



EARLY ENTRY PROJECT SUMMER 2026

Aim: To begin to explore the requirements and options of early entry routes.

Who: Anyone interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge Universities (Oxbridge) or for Veterinary/Medicine/Dentistry/Optician (VetMed) courses.

Remember – this is optional! It is just for you to find out a little more information and see if it is something you would like to pursue. It is fine to complete part of this, fine to change your mind, and equally fine for people to apply if they haven't taken part in this.

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Summer Programme

Item	Details	Action
Write intention statement	What is it you are interested in? What universities are you interested in applying to? Why are you interested in that course/university? Is there anything you are currently doing to show interest in the course (e.g. work experience, learning outside school etc.)?	Student to send statement to Dr John.
Sign up to one open day/ virtual tour/ taster session	Please see details on page 2 below.	Student to attend and then complete questions on page 3. Bring your answers to our first group meeting in Year 12.
Complete one extra interest activity	Using Unifrog or other sources (e.g. Futurelearn, BBC sounds, BBC iplayer), complete one activity in the course area of your choice. This can be reading an article/book, watching a relevant film, listening to a podcast, completing a course in your area of interest. For ideas, please see page 4.	Student to discuss what they have read/watched/heard/learned in our first session in Year 12



Open Day/Virtual Tour Details

There are a wide variety of open days and information sessions offered for early entry courses. Please select and sign up from one of the following links. Please let me know if you are not sure which is the most useful.

Oxbridge

Cambridge:

[Open Days and Events | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/open-days)

This link has lots of virtual open days and tours as well as information about specific courses as you may not have heard of all of them.

Oxford:

[Open Days and visiting | University of Oxford](https://www.oxford.ac.uk/open-days)

This link has more information about in person open days but there is a link to a virtual tour you can take on the right hand side.

Medicine and Veterinary

For your courses, you will need to do some general research on what the courses involve:

Medicine

[Medicine and allied subjects \(ucas.com\)](https://www.ucas.com/medicine)

[Applying to medical school \(bma.org.uk\)](https://www.bma.org.uk/apply)

Veterinary

[Veterinary science \(ucas.com\)](https://www.ucas.com/veterinary)

[I want to be a vet | Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons](https://www.rcvs.org.uk/for-young-vets)

Then select one virtual tour/virtual open day at a university of your choice from the list below to look at in more detail:

[University Open Days | Visit Universities and Colleges | UCAS](#)

Some suggestions:

Medicine – [Medicine - Study - Cardiff University](#)

Veterinary – [Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine - Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine - Undergraduate - Study - Royal Veterinary College, RVC](#)



Taster Sessions/Open Day Questions

Oxbridge

1. Name two Oxford colleges and two Cambridge colleges. What are the distinguishing features of each?
2. Where are Oxford and Cambridge (travel time from your house)?
3. Name two courses you can study at Oxbridge that you do not study in school.
4. What qualification do you leave Cambridge with after your undergraduate studies?
5. What are the names of the exams you have to sit to study a) physics and b) computer science at oxford and/or Cambridge?

VetMed

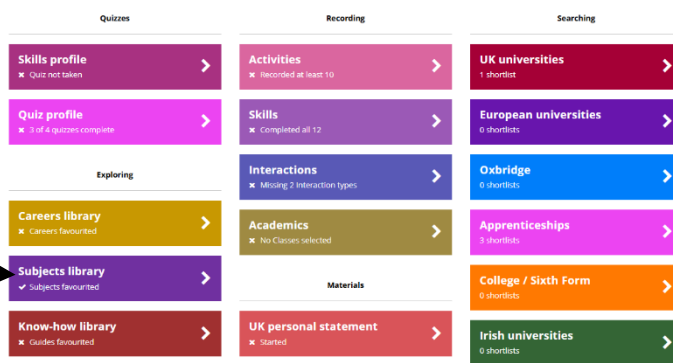
1. How long is a course in Veterinary medicine or medicine?
2. Name two universities that offer the course you are interested in.
3. What is case based learning?
4. What are the entry requirements for a Veterinary/Medical degree (choose three different universities of your choice)?
5. What work experience could help your application?



Extra Interest Activities

If you are struggling to think of an extra activity you could complete, then please use Unifrog to help you. You all have an account and should be able to access it/reset your passwords with your school email. To find suggestions, follow these steps:

1. On your dashboard, scroll down to the 'exploring pathways' section and select 'Subjects library'.



2. Search using the boxes below – either key word or by school subjects you are studying for A level.

Search by keyword	Search by school subjects
Search for university subjects using a keyword	Search for university subjects using the subjects you're studying at school that you like the most
eg Computers	Subject 1 eg Biology
Go >	Subject 2 (optional)
	Subject 3 (optional)
	Go >

3. Select a subject you are interested in from your results and have a look at the 'recommendations' sections.

Mathematics

- Getting in
- Decisions
- Statement
- Reference
- Geek out
- Recommendations: Read
- Recommendations: Watch
- Recommendations: Listen
- Explore

For more in depth study, you can search for short courses on FutureLearn:

[Browse Free Online Courses - FutureLearn](#)

Please note, DO NOT pay for anything on here – they sometimes ask for payment in exchange for a certificate, but you do not need the certificate so don't give them money!

Or through the Open University's free courses:

[All our free courses - OpenLearn - Open University](#)