



How does Denbigh support students through the UCAS process?

Students are provided with support at all stages of the application process. Sixth Form mentors will help the students with redrafting their personal statements, write the school reference and check that all aspects of the application process are completed before submitting. Students will also receive advice about alternatives to University, such as apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

When does the UCAS process start?

It is never too soon to start exploring options and doing some research into Universities. Many Sixth Formers will have looked at university courses before deciding upon their A Level subject choice.

However, the official Sixth Form UCAS will begin in the first week of July of Year 12. Parents will be invited to an evening event to help explain the whole process to them as well.

Do many Denbigh students go to University ?

Denbigh has an excellent record of helping students get to University. Approximately, three quarters of the Year group apply each year and, of those, the vast majority will get places at a University of their choice.

What about the top universities? Do Denbigh students get in to Oxbridge?

In the UK, the Russell Group is a group of 24 of the leading UK Universities. They are characterised by their research-heavy approach and include Oxford and Cambridge.

Of last year's Year 13s, 3 students took up places at Oxford and Cambridge, 2 went to Durham, 2 to Imperial College, London, 3 to UCL and 1 to LSE.

What if I want to do Medicine (or Dentistry, or Veterinary Science)?

Medicine is the most competitive of all university courses. Students need to be predicted at least AAA from their three A Levels. We had three students from last year's Year 13s who have started their Medicine course this September and one Veterinary Science student who begins her course in January 2021.

Applications for Medicine must be made by October 15th each year. This year has seen a number of students meet this deadline and we look forward to them receiving offers in due course.

What if I don't want to go to University?

Denbigh actively supports all students in their choices for post-Sixth Form life. We organise trips to Apprenticeship and Employment Fayres and work closely with the Careers Adviser to invite speakers from a variety of careers to come and meet the Sixth Formers.

Will I be able to speak to ex-Denbigh students about their experiences?

Yes. As part of UCAS Day in July, we always invite a number of Denbigh alumni in to school to speak to the Sixth Form. In the past, we have welcomed back some of our Oxbridge students, medics, lawyers, engineers and students studying a variety of other courses in a variety of different universities.

The Denbigh Alumni also pay regular visits to speak to students during the academic year. Recent visits have come from an investment banker working in Frankfurt, Scientists and a couple of entrepreneurs.

What if I want to have a Gap Year before going to University?

Gap Years are worthwhile if they are productive and allow for personal or academic development. You can apply for deferred entry to University whilst in Sixth Form or apply for University after you have left school and taken your gap year. If you chose the latter option, Denbigh will continue to provide the support and guidance for UCAS if you get in touch.