

Getting on at A2

Start the year as you mean to go on

- Talk to subject staff and agree any retake AS modules and when you are going to take them
- Plan the year ahead
- Sort out your regular work slots using your free time effectively
- Read around your class topics – be ahead of the game!!!!

UCAS

- Decision time – apply for 2011/apply deferred entry 2012/ no application
- What course?
- Where?
- We can help – but you **HAVE** to research and make your own decisions

Dates

- Completed applications to UCAS by Oct 15th for Oxford/Cambridge/Medicine/Vet/Dentistry
- Post 16 centre would like all other Ucas applications to be completed and sent to tutors for references and checking by end of October.
- UCAS deadline is Jan 15th – too late for competitive courses

Personal statements

- Why do you want to study this subject to degree level?
- Show some passion and thought about your degree choice
- Write about all 3 A2 subjects, and what you enjoy from them and their relevance to your chosen courses
- Include a section about your in school and out of school activities and interests focusing on personal qualities/skills you have developed
- Finally – career ideas and what you would bring to the course

Get advice about your statement

- Make a draft
- Share with tutor
- Redraft
- Share with teachers/ parents
- Agree final version

Completing your Application

- Work with your tutor to complete application and finalise your personal statement
- Payment is by card only - £21
- Once you have paid and had your application checked by your tutor eg. make certain that your AS subjects are separate from your A2 ones, and that your fee code is 02, Bristol.
- If you are resitting a module, your grade should be pending.
- Send to your referee.

Reference

- Your tutor compiles your reference, using your subject staff comments and your predicted grades.
- They will start the reference with an explanation of North Bristol Post 16 Centre and your previous school.
- The end of the reference will include some comments about your time at the centre and activities you have been involved in.
- Tell your tutor if there is something important that you wish to be included in your reference.

What happens after we have sent your form off

- You will get confirmation that UCAS has received your form and will be sending it off to your university choices. Keep your ID number safe.
- Get a folder/file together to keep all paperwork from UCAS and Universities
- Record your tracker details

Offers/rejections

- By end of March/ April you will have received either offers or rejections
- At this point you will be asked to select one firm offer as your first choice and a second (Lower offer) as your insurance offer

UCAS extra

- This operates from Feb to June
- If you have received 5 rejections or have changed your mind about your course and have decided to reject all 5 offers you might have – at this point you can re-write your personal statement and reapply to any university that still has degree course places

Results day August 18th

- Please be in Bristol on this day

Clearing

- Immediately after results are out August 18th, clearing starts.
- This is when universities with spaces match up with students who want to go to university in sept/oct 2011
- More students wanted to go to uni than there were places in 2010 – some will be applying for 2011

Be successful

- Work hard
- Plan your time/ job/ social life/ school work
- Plan your future
- Apply to UCAS
- Gap year – plan
- If you don't want to apply to uni, work on an excellent CV for future job opportunities
- Use your tutor, post 16 team, teachers, parents