





## August UCAS Programme 2021

**Get Application Ready** 



### What is the UCAS Programme?

- 8-day intensive course led by CSFC Careers Department for students going into Year 13
- Supports you to develop a high-quality, competitive university application
- Last year was held online for first time
- Very successful in new format this year will be online again as a result of student feedback

### **Key Features**



- Daily 45 minute 1-2-1 tutor session focusing on personal statement or other aspects of the application
- Daily small group seminar covering admissions tests/ interviews/ topical issues
- Daily drop-in session with your tutor/ other tutors
- Plus additional sessions if relevant (i.e. portfolio workshops; MMI for healthcare students)
- Careers guidance appointments
- English Language support and proofreading
- 'University Fair'



#### Who are the tutors?

- Undergraduate or postgraduate students studying at top UK universities
- Many are CSFC alumni who themselves took part in the UCAS programme
- Lengthy recruitment process to employ the best tutors
- Students matched to tutor expertise; allocated a tutor according to the course you are applying to
- Chance to meet all tutors

# What last years A2s said about our tutors



The tutors are really nice and patience. They did not only give advice on my personal statement but also giving me guidance for further reading sources.

Being able to go over ideas with someone you knew was qualified in the area, also being able to ask questions as they came to your head, e.g subject based, uni based, etc

Being able to be supported by other students that are studying in a course that you would like to study in too and to be able to be related to in terms of fears of not getting into college. It was also fun getting to know the tutors themselves because they might come from a college that your interested in so it was nice being able to speak to them and gather some insider tips.

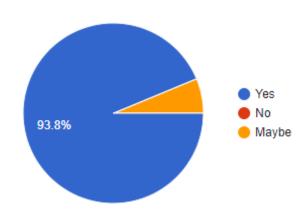
The best part was the mock interviews I did in the 1-1 sessions, as they familiarized me with the interview format and I became more confident about virtual interviews. The "PS refining" process in the 1-1 sessions were really useful too, as gave me helpful feedback and advice everyday as I continuously refined my PS. I enjoyed the university fair as well as it saved us lots of time by allowing us to chat to students from different unis without having to attend all individual uni open days! I'm really grateful as all tutors were really friendly and helped me know much more about their uni!





- To develop a high-quality personal statement
- To deepen understanding of your subject area
- To develop critical-thinking skills needed for interview and admissions test
- To increase confidence regarding the overall applications process

Would you advise next year's Year 12 students to participate in the UCAS Programme?





#### **Our expectations**

- You will have a first draft ready by the start of the programme
- You will use the non-scheduled time to put feedback on personal statement into practice
- You will complete set preparation for seminars
- You really do get out what you put in

## Why attend?



- Internal college deadline of 15th September for Oxbridge/ Healthcare students – everything done by this date
- UCAS programme helps ensure your application is ready
- There is big discrepancy in personal statement quality
- PS important in competitive world of university admissions
- Receive university offers faster
- Lots of companies offer similar sounding programmes be wary of these!
- Not all offer correct advice for Oxbridge statements; UK top universities have very specific expectations
- Some have inflated statistics on success rates

### **Key Information**



- 8 day online programme
- 18-27<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- Cost is £400 for internal and £500 for external students
- Registration forms coming out on classroom soon
- Any questions, please drop me an email:

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