCAS grades (predicted)
- Qualifications
- Course choice
- Personal Statement
- Reference
- Personal details, work, student finance

- Accurate, error-free, truthful
- SEN



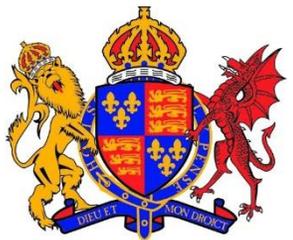
# UCAS Grades - Predicted

- Half term in Summer Term
- Based largely on internal LVI exam results
- “On a good day with a fair wind”
- Split grades eg A/B or B/A
- Top grade goes to UCAS
- On UCAS form and seen by universities
  
- Non-negotiable
- Period of review
  
- EPQ



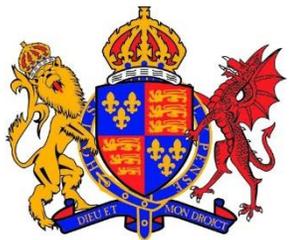
# Course & University Choices

- Can pick 5  
(only 4 for Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science) + 1
- Oxford or Cambridge
  
- 1 aspirational
- 2 or 3 on-prediction
- 1 or 2 below prediction
- Somewhere they want to go

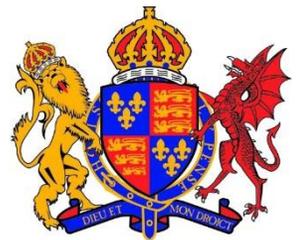


# Personal Statement

- 4000 characters
- ‘Sell’ themselves and stand out without sounding arrogant
- Language formal, avoiding jokes, clichés and quotes
- Enthusiastic, concise and natural
- 80% academic, 20% co-curricular
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation must be correct

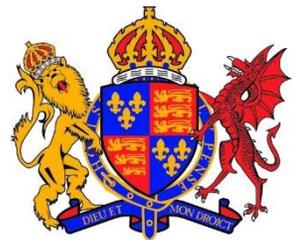


- Same personal statement for all courses
  - Why are they applying for this course?
  - What makes them suitable?
  - Structured to reflect skills and qualities the universities want
- Start late summer term & complete early Autumn term
- Draft, re-draft and proofread...
- Checked and approved by Tutors



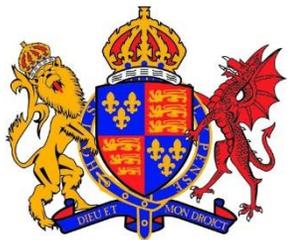
# Reference

- Written by Tutors
- Material collated from subject teachers
- Supportive



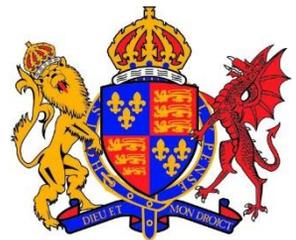
# Process, Checks and Submission

- Personal statements and UCAS forms checked by Tutor
- Student pays on-line - 'sends' to Tutor
- Tutor adds Reference and UCAS Grades
- Whole application is checked by LSDM or NDC (Oxbridge)
- Sent to UCAS
- UCAS forwards to universities individually



# Timings

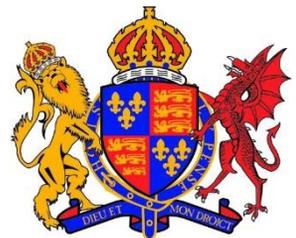
- KES internal deadlines earlier than UCAS deadlines
- Oxbridge and Medics, Dentists and Vets – to tutors by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**
- Everybody else – to tutors **week before half term**
  
- Forms sent to UCAS ASAP
- Maximum 10 working days
- No processing during half term
- We close UCAS the week before Christmas



# Additional University Admissions Tests

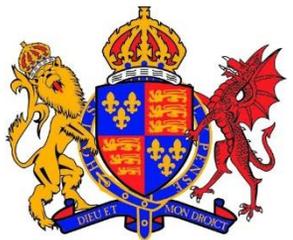
- BMAT            Medicine, some Biomed, Dentistry
- UCAT            Medicine
- LNAT            Law
- CAT             Classics
- HAT             History
- ELAT            English
- PAT             Physics
- TSA             PPE and other subjects
- MAT             Mathematics
- MLAT            Modern Foreign Languages
- OLAT            Oriental Studies, Theology
- STEP            Cambridge maths

Advance warning – Oxbridge entrance exams and BMAT take place during half term in Autumn



# Interviews

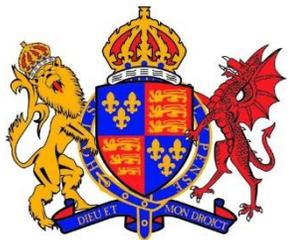
- Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Vets
- Teachers, nurses, physiotherapists, other therapists
- Creative subjects - portfolios
- Practice interviews, Question bank
- Oxbridge in December
- Others mainly Spring Term



# Offers

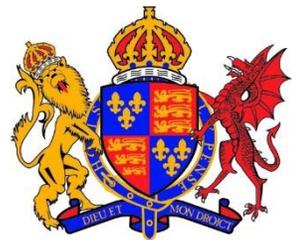
Received from Autumn Term – late Spring Term

- Unconditional
- Conditional – grades eg: ABB or UCAS points eg: 128
- Rejection
- Offers ‘with strings attached’



# Accepting offers

- Don't have to decide until all offers received
- Final two choices: Firm and Insurance
- Decline all other offers
  
- Usually CF demands higher grades than CI
- CI should be a 'real' insurance

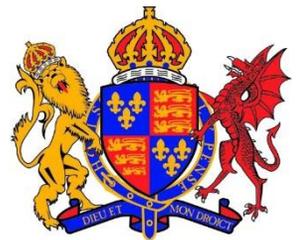


# Accommodation & finance



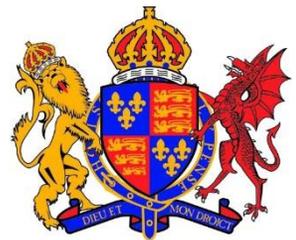
- Can apply for finance before all offers are received
- Deadline after course starts
- School not involved in student finance
- Research scholarships and sponsorships

Apply for accommodation after accepting offers



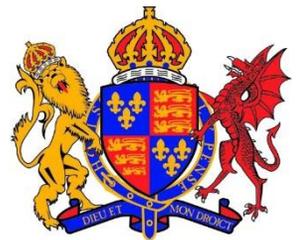
# Results Day (and post results clinic)

- Often know whether been accepted before they know results
- Get grades for CF – then go to that Uni
- Miss grades for CF but get them for CI – then go this Uni instead
- ‘Clearing’
- ‘Adjustment’
- Take GAP year and re-apply
- Results day and day after
- One-to-one advice



# What is 'Clearing'?

- UCAS system that allows students to:
  - Find unis that offer their course and still have spaces
  - Students contact them, 'sell' themselves and secure a place
- When to use Clearing:
  - Don't make the grades for either Firm or Insurance
  - No offers
  - Didn't apply – but do better than expected
- On results day - a little stressful...
- But avoids an un-planned Gap Year

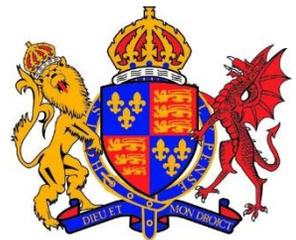


# Other Avenues

- Apprenticeships
  - Advanced – Level 3: 2 x A Levels
  - Higher – Level 4 and 5: Qualifications or Foundation degree
  - Degree – Level 6 and 7: Bachelors or Masters degree
- Art College or Conservatoire
- Studying abroad
- Straight to work – no higher education

Earn while you Learn  
and become an

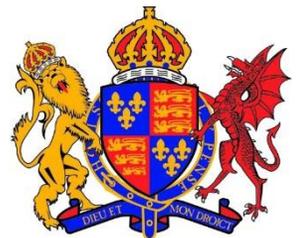
APPRENTICE



- Different application processes
- Timings vary
- Can apply for both apprenticeships and Uni
- Can apply to non-UK and UK unis
- Degree apprenticeship = competitive
  - No central process
  - Apply through company
  - Psychometric tests, interviews, applicant days, presentations
  - But no tuition fees, earn a salary, spend some time at Uni and get same degree
- Resources available
- Individual support

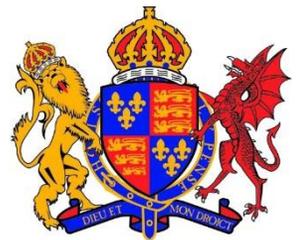
# Open Days

- To be confirmed but KES usually organises trips to:
  - Bath
  - Bristol
  - Cambridge
  - Exeter
  - Oxford
- Coach trip, student plus one, cost approx. £15 - £30 per ticket
- Pay on KESPay, students need to book individual lectures on-line at Uni websites
- If not allowed (Covid) then do on-line tours – see Unifrog, Uni websites, Google Classroom



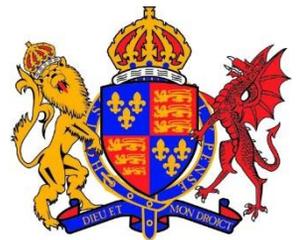
# Higher Education & Careers Team

- Mr Culver (NDC) – Oxbridge
- Mrs Millar (LSDM) – Medics, vets, dentists and all others
- Mr Hyder (JEH) – GAP and foreign universities
- Olwen (OMP) – Careers advice and work experience
- KJ (KJ) – Open days and administration
  
- Plus VI Form Tutor



# To do list for students:

- Interested in an apprenticeship? – sign up list with KJ
- Interested in studying overseas? – attend lunchtime meeting today
- Think they might have to do an admissions test? – attend relevant lunchtime talk:
  - UCAT - Monday 15<sup>th</sup>
  - LNAT - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Oxbridge tests – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - BMAT – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>
- Want some work experience? – find opportunities on google classroom
- Want some careers advice? – see Olwen (OMP) or sign up with KJ
- Want to talk about GAP years? – see Mr Hyder (JEH)
- Continue researching courses/unis/apprenticeships on Unifrog



Any Questions?

